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OFFICE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT



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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Ms. M [REDACTED] Hills  
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**RE: #OOG-0005\_\_5.11.18 Resolution of Complaint\_CCNV**

Dear Ms. Hills:

The Office of Open Government (OOG), pursuant to the authority set forth in section 503(a)(2) of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, effective March 31, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-350; D.C. Official Code § 2-593(a)(2)), and 3 DCMR § 10400 *et seq.*, has reviewed your complaint, assigned file number #OOG\_0005\_5.11.18, in which you allege staff members of “CCNV” shelter (Federal City Shelter): (1) unlawfully refused you entry to the shelter; (2) forcibly ejected residents from the shelter; (3) removed women from the shelter for a week for “very silly reasons; and (4) acted with unprofessionalism to shelter residents in other ways.

The enforcement authority of the OOG extends only to violations committed by District of Columbia public bodies under the Open Meetings Act (OMA) (D.C. Official Code § 2-571 *et seq.*). Because Federal City Shelter is not a public body under the OMA, the OOG does not have jurisdiction over the allegation you raise. Therefore, pursuant to 3 DCMR § 10402.1, the OOG is dismissing the complaint which is being returned to you.

However, the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless (WLCH) may be able to address your concerns. You may reach the WLCH on 202-328-5500 or at <https://www.legalclinic.org/contact-us/>.

Sincerely,

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