

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2021-063**

March 18, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Minna Williams

RE: FOIA Appeal 2021-063

Dear Ms. Williams:

This letter responds to the administrative appeals you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”), on the grounds that the Department on Disability Services (“DDS”) improperly responded to your FOIA request.

On October 25, 2020, you submitted a FOIA request seeking “the following for all Wards in DC (1) information pertaining to all group homes for people with intellectual disabilities and also supportive home that have 4 beds or less, (2) the names of all operators/contractors for each facility, (3) the zip code where group home or supportive home is located, (4) the date of license expiration of each operator/contractor, (5) the number of authorized occupants, (6) the type of license, and (7) whether the operator is a government contractor or works independently..”

You filed your appeal with this Office because you had not received a response to your FOIA request. On January 24, 2021, DDS denied your request in full pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(2). Upon receiving your appeal, DDS contacted you via telephone on January 29, 2021, to discuss your request and appeal. On February 3, 2021, DDS filed a response to your appeal.¹ In the response, DDS provided you with responsive documents with privacy-related redactions.

Since your appeal only challenged the failure of DDS to respond to your FOIA request and DDS has provided you with responsive documents, we dismiss your appeal as moot. However, you may file a new appeal if you are dissatisfied with the records produced 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 government in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-537.

¹ A copy of the response to your appeal from DDS is attached to this decision.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Nalaka Senaratne, Assistant General Counsel
DDS (via email)