

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-061**

January 28, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Rebecca Williams

RE: FOIA Appeals 2020-061

Dear Ms. Williams:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”), challenging the failure of the Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel (“MOLC”) to respond to your FOIA request for copies of the District of Columbia’s contracts with FOIAXpress from January 2015 up to November 18, 2019.

On January 8, 2020, you received a response from the EOM FOIA Officer<sup>1</sup> to your original FOIA request. We will treat that January 8, 2020 response as a response to your December 24, 2019 appeal. In that response, you were informed that your FOIA request to the MOLC had been forwarded to the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (“OCTO”).<sup>2</sup> Therefore, we hereby dismiss your appeal. However, you may file a new appeal in response to the response that you receive from OCTO.

This constitutes the final decision of this Office. You are free to challenge MPD’s substantive response by separate appeal to this Office. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-537.

Respectfully,

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Grant Tanenbaum, FOIA Officer  
(via email)  
Andrew Gerst, OCTO  
(via email)

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<sup>1</sup> For the avoidance of conflicts, the FOIA Officer for the MOLC is an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel to the Executive Office of the Mayor.

<sup>2</sup> A copy of the EOM’s January 8, 2020 response is attached to this decision.