August 26, 2024



Mayor Lauren Garrett 2750 Dixwell Avenue Hamden, CT 06518

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From: Linda Szynkowicz

Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 7:32 AM ibs@sharkey-law.com; 'Jessica Ostrinski'

Cc: 'Sue Gruen'; 'Lauren Garrett'; 'Tony Esposito'; 'Lushonda Howard'

Subject: RE: FOIA Request

J Brendan Sharkey – I am confirming that the ED 632 was NOT performed according to State Statute by the Hamden Registrars of Voters for both 2023 & 2024. This is a document that is produced and required to be signed by both Registrars then submitted to the Secretary of the State. You have indicated in your email response that this document is unavailable because it was not produced by the Registrars.

We will note this in our public documents we are compiling for the Registrar of Voters and their compliance with CT State Statutes.

Thank you for cooperating with our public inquiry.

Respectfully, Linda Szynkowicz

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Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 10:36 AM

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J. Brendan Sharkey Attorney at Law Hamden Assistant Town Attorney

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Attachments: FOIA Response Letter.pdf

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Via Email: linda@fightvoterfraud.org

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1. A copy of both Registrar [sic] of Voters Certification certificates and/or proof of annual training certificates if they were certified more than a year ago.

Response:

The Republican registrar is not in possession of his certification certificate as it was issued over 25 years ago.

The Democratic registrar has no certificate as she is not yet certified (within two years of first taking office.

The Registrars' Office is not in possession of any annual training certificates.

2. A copy of the Form ED-632, which certifies that the canvassing required by CT State Statute [sic] has been completed.

Response:

The Hamden Registrars of Voters have not received the Form ED-632 from the Secretary of the State.

Thank you.

J. Brendan Sharkey

Assistant Town Attorney

Town of Hamden

Cc: Mayor Lauren Garrett

J. Bulashly

Hamden Registrars of Voters

From:

Lushonda Howard < lhoward@Hamden.com>

Sent:

Monday, September 9, 2024 9:24 AM

To:

Jessica Ostrinski; Linda Szynkowicz

Cc:

Brendan Sharkey; Sue Gruen; Lauren Garrett; Tony Esposito

Subject:

RE: FOIA Request

Good morning, Received. Thank you

Shon Howard, MS, BSCJ, CNP Hamden Democratic Registrar of Voters 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden CT 06514 Phone: 203-287-7061

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Sent:

Thursday, September 5, 2024 8:52 AM

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Subject:

RE: FOI Request

Ms. Szynkowicz:

This acknowledges receipt of your request to the City/Town Attorney received by this office on September 3, 2024. As this request is the same as that emailed to the mayor on September 3, 2024, please refer to Assistant Town Attorney Brendan Sharkey's response emailed to you on September 4, 2024.

Thanks you.

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