

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2022-224**

January 18, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Ms. Ellie Silverman

RE: FOIA Appeal 2022-224

Dear Ms. Silverman:

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 response of the District of Columbia Public Library (“DCPL”) to your DC FOIA request.

On August 22, 2022, you submitted a DC FOIA request to DCPL, identified as 2022-FOIA-09171, which sought the following:

- 1) The executed, approved contract between D.C. Public Library and Jesse Porter, who runs a private company called Porter Consulting and Expert Tactical Training, for training library employees.
- 2) Documentation showing who is currently serving in the role of DCPL’s Director of Public Safety.
- 3) Documentation showing who was the Director of Public Safety from 2017-2022, including the directors’ resumes.
- 4) Workplace surveys of D.C. Public Library full and part-time employees across branches from 2017-2022.
- 5) Incident reports of assaults and injuries that occurred in D.C. Public Library branches from Jan. 1, 2021 through present.

On September 21, 2022, DCPL granted your request in part and denied it in part.

You filed an appeal with this Office on September 23, 2022 asserting, “disclosure of resumes of District employees who held the Director of Public Safety position is not ‘a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy’ given the public’s interest in the background of those who currently hold or formerly held this role.” Additionally, you noted that “DCPL has released two out of the four resumes [you] previously requested” and requested the release of all responsive records.

On September 26, 2022, we notified DCPL of your appeal and requested a response. DCPL

responded on October 3, 2022 and explained that the agency initially withheld resumes of interim directors because it determined releasing the resumes would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. However, DCPL reassessed and subsequently granted your request in full.

Because DCPL has granted your request in full, 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.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: J. Kevin McIntyre, DCPL FOIA Officer (via email only)