FY 2020 FOIA Appeal Summaries*

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

2020-001 Thompson – Request to OCFO for emails and letters between the Office of Lottery and Gaming and a firm named DC09. Matter was remanded in part to OCFO with instruction to promptly review responsive documents and disclose nonexempt portions in accordance with the guidance in the decision.

2020-002 McFarland – Request to DCRA for digital records, including audio and video footage, of employee activity around the Permit Center where DCRA leases space. Appeal was dismissed because DCRA conducted an adequate search.

2020-003 Fitzgerald – Request to DDOT for records related to a Traffic Safety Investigation Service (TSI) request. Appeal was dismissed because DDOT is not required to answer questions or create records under DC FOIA.

2020-004 Zimmerman – Request to MPD for a police report of an officer-involved shooting involving named individuals and any internal investigation findings regarding the incident and prior history of a named officer. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy and investigatory proceedings exemptions.

2020-005 Thompson – Request to DSLBD for “all of VSC’s vendor certification forms.” Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under competitive harm exemption.

2020-006 Jones – Request for a transcript of a 911 call made by the requestor regarding a domestic disturbance. Appeal was dismissed because OUC is not required to answer questions or create records under DC FOIA.

2020-007 Lefrak – Request for data on bike thefts reported to MPD. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on a lack of response; MPD has since responded.

2020-008 Stroud – Request to DGS for emails “containing three names to and from the mailboxes for eight individuals.” Appeal was dismissed because DGS has fully responded to request.

2020-009 McFarland – Request for digital records, including audio and video footage, of employee activity around the Permit Center where DCRA leases space. Appeal was dismissed because DGS conducted an adequate search and found no responsive documents.

2020-010 Mulhauser – Request for records relating to instances of sexual abuse in several District schools beginning from January 2018. Matter was remanded to DME with instruction to clarify the scope of the request, promptly conduct an adequate search, and produce any nonexempt portions of responsive documents.

2020-011 Mulhauser – Request for records relating to instances of sexual abuse in several District schools beginning from January 2018. Matter was remanded to DCPS with instruction to
clarify the scope of the request, promptly conduct an adequate search, and produce any nonexempt portions of responsive documents.

2020-012 Lu – Request to DCRA for records related to an investigation into a complaint filed against the requestor. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-013 Leonard – Request to OUC for records related to an incident at a hotel in NW. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-014 Nyarku – Request to MPD for a specific 911 call recording. Appeal was dismissed because MPD conducted an adequate search.

2020-015 Jean-Baptiste – Request for records related to a nursing home located in the District of Columbia. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on a lack of response; DHCF has since responded.

2020-016 Lennon – Request to MPD for records related to potential impeachment material regarding a named MPD officer. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy and investigatory proceedings exemptions.

2020-017 Lennon – Request to MPD for a copy of the body-worn camera video footage from an arrest of an individual in a hotel lobby. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy and investigatory proceedings exemptions.

2020-018 Hermann – Request to MPD for body-worn camera video footage for named officers during a specific timeframe. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the investigatory proceedings exemption.

2020-019 Neumann – Request to DMPED for records related to the development plans for the Walter Reed Historic District. Matter was remanded in part to DMPED with instruction to promptly complete search and disclose nonexempt portions in accordance with the guidance in the decision.

2020-020 Weber – Request to MPD for body-worn camera footage of a specified event within a specified timeframe without authorization from individuals captured in the footage. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-021 Mulhauser – Request for records related to a plan described in OAH’s 2019 Fiscal Year performance plan. Appeal was dismissed because OAH conducted an adequate search and the withheld information in question fell under the deliberative process exemption.

2020-022 Varco – Request for records related to an MPD YouTube video concerning a particular investigation. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy and investigatory proceedings exemptions.
2020-023 Mulholland – Request for records related to “solitary confinement” at DOC. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; DOC has since produced responsive documents.

2020-024 Dupont – Request to DMV for records related to the fees collected in 2016. Appeal was dismissed because DMV is not required to answer questions or create records under DC FOIA.

2020-025 Austermuhle – Request for “copies of messages sent and received via the WhatsApp messaging app from Mayor Muriel Bowser's [and Chief of Staff John Falcicchio’s] city-funded and/or personal cell phones” within a specific timeframe. Appeal was dismissed because EOM conducted an adequate search.

