

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 31, 2026

Deeksha Udupa
Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington

Re: R014972-091125

Dear Ms. Udupa,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request to the Executive Office of the Mayor (“EOM” or the “Office”) for the following records from a date range of August 1, 2025 to September 11, 2025:

1. From August 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed, all communications between US Attorney General Pam Bondi, her staff, and Department of Justice (DO employees, and Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser and her staff concerning the use of federal law enforcement personnel in Washington, DC or the federal takeover of the Metropolitan Police department;
2. From August 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed, all communications between Chief of Staff Susie Wiles and her staff, and Mayor Bowser and her staff concerning the use of federal law enforcement personnel in Washington, DC or the federal takeover of the Metropolitan Police department;
3. From August 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed, all communications between Mayor Bowser and her staff, and DC Police Chief Pamela Smith and her staff concerning the use of federal law enforcement personnel in Washington, DC or the federal takeover of the Metropolitan Police Department;
4. From August 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed, all guidance, memoranda, final directives, policies, and other documents shared with Mayor Bowser’s office from US Attorney General Pam Bondi, her staff, and Department of Justice (DOJ) employees concerning the use of federal law



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enforcement personnel in Washington, DC or the federal takeover of the Metropolitan Police department;

5. From August 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed, all guidance, memoranda, final directives, policies, and other documents shared with Mayor Bowser's office from Chief of Staff Susie Wiles and her staff concerning the use of federal law enforcement personnel in Washington, DC or the federal takeover of the Metropolitan Police department;

6. From August 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed, all guidance, memoranda, final directives, policies, and other documents shared with Mayor Bowser's office from Secretary Kristi Noem, her staff, and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) employees concerning the use of federal law enforcement personnel in Washington, DC or the federal takeover of the Metropolitan Police department,

7. Mayor Bowser's calendar, from August 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed, including any and all meetings she was invited to or attended, and a list of attendees for all meetings

Responsive records have been delivered via the GovQA portal. I have determined that portions of records should be withheld pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

1. D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(2) - information of personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
2. D.C. Official Code § 2-534(e) – the deliberative process privilege, as incorporated under D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(4).

This letter constitutes the Office's final response, and your request is now considered closed.

Please note that, under D.C. Official Code § 2-537 and 1 DCMR § 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" or "FOIA Appeal" in the subject line of the letter as well on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written



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denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, and e-mail and/or U.S. Mail address at which you can be reached. The appeal must be mailed to: The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Appeal, and 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. Electronic versions of the same information can instead be e-mailed to The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel at foia.appeals@dc.gov. Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to the Freedom of Information Officer of the involved agency or to the agency head of that agency if there is no designated Freedom of Information Officer there. Failure to follow these administrative steps may result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

Sincerely,

/s Henry Johnson

FOIA Officer
Office of the General Counsel
Executive Office of the Mayor

