



## ASSOCIATION OF INSPECTORS GENERAL

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Honorable Detroit City Council Member  
2 Woodward Ave. Suite 200  
Detroit, MI 48226

### ***Re: Support for Ordinance to Provide for Proportional Funding of Oversight Agencies (Office of Inspector General)***

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Association of Inspectors General (AIG) is an independent, non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization that has represented thousands of members working in hundreds of Inspectors General offices across the United States and internationally in advancing the mission of independent oversight in government for more than 30 years.

The AIG was requested to review a proposed ordinance to amend Detroit City Code Chapter 17, *Finance*, Article II, *Budget*, by adding Division 4, *Oversight Funding*, to incorporate §§ 17-2-71 through 17-2-77. The AIG understands that, collectively, the proposed amendments institute a proportional funding mechanism that is intended to increase transparency in how the Detroit Office of Inspector General (Detroit OIG) and other “oversight” agencies are funded.

Ensuring that Detroit OIG is consistently funded through these enhanced and transparent processes is a recognized best practice and supported by the AIG’s Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspectors General and insulates the office from inappropriate pressures.

Based on its review and discussions with the Detroit OIG, the AIG believes that the proposed amendments support a purposeful and transparent process for ensuring that the OIG is adequately funded to fulfill its range of legislated duties and obligations. The AIG supports the proposed amendments.

The citizens of Detroit demand and deserve an adequately funded OIG that it can rely upon to perform its oversight role in any budgetary environment. It is not uncommon for OIGs to routinely demonstrate positive financial impacts that are in excess of their budgets. Additionally, the AIG recognizes the intangible value of enhanced

accountability, a preventive presence, and increased transparency that bolsters the public's confidence in its government.

The benefits of an independent and robust Inspector General's office, including greater accountability, improved efficiency, and enhanced public trust, are undeniable. Should the AIG be of any service during the process of establishing funding processes, please feel free to contact Executive Director Michael Castrilli at [mjcastrilli@inspectorsgeneral.org](mailto:mjcastrilli@inspectorsgeneral.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Will Fletcher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Will" and last name "Fletcher" clearly distinguishable.

Will Fletcher  
President, Association of Inspectors General

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