

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-232**

September 7, 2022

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Alpha Jalloh

RE: FOIA Appeal 2020-232

Dear Mr. Jalloh:

This letter is in response to the administrative appeal that you have submitted to the Mayor pursuant to the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), D.C. Code §§ 2-531, *et seq.* In your appeal, you have challenged the lack of response of the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") to your FOIA request.

The appeal you have filed lacks a copy of the original request or any other identifying information. *See* 1 DCMR § 412.4 ("An appeal to the Mayor shall be in writing and shall include: (a) Statement of the circumstances, reasons or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; (b) Copy of the original request, if any; (c) Copy of any written denial issued under § 407.2; and (d) Daytime telephone number, email address for the requester.")

It is the public policy of the District of Columbia that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of the District government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. D.C. Code § 2-531. The ultimate responsibility for responding to requests for records of an agency is vested in the agency head. 1 DCMR § 400.1

However, based on the record before us, this Office is unable to determine the adequacy of MPD's response, or lack thereof.

This constitutes the final decision of this Office. If you have any additional identifying information you may resubmit it by separate appeal for consideration. Alternatively, if you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Code § 2-537.

Sincerely,

The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Brandynn Reaves, MPD FOIA Officer (via email only)