

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2021-163**

September 28, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Mr. Raul Anaya

RE: FOIA Appeal 2021-163

Dear Mr. Anaya:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”). In your appeal, you have challenged the response of the Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) to your DC FOIA request.

Background

On April 8, 2021, you submitted a DC FOIA request to MPD, identified as 2021-FOIA-04294, seeking information related to a May 18, 2020 motor vehicle accident. A review of the District’s FOIA-tracking data indicates MPD closed your request on April 14, 2021 because it did not have any records that were responsive to your request.

In your April 20, 2021 appeal, you asserted “[your] request was closed without any explanation or confirmation of the availability (or lack thereof) of the requested information.” On April 21, 2021, MPD submitted a response to your appeal explaining that it did not have any records that were responsive to your request.

Because you only challenged MPD’s failure to respond and it appears MPD has responded to your request, we dismiss this appeal as moot.

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. Official Code § 2-537.

Respectfully,

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

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