2020-026 Singh – Request to DCPS for a high school transcript for a named individual. Appeal was dismissed because DCPS conducted an adequate search.

2020-027 Shurtz – Request to EOM for body-worn camera footage related to collision at the center of a current lawsuit. Appeal was dismissed because FOIA is not intended to either interfere with or supplement the civil discovery process.

2020-028 MacDonald – Request for records related to “a video taken of an accident on South Capitol Street on January 21, 2019.” Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; MPD has since produced responsive documents.

2020-029 Mulhauser – Request for records related to a 2015 incident in which OSSE erroneously released personally identifiable records in response to a FOIA request. Matter was remanded to OSSE with instruction to promptly conduct an OCTO email search for responsive records and disclose nonexempt portions to the requestor.

2020-030 Anaya – Request to OUC for all records related to an accident involving the requestor’s client. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-031 Spaulding – Request to MPD for records related to specific anonymous source. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy and investigatory proceedings exemptions.

2020-032 Lee – Request to OP for records related to “Stop Work Orders issued by the Historical Preservation in the Capitol [Hill] Historic District and all historic districts throughout DC between 2017 and 2018.” Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; OP has since produced responsive documents.

2020-033 Davis – Request to OCFO for records related to “[a]ll private letter rulings (“PLRs”), general information letters (“GILs”) and technical advice memoranda (“TAM”) created by OCFO’s Office of Tax and Revenue between January 6, 2016 and October 8, 2019.” Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the trade secret, personal privacy and statutory preclusion exemptions.
2020-034 Johnson – Request to OPC for records related to personnel matters for a specified number of police officers. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy and investigatory proceedings exemptions.

2020-035 Barber – Request for records relating to internal OAH communications between identified OAH officials. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy and deliberative process exemptions.

2020-036 Mulhauser – Request for records related to a plan described in OAH’s 2019 Fiscal Year performance plan. Appeal was dismissed because OAH conducted an adequate search and the withheld information in question fell under the deliberative process exemption.

2020-037 Perloff – Request for records related to arrests for marijuana and drug-related offenses in the District for each calendar year from 2010 to 2018. Matter remanded to MPD with instructions to promptly disclose any non-exempt, responsive data that it has already reviewed, within 5 business days of the date of this decision, and to continue producing responsive data on a rolling basis.

2020-038 McFarland – Request for monthly reports that were prepared by two named DCRA employees and sent to another identified agency official. Appeal was dismissed because DCRA conducted an adequate search and the withheld information in question fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-039 Slate – Appeal withdrawn.

2020-040 Fritz-Mauer – Request for records regarding DOES’s enforcement of the Wage Theft Prevention Act of 2014 and related statutes. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; DOES has since produced responsive records.

2020-041 Moyer – Request to MPD for police reports involving reports of sexual misconduct at a private school. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; MPD has since agreed to produce nonexempt portions of the responsive documents. MPD also received instruction to do so promptly.

2020-042 Phillips – Request to MPD for records of all letters of denial of FOIA requests since 1976. Matter remanded to MPD with instruction to produce nonexempt portions of responsive documents once the prepayment sought in connection with production has been provided by the requestor.

2020-043 Austermuhle – Request for information regarding the adequacy of EOM’s search for FOIA request 2020-025 and for additional documents. Matter remanded to EOM in part with instruction to conduct an adequate search for responsive documents and promptly disclose any nonexempt portions of these documents.

2020-044 Freeman – Request to EOM for all correspondence to and from (and copied to) a senior advisor to the Mayor regarding bike lanes in the Shaw neighborhood. Appeal was dismissed because EOM conducted an adequate search and the withheld information in question fell under the personal privacy exemption.
**2020-045 Giambrone** – Request for subpoenas issued to DCRA in 2019. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

**2020-046 Herrera** – Request to MPD for records concerning the death of a family member. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; MPD has since produced the responsive records.

**2020-047 McFarland** – Request to DCRA for records related to communications between several DCRA employees. Matter remanded to DCRA to produce the unredacted audio recording, clarify the scope of the request, and then conduct an adequate search or provide a determination that the prior search was adequate.

**2020-048 McFarland** – Request to DCRA for records related to communications between several DCRA employees. Appeal was dismissed because DCRA conducted an adequate search and produced responsive documents consistent with the personal privacy and deliberative process exemptions.

