

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2016-16**

December 2, 2015

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Flor Maria Palacios Marin

RE: FOIA Appeal 2016-16

Dear Ms. Marin:

I am writing in response to the appeal you sent to the Mayor under the Freedom of Information Act. It appears that you sent your appeal to the Mayor in error, as it is addressed to a FOIA appeals branch of U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") and concerns CBP's partial denial of a previous FOIA request you submitted to CBP.

The Mayor has jurisdiction to review FOIA decisions issued by District agencies; however, CBP is a federal agency. As a result, the Mayor has no authority to adjudicate your appeal. This Office recommends that you forward your correspondence to the CBP at the address provided in CBP's initial response to your request.

Based on the foregoing, we hereby dismiss your appeal. 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 government in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with the DC FOIA.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa C. Tucker

Melissa C. Tucker  
Associate Director