

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2022-215**

January 27, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Dr. Brian Herbert

RE: FOIA Appeal 2022-215

Dear Dr. Herbert:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal that you have submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code §§ 2-531, *et seq.* (“DC FOIA”). In your appeal, you have challenged the lack of response of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs¹ (“DCRA”) to your DC FOIA request.

On July 27, 2022, you submitted a DC FOIA request to DCRA, identified as 2022-FOIA-08486, which sought the following:

All investigative reports, photographs, notes, witness statements and all other documentation regarding any violations issued to the landlord of the property located at 7530 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20012.

You filed an appeal with this Office on September 13, 2022 because of the “abrupt closure of this request with no reason provided.”

On September 16, 2022, we notified DCRA of your appeal and requested a response. DCRA responded on September 16, 2022 explaining that you “received a final response from DCRA on August 31, 2022. Because the file was too large to send using Outlook, the documents were sent to [you] by Dropbox.” If you need an additional copy of this response, you may contact the appropriate FOIA personnel.

Because you have only challenged DCRA’s failure to respond and it appears DCRA 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 Superior Court in accordance with D.C. Code § 2-537.

¹ Effective October 1, 2022, DCRA split into the Department of Buildings (“DOB”) and the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (“DLCP”).

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

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