

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

May 2, 2007

[REDACTED]
Washington, D.C. 200

Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter responds to your administrative appeal to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), D.C. Official Code § 2-531 *et seq.* (2001 & 2006 Supp.), dated January 30, 2007, and received in this office on March 27, 2007 (the "Appeal").

In an initial request to the District of Columbia Office of Inspector General ("OIG") dated October 25, 2006, you sought records specifically relating to your termination from DDOT. OIG denied your request by letter, dated January 9, 2007 based on the existence of an ongoing investigation.

We forwarded the Appeal to OIG with a request for a response. OIG responded by memorandum dated April 6, 2007 (the "OIG Response"). Included with the OIG Response were documents responsive to your initial request, which were delivered to you. Although these disclosures were made as part of the administrative appeal process, the spirit of FOIA has been met. Therefore, it is our position that the OIG Response makes the Appeal moot, and therefore it is hereby DISMISSED.

However, if you believe that OIG has not responded fully to your FOIA request, you are authorized to initiate a new administrative appeal. You are also free under the FOIA to commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government at any time in the District of Columbia Superior Court, without awaiting the outcome of further proceedings before OIG or of any request you may direct to OIG.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. Richardson, III".

Andrew T. "Chip" Richardson, III

cc (by e-mail): Charles J. Willoughby,
Inspector General