

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-136**

July 2, 2020

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Valerie Jablow

RE: FOIA Appeal 2020-136

Dear Ms. Jablow:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”). In your appeal, you challenge the failure of the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (“DMPED”) to respond to your request for public records under DC FOIA.

You sent a DC FOIA request to DMPED for certain records related to a public charter school. When you did not receive a response from the agency, you filed the present appeal. On March 2, 2020, DMPED responded to your DC FOIA request and stated that it conducted a search for responsive records and located one such record, which it produced to you with redactions made pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-534(a)(1) in order to protect commercial and financial information obtained from outside the government.¹

Based on the foregoing, we deem your appeal to be moot. You are welcome to file a separate appeal should you disagree with the agency’s response to your DC FOIA request. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with DC FOIA.

Respectfully,

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Erika Satterlee, FOIA Officer
DMPED (via email)

¹ A copy of the DMPED response to your appeal is attached.