To whom it may concern,

I am submitting an FOI complaint against the City of New Haven. My explanation was cut off on the PDF so below is the full explanation. I have also attached supporting documents.

Kind regards,
Tom

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The City of New Haven has an IT department of several staffers. There is no need to ask each department head for emails, only supporting documents because the IT department can do the search and provide all of the emails.

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Tom Goldenberg
(203) 507-1105
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
RECORDS COMPLAINT FORM
(To be used when alleging a denial of a request for records)

1. Today's Date: 04/12/2023

2. Name of person filing complaint: Thomas Goldenberg

3. Street address: 324 Nicoll Street

4. City, State, ZIP New Haven, CT 06511

5. E-mail address: tom@tomfornewhaven.com

6. Date of alleged violation of FOI Act (denial): 03/14/2023

7. Provide the complete contact information for the agency from which you requested the records (name of agency, agency address, phone number and email address)
(Note: if you requested records from more than one agency, please use a separate Records Complaint Form for each such request).

   Name of Agency: City of New Haven

   Agency Address: 165 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06510

   Agency Phone Number: (203) 946-7958

   Agency Email Address: pking@newhavenct.gov
8. Please include or attach a copy of your records request with your complaint.

9. Did the agency issue a written denial of your request? No

10. If the answer to number 9, above is yes, please include a copy of the written denial with your complaint.

11. If the answer to number 9 is no, please indicate whether you received any other written communication from the agency after you submitted your request? Yes

12. If the answer to number 11 is yes, please include a copy of the written communication with your complaint.

13. If you made the request to or interacted directly with a person at the agency, please provide complete contact information for that person (name, title, work email address and work phone number).

   Name and Title of Person at Agency: Patricia King, Corporation Counsel

   Work Email Address of Person at Agency: pking@newhavenct.gov

   Work Phone Number of Person at Agency: (203) 946-7958

14. If you communicated with a person at the agency after you submitted your request, what was the date of your last communication with that person? 03/13/2023
15. Please provide a brief summary of your complaint.

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The City of New Haven has an IT department of several staffers. There is no need to have someone spend days searching for emails, which can be done in minutes by a professional IT staff member.

Tom Goldenberg
__________________________
Signature

4/12/2023
Date

Click Box Below to check for Accuracy.
If no errors popup, the form is complete

Complete
FOIA request

Tom Goldenberg <tom@tomfornewhaven.com>
To: pking@newhavenct.gov
Cc: Darryl Brackeen Jr <darryl@tomfornewhaven.com>

Sun, Mar 5, 2023 at 9:35 PM

To the City of New Haven (Office of Corporation Counsel):

Pursuant to The Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, I (Tom Goldenberg) would like to obtain and inspect a copy of the following public records:

- Any government emails mentioning methadone, methadone clinic, APT, Lynn Madden, or officials from APT.
- I understand that if I seek a copy of this record (electronically if possible), there may be a copying fee. Please inform me of that cost prior to making the copy. I can be reached at 203-212-8684.

According to the statute, the allotted initial response time for Connecticut open records requests is four days for the agency to acknowledge receipt of the request. If access to the records I requested is going to take longer, please contact me so we can work out a reasonable date.

If you choose to deny the request, then you are required to respond in writing and state the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the name and title or position of the person responsible for the denial.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully,

Tom Goldenberg

New Haven, CT 06510

203-212-8684

Email: tom@tomfornewhaven.com
Thank you for the clarification. I do not have any direct communication with the Apt foundation or emails with the terms you outlined.

Maritza

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From: Tom Goldenberg <tom@tomfornewhaven.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 8:11 AM
To: Maritza Bond <MBond@newhavenct.gov>
Cc: Brooke Logan <blogan@newhavenct.gov>; Catherine E. LaMarr <CLaMarr@newhavenct.gov>; Chet Sawicki <csawicki@newhavenct.gov>; "EL M. Sulmann" <ESulman@newhavenct.gov>; Rob Valli <rvalli@newhavenct.gov>
Subject: Re: A23-0431 FOIA Tom Goldenberg

Please be cautious

This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Not just from 2013, but from then onwards until present. Thanks

On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 7:06 AM Maritza Bond <MBond@newhavenct.gov> wrote:

I was not employed by the City in 2013.

Maritza

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From: EL M. Sulmann <ESulman@newhavenct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:59:33 PM
To: Brooke Logan <blogan@newhavenct.gov>; Maritza Bond <MBond@newhavenct.gov>; Chet Sawicki <csawicki@newhavenct.gov>
Cc: Tom Goldenberg <tom@tomfornewhaven.com>; Rob Valli <rvalli@newhavenct.gov>; Catherine E. LaMarr <CLaMarr@newhavenct.gov>
Subject: RE: A23-0431 FOIA Tom Goldenberg

I have asked that of the requester.
From: Brooke Logan <blogan@newhavenct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:58 PM
To: EL M. Sulmann <ESulman@newhavenct.gov>; Maritza Bond <MBond@newhavenct.gov>; Chet Sawicki <csawicki@newhavenct.gov>
Cc: Tom Goldenberg <tom@tomfornewhaven.com>; Rob Valli <rvalli@newhavenct.gov>; Catherine E. LaMarr <CLaMarr@newhavenct.gov>
Subject: RE: A23-0431 FOIA Tom Goldenberg

Is there a specific time period related to this request?

Sincerely,

Brooke
Brooke Logan
Deputy Director
New Haven Health Department
Ph: 203-946-8351

Follow us on social media & visit our website for info/updates!
Facebook || Twitter || Instagram || COVID-19 Hub

From: EL M. Sulmann <ESulman@newhavenct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:53 PM
To: Maritza Bond <MBond@newhavenct.gov>; Chet Sawicki <csawicki@newhavenct.gov>
Cc: Tom Goldenberg <tom@tomfornewhaven.com>; Brooke Logan <blogan@newhavenct.gov>; Rob Valli <rvalli@newhavenct.gov>; Catherine E. LaMarr <CLaMarr@newhavenct.gov>
Subject: A23-0431 FOIA Tom Goldenberg

Requester Tom Goldenberg <tom@tomfornewhaven.com> please provide e-mail addresses or names of City officials and time frame/period

To: IT/NHHD

This is a REQUEST to respond to a Connecticut Freedom of Information Act Request by Tom Goldenberg <tom@tomfornewhaven.com> (Attached/highlighted for your ease of reference) for the following:
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ALSO SEE ATTACHED

Kindly conduct a due diligence search of your record(s) and forward any responsive record(s) to the REQUESTER. If additional information is required by your office to comply to this request, or your Office maintains no responsive record(s) kindly communicate that DIRECTLY to the requester at your earliest. Please copy this office in your correspondence(s) with the REQUESTER for our files/records.

(The Requester Tom Goldenberg <tom@tomfornewhaven.com> is herein copied. This also served as acknowledgement to their FOIA request)

Thank you.

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