GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2017-20

February 28, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mrs. Kelechi Ahaghotu

RE: FOIA Appeal 2017-20

Dear Mrs. Ahaghotu:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 ("DC FOIA"). In your appeal, you assert that the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") failed to respond to two requests you submitted for employment records in November and December of 2016.

Following conversations with MPD about your FOIA requests without receiving substantive responses, you filed an appeal based on the constructive denial of your requests in February. After you filed your appeal, MPD informed our Office that it provided its complete response to one of your requests and the first production in response to your other request with productions continuing on a rolling basis. Both responses were partially redacted to protect personal privacy pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(2).

As your appeal was based on MPD's lack of response to your FOIA requests, we consider your appeal to be moot, and it is dismissed. The dismissal shall be without prejudice to you to assert any challenge, by separate appeal, to the substantive responses MPD sent you.

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 DC FOIA.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Ronald Harris, Deputy General Counsel, MPD (via email)