

File No.: 04-1000-20-2023-777

January 26, 2024

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of January 26, 2024 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

Records (including emails, documents, memos, notes, contracts, invoices, and other relevant materials) regarding the utilization of public funds by the Mayor's Office for activities relating to political polling and advertising, specifically:

- 1. Total amount of public funds used by the Mayor's Office for political polling and advertising since the beginning of the current Mayor's term;**
- 2. Objectives and rationale behind these expenditures;**
- 3. Details of any external agencies, consultancies, or service providers engaged for these activities, including the nature of their services and terms of their contracts; and**
- 4. Any internal discussions or communications regarding the strategy, purpose, and expected outcomes of the polling and advertising activities.**

We have completed the search for responsive records for this request and no responsive records have been located. The Mayor's Office and Financial Services have confirmed that there are no responsive records.

Under section 52 of the Act, and within 30 business days of receipt of this letter, you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your FOI request by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, info@oipc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (#04-1000-20-2023-777); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request; and 4) detailed reasons why you are seeking the review.

Yours truly,

[Signed by Cobi Falconer]

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If you have any questions, please email us at foi@vancouver.ca and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604-871-6584.

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