

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**



**Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel**

January 29, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Sarah Wilson

RE: FOIA Appeal 2018-060

Dear Ms. Wilson:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal that you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 ("DC FOIA"), on the grounds that the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") improperly denied your December 8, 2017 request for records related to homeless encampment clearings, including records related to arrests or detentions made during the clearings. MPD denied your request on December 13, 2017, and referred you to the Department of Human Services for responsive records.

This Office received your appeal on January 16, 2018, and asked MPD to provide us with a response. MPD responded on January 23, 2017, and advised us that after receiving your appeal it reconsidered its original response and will provide you with non-exempt responsive records, including body-worn camera footage.<sup>1</sup> Since your appeal was based on MPD's denial of your request, and the agency has stated that it will now grant your request, we consider your appeal to be moot and hereby dismiss it without prejudice. You are free to challenge MPD's forthcoming substantive response by separate appeal to 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 B. Harris, Deputy General Counsel, MPD (via email)

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<sup>1</sup> MPD's response is attached.