**2020-049 McFarland** – Request to DCRA for records related to communications between several DCRA employees. Matter remanded to DCRA with instruction to contact the requestor and clarify and narrow the scope of the request by requesting search terms.

**2020-050 McFarland** – Request to DCRA for records related to communications between several DCRA employees. Appeal was dismissed because DCRA conducted an adequate search.

**2020-051 Greiler** – Request for records related to all inspection reports during a specified time period at a specific address. Matter remanded to DCRA with instruction to promptly conduct an OCTO email search for responsive records.

**2020-052 Daley** – Request to OCP for records related to individuals who had applied for a particular job position. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

**2020-053 Nadel** – Request to DOC for digital copies of audio recordings made during certain visits and phone calls at the Correctional Treatment Facility. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

**2020-054 Brown** – Request to MPD for records related to a hit and run accident in October 2019. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy and investigatory proceedings exemptions.

**2020-055 Adler** – Request to DCPS for records related to an attic renovation project at a specific school. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; DCPS has since produced the responsive documents.

**2020-056 Adler** – Request to DCPS for records related to survey results. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; DCPS has since produced the responsive documents.
2020-057 Daley – Request to OCP for records related to individuals who had applied for a particular job position. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-058 Adler – Request to DCPS for records related to school-level survey data. Appeal was dismissed because DCPS conducted an adequate search.

2020-059 Thompson – Request to OCFO for records related to communications between two identified individuals during a specific period of time. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; OCFO has since agreed to produce the responsive records.

2020-060 Thompson – Request to OCFO for records related to communications between two identified individuals during a specific period of time. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; OCFO has since agreed to produce the responsive records.

2020-061 Williams – Request to MOLC for records related to the District’s contracts with FOIA Xpress over a specific time period. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; MOLC has since responded and forwarded request to OCTO.

2020-062 Girvin – Request to MOLC for records related to communications between named District officials regarding a family housing project in Ward 1. Matter remanded to MOLC with instruction to conduct OCTO search and promptly produce non-exempt portions of responsive records to the requestor.

2020-063 Barber – Request to OAH for records related to communications of a named employee that include a specific word and those that reference the requestor. Matter remanded to OAH with instruction to conduct a search for responsive records and notify the requestor of advance payment, if necessary.

2020-064 Barber – Request to OAH for records related to communications of a named employee that include a specific word and those that reference the requestor. Matter remanded to OAH with instruction to conduct a search for responsive records and notify the requestor of advance payment, if necessary.

2020-065 Hayes – Request to MPD for records related to the purchase of the Domain Awareness System (DAS). Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; MPD has since produced the responsive records.

2020-066 Ezeta – Request to MPD for records related to a domestic violence incident involving a family member on a specific date and at a specific location. Appeal was dismissed because MPD conducted an adequate search.

2020-067 Crocheron – Request to ORM for DC MPD employment records related to the requestor. Appeal was dismissed because ORM conducted an adequate search.
2020-068 Crocheron – Request to DFHV for records related to the “Bill of Ladings to FBI Quantico for any MPD Entertainment Division MPD motorcades, any traffic camera footage from Parks and Recreation and any correlating Harbor Patrol Cross-Contaminated motorcade footage.” Appeal was dismissed because DFHV conducted an adequate search.

2020-069 Henderson – Request to MPD for records regarding an investigation, led by a named detective, related to the requestor. Matter remanded to MPD with instruction to produce non-exempt supplemental information to the requestor.

2020-070 Mulhauser – Request to EOM for records related to the release of body-worn camera footage authorized by the Mayor. Appeal was dismissed because EOM conducted an adequate search and properly withheld responsive documents that fell under the deliberative process exemption, the attorney-client privilege, and work-product privilege.

2020-071 Bangs – Request to DOES for records related to filed Tipped Wage Reports. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-072 Myers – Request to OUC for records related to 911 calls regarding emergencies from a specific location, date, and time. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-073 Banks – Request to MPD for records related to a hit-and-run accident in October 2019. Matter remanded to MPD with instruction to review responsive records and promptly produce non-exempt portions to the requestor on a rolling basis.

2020-074 Massey – Request to EOM for video footage from a camera on Wisconsin Avenue for a stated date and time. Appeal was dismissed because MOLC conducted an adequate search.

