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Executive Office of the Mayor

Annual Freedom of Information Act Report for Fiscal Year 2009
October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009

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PROCESSING OF FOIA REQUESTS

1. Number of FOIA requests received during reporting period ……..... 4
2. Number of FOIA requests pending on October 1, 2008……... 2
3. Number of FOIA requests pending on September 30, 2009……. 5
4. The average number of days unfilled requests have been pending before each public body as of September 30, 2009 …….. 9

DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS

5. Number of requests granted, in whole……... 6
6. Number of requests granted, in part, denied, in part…….. 18
7. Number of requests denied, in whole…… 1
8. Number of requests withdrawn…….. 5
9. Number of requests referred or forwarded to other public bodies……... 2
10. Other disposition …….. 11

NUMBER OF REQUESTS THAT RELIED UPON EACH FOIA EXEMPTION

11. Exemption 1 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(1)……..... 0
12. Exemption 2 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(2)……..... 6
13. Exemption 3 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(3)
    - Subcategory (A)…….. 3
    - Subcategory (B)…….……. 0
    - Subcategory (C) ……..…… 0
    - Subcategory (D) …….…..... 0
    - Subcategory (E) ……..... 0
    - Subcategory (F) ……. 0
14. Exemption 4 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(4) ……...….. 8
15. Exemption 5 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(5)……..……..... 0
16. Exemption 6 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(6)
    - Subcategory (A)……..……..... 0
    - Subcategory (B)……... 0

17. Exemption 7 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(7)……..... 0
18. Exemption 8 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(8)……..... 0
19. Exemption 9 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(9)……..... 0
20. Exemption 10 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(10)……..... 0
21. Exemption 11 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(11)……... 0
22. Exemption 12 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(12)……... 0

TIME-FRAMES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

23. Number of FOIA requests processed within 15 days……. 18
24. Number of FOIA requests processed between 16 and 25 days…….. 11
25. Number of FOIA requests processed in 26 days or more…….. 10
26. Median number of days to process FOIA Requests…….…… 10

RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

27. Number of staff hours devoted to processing FOIA requests…… 506
28. Total dollar amount expended by public body for processing FOIA requests……... $26009

FEES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

29. Total amount of fees collected by public body……...…… 0

PROSECUTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 207(d) OF THE D.C. FOIA

30. Number of employees found guilty of a misdemeanor for arbitrarily or capriciously violating any provision of the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act ……..…. 0

QUALITATIVE DESCRIPTION OR SUMMARY STATEMENT

Pursuant to section 208(a)(9) of the D.C. FOIA, provide in the space below or as an attachment, "[a] qualitative description or summary statement, and conclusions drawn from the data regarding compliance [with the provisions of the Act]."

Very rarely does this office receive a request asking for a specific document. Almost all the requests we process are requests that seek "any and all" documents "with regards to or related to"-type requests. This means the majority of time it takes to respond to a request is spent sorting through literally hundreds of emails, which almost without exception takes much longer than the time frame outlined in the FOIA law. Both FOIA requests submitted to OLA in FY09 dealt with situations that required responses from other DC agencies as well. In one case we responded to a FOIA request soliciting information on the amount of funds DC gov has provided to faith-based organizations. In another case we were asked about a situation involving a DCRA action in which we were present. In both cases OLA responded within the required period while coordinating the response with other pertinent agencies.