

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-213**

July 19, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Michael Ayele

RE: FOIA Appeal 2020-213

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 response of the Office of Administrative Hearings (“OAH”) to FOIA request 2020-FOIA-05254.

You submitted a DC FOIA request to OAH purporting to request certain documents filed with OAH concerning the Department of Human Services. OAH was unable to discern what documents you were requesting and contacted you for clarification. In response, you submitted a new FOIA request—2020-FOIA-05974—which the agency understood to be a clarification of your original FOIA request. OAH explained that your new request remains open pending additional clarification from you about the documents you are seeking.¹

Based on the foregoing, we conclude that your appeal from the agency’s response to request 2020-FOIA-05254 is moot and hereby dismiss the appeal. If, after providing clarification to OAH about what documents you are seeking in request 2020-FOIA-05974, you disagree with the agency’s response, you may again appeal to this Office with respect to that request.

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

Respectfully,

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Shawn M. Nolen, Assistant General Counsel
OAH (via email)

¹ A copy of OAH’s response to your appeal is attached to this decision.