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Hello Open Government Folks,

On September 3rd 2019 I requested the current Affirmative Action Plan for the City of Pawtucket. Instead of giving me the current plan 10 days later they gave me 2017-2018 plan. I am sure it was intentional as the City Personnel Department has not replied to my inquiries for the past week after several phone calls insisting to them that they reply to me. In addition to that, I requested the AAP from Pawtucket City Solicitor Frank Milos almost exactly a year earlier and this is the same plan he provided at that time. I am sure that I was given this old AAP so that I would have to go through this very process and waste my time in order to frustrate me from inquiring further.

As you may be aware, AAPs must be updated annually, per federal law, this AAP, however, covers the time period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, which is certainly not current. City Solicitor Frank Milos saying that he was told that this is the most current plan is hogwash. The City Solicitor has a duty to provide residents with correct information in a timely manner. What he is doing, in my opinion, is demonstrating to residents that he can provide incorrect information and then force folks to go through a lengthened and stressful process to obtain information.

This strategy of supplying incorrect information to residents and others is very common in Pawtucket. I think that the City of Pawtucket should be investigated for intentionally delaying information requests and outright denying them. I can provide your office with evidence that points to this practice by the City of Pawtucket with requests denied for invalid reasons and also providing folks with incorrect information when they wish to frustrate the information requester.

Thanks,

David Norton