

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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STEPHEN COLE-HATCHARD, :  
  : Plaintiff, :  
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v. :  
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GEORGE HOEHMANN, as Supervisor for the :  
Town of Clarkstown, New York, and in his :  
individual capacity; FRANK BORELLI, as :  
Councilman and Deputy Supervisor for the Town :  
of Clarkstown, New York, and in his individual :  
capacity; JOHN J. NOTO, as Councilman for the :  
Town of Clarkstown, New York, and in his :  
individual capacity; ADRIENNE D. CAREY, as :  
Councilwoman for the Town of Clarkstown, New :  
York, and in her individual capacity; TOWN OF :  
CLARKSTOWN, NEW YORK; and TOWN :  
BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN, :  
NEW YORK, :  
  : Defendants. :  
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**ORDER**

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By letter-motion dated May 25, 2021, plaintiff requests the Court seal attachment #8 in docket number 208. (Doc. #209). Paragraph 3.B. of Judge Briccetti’s Individual Practices requires motions or letter-motions for approval of sealed or redacted filings to explain the reasons for seeking to file that information under seal. In his letter-motion, plaintiff provides no reason why attachment #8 should be sealed. It is clear the relevant documents are judicial documents subject to a common law and First Amendment presumption in favor of public access, Lugosch v. Pyramid Co. of Onondaga, 435 F.3d 110, 119-20 (2d Cir. 2006), and the Court finds plaintiff has failed to show a sufficient basis to justify filing under seal attachment #8 in docket number 208.

Accordingly, plaintiff's motion to seal is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE to refiling in accordance with Judge Briccetti's Individual Rules.

The Clerk is directed to terminate the letter-motion. (Doc. #209).

Dated: May 25, 2021  
White Plains, NY

SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Briccetti", written over a horizontal line.

Vincent L. Briccetti  
United States District Judge