

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2022-227**

January 25, 2023

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

Mr. Steve Thompson

RE: FOIA Appeal 2022-227

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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 District of Columbia Housing Authority (“DCHA”) to your DC FOIA request.

On September 2, 2022, you submitted a DC FOIA request to DCHA for “copies, electronic if possible, of all emails sent by Victor Martinez containing the case-insensitive keyword: occupancy” from July 1, 2022 to the present.

On September 27, 2022, you filed an appeal with this Office because “[t]hrough 15 business days [had] elapsed since the FOIA request, DCHA [had] neither provided responsive records, nor notified [you] that no responsive records exist, nor notified [you] of unusual circumstances requiring an extension of the time limit.”

We notified DCHA of your appeal on October 11, 2022 and requested a response. DCHA responded on October 14, 2022 advising this Office that it provided you with the documents that were responsive to your request on October 12, 2022.

Because your appeal only challenged DCHA’s failure to respond and DCHA has responded, we dismiss this appeal as moot. However, you are free to challenge DCHA’s substantive response by separate appeal to this Office.

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: Kimberly J. August, DCHA FOIA Officer (via email only)