

# 2019 Biennial Open Government Survey Highlights

"Open Record Laws need to be enforced. There needs to be an outside party to oversee the process and **force everyone to follow the law.**"

"There are times where records custodians see the FOIA deadlines required by our state Open Records law as **mere suggestions.**"

"Few newsrooms have any **money/initiative to fight** public records access denials."

"Entities know **newspapers can't afford to sue.**

They know they're wrong but that they can get away with it."

"The **fake news mentality** does not help!"

"Our state government keeps **creating more exceptions** to disclosure based on 'security.'"

"They have a blatant disregard for the process and know that there is **no repercussion for not complying.**"

"The **open data movement** that promised to revolutionize access to government information appears to have stalled."

"Still a reluctance to provide public records on a **timely basis.**"

"Fewer record requests done as there are **fewer journalists doing watchdog reporting.**"

"Media outlets often pass on **expensive challenges** to FOIA violations."

"I requested a public document crucially related to a breaking news event. It was one page and the spokeswoman could see it on her screen. **I received it six months later.**"