

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2017-46**

April 24, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Jarrod Sharp

RE: FOIA Appeal 2017-46

Dear Mr. Sharp:

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 you submitted a request to the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") for a copy of the most recent collective bargaining agreement executed between the police union(s) and the MPD, and that MPD made improper and unnecessary redactions to the document it disclosed to you.

MPD provided this Office with a written response to your appeal, explaining that the document it released to you is the current version of the collective bargaining agreement between MPD and the police union and that "[n]o redactions were made to the document that was obtained from the department's labor unit." This explanation corresponds with the letter MPD initially sent to you with the responsive document. The letter states, in relevant part, "Please be advised that some provisions of the document are no longer in effect. The provisions that are no longer in effect have been crossed-out or blacked-out and replaced with new provisions."

We accept the representations MPD made to you initially and on appeal that it has provided you with the contract you requested in the form in which the contract currently exists, and that no redactions have been made. What you may have perceived to be redactions are in fact amended contract provisions.

Based on the foregoing, we affirm MPD's decision. 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 DC FOIA.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

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

¹ A copy of MPD's response is attached.