2020-075 Elkins – Request to DDOT for records related to areas that are geofenced within the boundaries of the District by either DDOT or permittees. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because DDOT has since produced the responsive records.

2020-076 Allen – Request to DPR for records related to various job positions at DPR. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because DPR has since produced the responsive records.

2020-077 Pivato – Request to DCRA for records related to all review steps of a particular permit. Appeal was dismissed because DCRA conducted an adequate search and the requested information fell under the personal privacy and deliberative process exemptions.

2020-078 Arya – Request to OUC for records relating to 911 and 311 calls made from a specific apartment in the District on specific dates. Appeal was dismissed because it was made prematurely.

2020-079 Gluckman – Request to EOM for records related to budget requests for fiscal year 2019 from OSSE and DCPS. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on a failure to respond; EOM has since responded to the requestor.
2020-080 Davis Smith – Request to DCPS for a fee waiver for the production of records related to the requestor’s children. Appeal was dismissed because DCPS determined that the waiver was not in the public interest.

2020-081 MacDonald – Request to FEMS for records related to a fire at 708 Kennedy Street N.W. Matter remanded to FEMS with instruction to provide requestor with a detailed description of the search for responsive records within five business days.

2020-082 McDuffie – Request to DOH for records related to a major private hospital in the District. Matter remanded in part to DOH with instruction to produce non-exempt responsive records to the requestor.

2020-083 Thompson – Request to DOES for records related to “all businesses on the UC-30s.” Matter remanded to DOES with instruction to disclose non-exempt responsive records to the requestor within five business days.

2020-084 DiGangi – Request to SBOE for records related to UDC-CC employee communications regarding a specific UDC professor. Appeal was dismissed as moot because the requestor withdrew appeal.

2020-085 Mulhauser – Request to DCPS for records identifying the District schools where substantiated claims of sexual abuse/harassment by an employee occurred over a specified period of time. Matter remanded to DCPS to produce for the MOLC a Vaughn Index and copies of responsive records for in camera review.

2020-086 Kitchel – Request to DGS for records related to the Hardy Recreation Center. Matter remanded to DGS to produce for the MOLC a Vaughn Index and copies of responsive records for in camera review within five business days.

2020-087 Carter – Request for public records from DMPED. Appeal was dismissed as moot because the requestor withdrew appeal.

2020-088 Ayele – Request to DOES for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DOES is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-089 Ayele – Request to DHCF for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DHCF is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-090 Ayele – Request to OCP for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OCP is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-091 Ayele – Request to OCP for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OCP is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.
2020-092 Ayele – Request to DMV for public records. Appeal was dismissed, because DMV is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-093 Ayele – Request to DOH for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DOH is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-094 Ayele – Request to OCP for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OCP is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-095 Ayele – Request to MPD for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because MPD is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-096 Ayele – Request to UDC for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because UDC is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-097 Ayele – Request to OCP for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OCP is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-098 Ayele – Request to MPD for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because MPD is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-099 Ayele – Request to DOES for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DOES is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-100 Ayele – Request to DMV for public records. Appeal was dismissed, because DMV is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-101 Ayele – Request to OCP for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OCP is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-102 Ayele – Request to OCP for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OCP is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-103 Kargbo – Request to MPD for records related to “criminal complaints, arrests, reports, documents, investigations and photos” over a specific time frame. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; MPD has since agreed to produce responsive records to the requestor.
2020-104 Jablow – Request to DC PCSB for records related to the leases held for two charter schools. Appeal was dismissed because DC PCSB conducted an adequate search.

2020-105 Gilles – Request to OUC for records related to a 911 call. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-106 Cole – Request to EOM for records related to video footage captured by “high definition CCTV footage cameras on U St NW and 9th St NW” during a specified time. Appeal was dismissed because EOM conducted an adequate search.

2020-107 Khatri – Request to UDC for public records. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on a failure to respond; UDC has since responded to the requestor.

2020-108 Smith – Request to MPD for records related to a criminal case involving a specified individual. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-109 Brown – Request to DCHA for records related to a specified contractor and all documents and communications regarding a specified request for proposal (“RFP”). Matter remanded to DCHA with instruction to review responsive records and produce non-exempt portions to the requestor in accordance with the guidance provided in this decision.

2020-110 Slate – Request to MPD for records related to specified individuals and events; including warrants, pending criminal charges, mugshots, and photographs. Matter remanded to MPD with instruction to continue processing this request upon receipt of required records release authorization.

