

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-255**

February 11, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Nancy Yacoub

RE: FOIA Appeal 2020-255

Dear Ms. Yacoub:

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 from the Office of Unified Communications (“OUC”) to your DC FOIA request, in which you sought records of 911 calls made by particular phone numbers.

OUC stated that it was unable to process your request because the OUC Computer Aided Dispatch database system inputs 911 calls based on location and dates rather than by phone number. You appealed, challenging that response. Upon receiving your appeal, OUC performed a second search, this time using the phone numbers you had provided.¹ This additional information enabled OUC to locate 911 calls for two of those numbers.

On October 7, 2020, OUC contacted you via email and informed you of the newly found 911 calls. OUC is now in the process of reviewing the 911 calls and will produce any responsive, non-exempt records to you. Because OUC has agreed to provide you with documents responsive to your request, your appeal is dismissed as moot.

If you are unsatisfied with the OUC’s forthcoming document production, you may file a new appeal once you have had an opportunity to review the records provided by the agency.

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

¹ A copy of OUC response to your appeal is attached.

cc: Jared Siegel, Assistant General Counsel
OUC (via email)