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Governor

January 12, 2018

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Dear Mr. Klett:

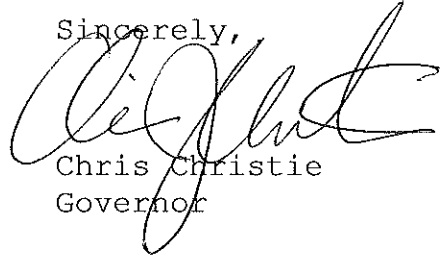
The following principles and guidelines will cover access to my gubernatorial records maintained by the New Jersey State Archives:

1. Subject to the following exceptions, I believe that the public should have ready access to my records. I am willing to allow photocopying or duplication of any materials in the files to which the public is allowed access;
2. Records that include personal character or financial information compiled by the State Police or other law enforcement agencies relating to individuals or corporations should remain sealed until January 16, 2043;
3. Records that include personal character or financial information relating to individuals or corporations, other than those compiled by law enforcement agencies, should remain sealed until January 16, 2043;
4. Judicial appointment personnel files should remain sealed until January 16, 2043. These files shall be accessible to Governor Murphy and the Chief Justice, their successors in office or their designated representatives;
5. Records relating to investigations or investigatory practices by the State Police or other law enforcement agencies should remain sealed indefinitely;

6. Records concerning security measures or threats relating to my protection or the protection of my family should remain sealed indefinitely;
7. Records relating to petitions for executive clemency should remain sealed until January 16, 2043, except for those documents required to be released to the Legislature and the public by policy of my Administration. Governor Murphy, his successors in office or his designated representatives may have access to the confidential clemency records;
8. Requests for access to records marked "privileged" or "confidential" shall be submitted to me; Jeffrey Chiesa at the law firm of Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC, or if he is unavailable or unable, Thomas Scrivo at the law firm of O'Toole Scrivo Fernandez Weiner Van Lieu, LLC; or my designee for review until January 16, 2043. After that date, the public may have access to these records without prior authorization unless they are included within any of the other exceptions listed in this letter;
9. Given the sheer volume of electronic records generated and maintained by this Office, it is impossible to determine in advance precisely which records may be made public and which ones are subject to privilege or statutory confidentiality. Determining which records may be made public is a task best carried out in the context of an actual request for specific records, where the reasons for the request are formally stated. Accordingly, as a preliminary matter, all electronic records of my office shall be considered "privileged" and "confidential" pending review and analysis for privilege and confidentiality as provided in the Legal Memorandum from the First Assistant Attorney General dated November 1, 2017. Requests for access to these electronic records shall be submitted for review in accordance with paragraph 8 hereof;
10. You are authorized to exercise your discretion to restrict public access to records that are not included within any of the above exceptions, especially if disclosure of these records may seriously invade the personal privacy or adversely affect pending investigations or negotiations;

11. Written requests from you or members of the public to modify these guidelines or to waive their application in specific situations shall be sent to me, Jeffrey Chiesa, or if he is unavailable or unable, Thomas Scivo, or my designee for review until January 16, 2043; and
12. In the event of my death, the executor of my estate shall be authorized to make any necessary decisions relating to access or disposition of my official records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie", written over the printed name and title.

Chris Christie
Governor