April 12, 2007

Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal – OTR (NAFs)

Dear [Name],

This letter responds to your administrative appeal to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code, 2001 Ed. § 2-531 et seq. (the “DC FOIA”), dated March 28, 2007, and received in this office the same day (the “Appeal”). We forwarded the Appeal to the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue (“OTR”) with a request for a response. OTR responded to us by letter dated April 6, 2007 (“OTR Response”), a copy of which is attached.

In your latest FOIA request, dated February 28, 2007, you asked for the following, among other items not at issue here:

“A list of the neighborhood adjustment factors applied to each neighborhood/subneighborhood in the assessment of houses (detached, semi-detached and row).”

OTR denied your FOIA Request by e-mail, dated March 21, 2007. In the denial, OTR indicated that the information requested did not exist in a public record subject to the FOIA requirements of the D.C. Official Code § 2-532(a).

The OTR Response to our office contains a thorough analysis that confirms the basis of the original denial: the records requested are not maintained by OTR. This office agrees with OTR’s analysis as set forth in the OTR Response.

Therefore, the appeal is hereby DISMISSED.
If you are not satisfied with this decision, you are free under the DC FOIA to commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government at any time in the District of Columbia Superior Court.

Regards,

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Encl. OTR Response (Letter, dated April 6, 2007 from Michael Cooper, Esq.)
cc: Michael Cooper

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