2020-111 Slate – Request to MPD for records related to specified individuals and events; including warrants, pending criminal charges, mugshots, and photographs. Matter remanded to MPD with instruction to continue processing this request upon receipt of required records release authorization.

2020-112 Bennett – Request to EOM for public records. Matter remanded to EOM with instruction to provide a final response to requestor’s appeal.

2020-113 Ayele – Request to DMPSJ for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DMPSJ is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-114 Ayele – Request to MPD for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because it was a duplicate request.

2020-115 Barber – Request to OAH for records related to communications of a named employee that include a specific word and those that reference the requestor. Appeal was dismissed, because the requestor made advance payment; and OAH has agreed to review and produce responsive records.
2020-116 Johnson – Request to DGS for public records. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the requestor withdrew the appeal.

2020-117 Howard – Request to MPD for a body camera audio recording from a specified event. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; MPD has since agreed to produce responsive records to the requestor.

2020-118 Howard – Request to MPD for a body camera audio recording from a specified event. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; MPD has since agreed to produce responsive records to the requestor.

2020-119 Garvie – Appeal to DMV for records related to an alleged partnership between the FBI and the District involving facial recognition software searches of residential identification records. Appeal was dismissed because DMV conducted an adequate search.

2020-120 Nadel – Request to DOC for records relating to audio recordings of phone calls visits to the Correction Treatment Facility during a specific time period. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on an initial denial; DOC has since produced the responsive records to the requestor.

2020-121 Johnson – Request to DDOT for records related to several categories of documents regarding the DDOT Dockless Sharing Vehicles Permit Program. Appeal was dismissed because DDOT conducted an adequate search and the withheld records fell under the deliberative process exemption.

2020-122 Bangs – Request to DOES for public records. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the requestor withdrew the appeal.

2020-123 Partlow – Request to MPD for records related to invoices, receipts, or other documents describing payment by MPD to the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C. for the time period between January 1, 2017 and December 16, 2019. Appeal was dismissed because MPD conducted an adequate search.

2020-124 Ayele – Request to DCPL for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DCPL is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-125 Ayele – Request to OOG for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OOG is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-126 Bangs – Request to DOES for itemized reports maintained by DOES for Fiscal Year 2019, which were submitted pursuant to the Tipped Wage Workers Fairness Amendment Act of 2018 by employers who pay the tipped minimum wage to employees. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the trade secret exemption.
2020-127 Ayele – Request to CFSA for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because CFSA is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-128 Ayele – Request to MPD for records related to a specific communication between MPD and UDC. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because MPD has produced responsive records to the requestor.

2020-129 Ayele – Request to DFS for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DFS is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-130 Slate – Request to ABRA for records related to the Dew Drop Inn. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because ABRA has agreed to produce responsive records to the requestor.

2020-131 Ayele – Request to DCPS for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DCPS is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-132 Ayele – Request to OHR for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OHR is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-133 Fernandez – Request to MPD for records related to the major crash investigations unit report regarding a specific motor vehicle accident. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-134 Pivato – Request to DCRA for records related to communications between certain individuals regarding “3236 N” and “3234 N.” Matter remanded to DCRA with instruction to explain to the MOLC why an identified communication was not captured by the search.

2020-135 Smith – Request to MPD for the identities of witnesses and records related to several specified incidents. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-136 Jablow – Request to DMPED for records related to a public charter school. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because DMPED has produced responsive records to the requestor.

2020-137 Montgomery – Request to BEGA for records related to BEGA’s e-filing vendor and an Open Meetings Act complaint you filed against the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Appeal was dismissed because BEGA is authorized to require advance payment of fees in this case.

2020-138 Montgomery – Request to BEGA for records related to a specific BEGA employee. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.
2020-139 Fishman – Request to MPD for body-worn camera footage and records related to a specific incident. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because MPD agreed to provide responsive documents to the requestor once the ongoing investigation has concluded.

2020-140 Fishman – Request to MPD for body-worn camera footage and records related to a specific incident. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because MPD agreed to provide responsive documents to the requestor once the ongoing investigation has concluded.

2020-141 Ayele – Request to HSEMA for answers to questions on various topics and possibly for certain agency partnership agreements. Appeal was dismissed because HSEMA is not required by FOIA to respond to questions, and HSEMA did not have the partnership agreements the requestor mentioned.

