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-sent via email only-

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request A24-02888**

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am in receipt of your most recent correspondence regarding FOIA Request No. A24-02888, dated May 31, 2024 (received by my office on May 30, 2024), which purports to be a response to our FOIA Request dated March 20, 2024, on behalf of the Coalition for Police Transparency and Accountability (CPTA), a public interest grassroots coalition of 16 community-based organizations. This response is essentially identical to your response to the same FOIA Request, which you sent to me on May 3, 2024, (copy attached), but with an entirely different calculation of the fees. In your May 3 response, you indicate that it will cost us a total of \$868.39 in labor costs. In your May 31 response, utilizing the same formula, you indicate that it will cost us a total of \$542.68.


However, notwithstanding the inexplicable discrepancy between the two fee assessments, I bring to your attention that on May 20, 2024, I submitted a Fee Waiver Appeal, pursuant to the instructions on page 2 of your responses, in which you advise that persons who wish to appeal the fee assessments must submit their appeal directly to the "head of the public body," which in this case is the Board of Police Commissioners. (Appeal letter to BOPC attached). **This appeal was voted on at the BOPC meeting on May 23, 2024, at which time it was granted.**

Yet, rather than receive the public records requested, **with the fees waived**, I received your May 31 letter, which simply reiterates the same thing as your May 3 letter, but with a different total cost, despite the fact that **we were granted a waiver of the fees.**

Please arrange to retrieve the records requested, at no cost, and remit them to us forthwith. I look forward to your response and I thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

**GOODMAN HURWITZ & JAMES, P.C.**



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