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Dear Logan Churchwell:

This is in response to the OPRA request W177449 wherein you seek the following:

Copies of all manuals, guidance, instructions, and other written procedures for identifying, merging, and/or cancelling duplicate voter registration records.

Please be advised that the documents you seek relating to the State of New Jersey's election process is deemed confidential because its disclosure would expose critical vulnerability within the State's election process. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 ("A government record shall not include . . . administrative or technical information regarding computer hardware, software and networks which, if disclosed, would jeopardize computer security."). The documents you request detail how the State's election systems function and how to make discrete changes within the systems. If disclosed, this information would create a grave risk to the integrity of New Jersey's election system. See Gilleran v. Bloomfield, 227 N.J. 159, 173 (2016) ("[T]he Legislature's exceptions - written without knowing the extent of the public safety challenges that the future might bring - were phrased in a way that allows flexibility in application for security purposes. They maintain the confidentiality of information categories when disclosure of the information, considering the totality of its worth, would compromise the integrity of a security system and defeat the purpose to having security exceptions in OPRA.").

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without waiving any objections or privilege, we are including the guide to implementing the National Voter Registration Act and the Rutgers Manual to Voting, which are publically available documents.

Therefore, your request is denied and the matter is deemed closed.