

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-189**

September 22, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Michael Ayele

RE: FOIA Appeal 2020-189

Dear Mr. Ayele:

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”), challenging the determination by the Office of Police Complaints (“OPC”) that it had no records responsive to your DC FOIA request.

You submitted a DC FOIA request to OPC asking the following:

Have either employees and/or legal representatives of the media, law enforcement agencies or public libraries in the Silver Spring, Maryland; Arlington, Virginia and/or the District of Columbia ever gone into communication with employees and legal representatives of the DC.Gov about I, W for any reasons mentioned in this request for records or for any other ones? If yes, will you join me in moving to call upon all communications exchanged between employees and legal representatives of DC.Gov, representatives of the media and law enforcement agencies to be promptly disclosed either to my e-mail or in the alternative my mailing address?

OPC construed your request as seeking records in which OPC employees discussed you and which related to various topics you mention, including the EEOC and marijuana legalization.<sup>1</sup> OPC explained that the only records in the possession or custody of OPC that involve you are the FOIA requests you have filed, as well as a complaint you filed with OPC, but that these records were not responsive to your present FOIA request. Your appeal offers no challenge to this determination that no responsive records exist or any reason to believe that OPC might have other records pertaining to you.

Based on the foregoing, we conclude that OPC properly responded to your DC FOIA request and we hereby deny your appeal.

This constitutes the final decision of 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

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of OPC’s response to your appeal is attached to this decision.

District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Code § 2-537.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Alicia J. Yass, Legal Counsel  
OPC (via email)