2020-143 Louria – Request to DPR for certain records related to an online survey about the 19th and Lamont Improvement Project. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because DPR has produced responsive records to the requestor.

2020-144 Louria – Request to DPR for certain records related to an online survey about the 19th and Lamont Improvement Project. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because DPR has produced responsive records to the requestor.

2020-145 Holman – Request to DMV for records related to residential parking permits issued by the agency in 2018 and 2019. Matter remanded to DMV with instruction to conduct a search for responsive records.

2020-146 Ayele – Request to OHR for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OHR is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-148 Ayele – Request to DHCD for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DHCD is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-149 Davis – Request to OUC for records relating to a specific vehicle collision. Appeal was dismissed because OUC conducted an adequate search.

2020-150 Mohsen – Request to OUC for records related to a specific incident report. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because the appeal was based on a failure to produce additional responsive records; OUC has since agreed to produce responsive records to the requestor.

2020-151 Pivato – Request to DCRA for records related to communications between certain individuals regarding “3236 N” and “3234 N.” Matter remanded to DCRA with instruction to explain to the MOLC why an identified communication was not captured by the search.

2020-152 Pivato – Request to DCRA for records related to all review steps of a particular permit. Appeal was dismissed because DCRA conducted an adequate search and the requested information fell under the personal privacy and deliberative process exemptions.
2020-154 Thies – Request to DPW for records relating to a settlement agreement. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because DPW has since produced the responsive records to the requestor.

2020-155 Van Vuren – Request to DOH for records related to lead levels and related testing performed at playgrounds and athletic fields located at any District of Columbia public school. Matter remanded to DOH with instruction to provide a detailed explanation of agency’s search for responsive records.

2020-156 Ayele – Request to OHR for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OHR is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-158 Ayele – Request to OHR for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OHR is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-160 Ayele – Request to MPD for answers to questions on various topics and records related to complaints made by individuals associated with Georgetown University. Appeal was dismissed, because MPD is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests and the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-162 Ayele – Request to DHCF for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DHCF is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-163 Ayele – Request to DCHF for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DCHF is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-165 Ayele – Request to MPD for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because MPD is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-166 Ayele – Request to OPC for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OPC is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-167 Ayele – Request to OPC for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OPC is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests and does not possess the type of records requested by requestor.

2020-168 Ayele – Request to MPD for answers to questions on various topics and records held by another agency. Appeal was dismissed, because MPD is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests and does not possess records belonging to another agency.
2020-169 Ayele – Request to OPC for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OPC is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests and does not possess the type of records requested by requestor.

2020-170 Ayele – Request to OPC for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OPC is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-171 Ayele – Request to OPC for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OPC is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-172 Ayele – Request to MPD for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because MPD is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-176 Ayele – Request to DISB for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DISB is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-177 Ayele – Request to DISB for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DISB is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

2020-180 Smith – Request to DCPS for records related to correspondence between the agency and specified individuals regarding handicapped parking and other topics. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because DCPS has since produced the responsive records to the requestor.

2020-181 Christian – Request to DDOT for records related to public space permit deposits. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because DDOT has since produced the responsive records to the requestor.

2020-183 Smith – Request to DCPS for records related to correspondence between the agency and specified individuals regarding handicapped parking and other topics. Appeal was dismissed as moot, because DCPS has since produced the responsive records to the requestor.

2020-184 Myers – Request to OUC for records related to emergency calls placed referencing a specific address at a specific time. Appeal was dismissed because the requested information fell under the personal privacy exemption.

2020-185 Stewart – Request to DCHR for records related to documentation that OHR submitted in support of a September 20, 2016 memorandum OHR provided to DCHR—specifically, to DCHR’s then-general counsel, Margaret Radabaugh. Matter remanded to DCHR with instruction to conduct an adequate search for responsive records.

2020-189 Ayele – Request to OPC for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because OPC is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests, and requestor does not challenge OPC’s initial response in appeal.
2020-201 Ayele – Request to DSLBD for answers to questions on various topics. Appeal was dismissed, because DSLBD is not required by FOIA to answer questions unrelated to document requests.

*This list does not include all of the appeal summaries for the 2020 fiscal year due to a stay granted by the Mayor on agency FOIA processing deadlines in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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