

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2017-50**

April 25, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Jarrold Sharp

RE: FOIA Appeal 2017-50

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 the Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) unlawfully failed to grant your request for a fee waiver with respect to a FOIA request you submitted to the MPD.

This Office’s jurisdiction is limited to “review[ing] the public record to determine whether [a record] may be withheld from public inspection.” D.C. Official Code § 2-537(a). As a result, we do not have the authority to review disputes over FOIA fees.<sup>1</sup>

This constitutes the final decision of this office. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you are free under DC FOIA to commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

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

---

<sup>1</sup> See e.g., Freedom of Information Act Appeals 2014-04 and 2013-26.