

September 18, 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Dear Citizens,

I informed the Ethics Review Board at its July 2017 meeting that I do not wish to serve a third term. I will leave the Office of Inspector General when my term expires October 19 to explore retirement for a third time.

Since 2009 the OIG drove dramatic improvements at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport and the New Orleans Police Department, and exposed the dysfunction at the Sewerage and Water Board.

My vision is a New Orleans in which all citizens trust the OIG to ensure the integrity of local government and to provide credible and reliable information about government performance. To that end, I had planned to assist in the transition to new leadership. Unfortunately, unexpected health events require that I take extended medical leave. I expect to return to the office in October. Until then, I am monitoring the OIG by email. The Assistant Inspectors General are executing the projects the OIG has planned.

I have been greatly honored to serve the citizens of New Orleans as Inspector General. Thank you for the privilege to lead the Office charged with safeguarding the City against fraud, waste, and abuse.

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