

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2022-167**

February 2, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Lee Simon

RE: FOIA Appeal 2022-167

Dear Mr. Simon:

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”), challenging the lack of response from the District of Columbia Housing Authority (“DCHA”) to your DC FOIA requests.

On May 11, 2022, you submitted a DC FOIA request to DCHA seeking “a copy of the Novogradac rent reasonableness study” and “a copy of the Novogradac contract.” On May 18, 2022, you submitted another DC FOIA request to DCHA seeking “all rent reasonableness studies performed by DCHA or DCHA contractors from 2010 to 2022.” On June 16, 2022, you filed appeals with Office, which we combined and docketed as FOIA Appeal 2022-167, because DCHA did not respond to your requests within the statutory period. On July 11, 2022, we notified DCHA of your appeal and requested a response. Following your appeal, as DCHA explained in its July 12, 2022 response to this office, DCHA conducted a search and provided you responsive records.

Because DCHA has responded to your requests and provided you with responsive records, 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: Kimberly J. August, Managing Senior Associate General Counsel & FOIA Officer
DCHA (via email)