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A Watchdog for the Garden State

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Good morning!

State Sen. Loretta Weinberg made her regular attempt to update New Jersey's public records law this week and it failed again.

This is a shame but not a surprise. Too many legislators are close to — or are — county and municipal officials who think the Open Public Records Act is a burdensome bother.

I asked Weinberg, who is retiring in January, whether she thinks anyone is going to take the baton from her then and try to strengthen OPRA.

"I'm hoping that will happen … I don't know," she said. "I think we have new dynamics and we'll see how it all works out. I'll be watching and lobbying."

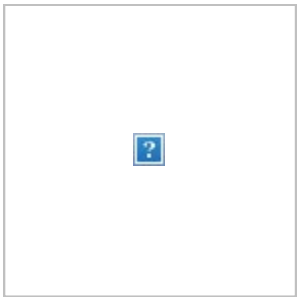
Sounds like a no! I get blustery about what happened with OPRA this week here.

Dems look ahead to 2022

New Jersey Dems still disagree about what election results from 2021 tell them, but it seems like they agree 2022 is going to be … challenging. Sophie Nieto-Muñoz talked to some about what they're doing to keep people like Nick DiGregorio from capturing Dem-held congressional seats next year. **| Read more**

Grand jury clears cops in JC massacre response

A grand jury has cleared 13 police officers of any wrongdoing in the deaths of the two people who gunned down four in an anti-Semitic attack at and near a kosher deli in Jersey City. It's been nearly two years since the massacre. **| Read more**



Miscellany

- A divided House voted to censure Arizona Rep. Paul Gosar and strip him of his committee assignments over a video he posted depicting him killing AOC and assaulting Biden, among others, via Ariana Figueroa and Jacob Fischler
- From Laura Olson, States forge ahead with COVID-19 booster shots for all adults
- Tennyson Donyéa: Here's how legislative and congressional redistricting works in N.J. — and what's at stake

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