

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-062**

January 28, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Cammeron Girvin

RE: FOIA Appeal 2020-062

Dear Mr. Girvin:

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 all email communications between 25 named District officials regarding a family housing project in Ward 1.

Due to a clerical oversight in this Office, your appeal was not forwarded to the MOLC’s FOIA Officer for a response.<sup>1</sup> In response to your appeal, the MOLC’s FOIA Officer has advised that an email search by the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (“OCTO”) has been requested and MOLC personnel have been directed to review their paper-based files to identify responsive records, if any. We regret the inconvenience that the error in this matter has caused.

We remand this matter to the FOIA Officer for this Office with the directive to conclude the OCTO search for responsive records and the search for paper-based files promptly and provide to you all responsive records, if any, which are not subject to withholding under DC FOIA. You are free to file a separate appeal to the extent that you are dissatisfied with the records produced following the remand ordered hereby.

This constitutes the final decision of this Office in connection with your appeal. You are free to challenge MPD’s substantive response by filing a new 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

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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.

cc: Grant Tanenbaum, FOIA Officer (via email)