

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2022-204**

January 23, 2023

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

Mr. Ian Matheson

RE: FOIA Appeal 2022-204 (AMENDED)

Dear Mr. Matheson:

Please accept the following amended response to the administrative appeal that you submitted to the Mayor on July 20, 2022 under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code §§ 2-531, *et seq.* (“DC FOIA”). This decision is intended to update this Office’s decision of January 18, 2023 following the reconsideration of additional information regarding your appeal.

In your appeal, you challenged the lack of response of the Office of Inspector General (“OIG”) to your DC FOIA request, identified as 2022-OIG-00017, which sought the following:

Complaints filed against the Department of Health, Animal Services Program, or the City Animal Care and Control Shelter, or the Washington Humane Society (D/B/A Humane Rescue Alliance). Additionally, copies of any investigative reports that were prepared in response to complaints filed against the aforementioned agencies.

Although this Office initially made the determination that OIG had failed to respond to your DC FOIA request, that finding is inaccurate. Specifically, it has come to the attention of this Office that on August 24, 2022 OIG responded to your request by providing you with access to the responsive documents you requested, with certain redactions made pursuant to D. C. Code § 2- 534(a)(2), which exempts information of a personal nature where public disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

As such, since you only appealed OIG’s lack of response and OIG has responded, this appeal is now dismissed as moot.

This constitutes the final decision of this Office. 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: OIG FOIA Officer ([foia.oig@dc.gov](mailto:foia.oig@dc.gov))