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AUDIT FINDS NO DONATIONS FOR LOWER NINTH WARD

The City of New Orleans Inspector General today released a report on its audit of donations to the City of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

The audit examined 100% of the \$609,280 in donations placed into the Miscellaneous Donations Fund (MDF). It also reviewed the \$1.2 million in donations placed into America's New Orleans Fund (ANOF). The audit found that the City lacked a policy on the documentation of donations, that the Finance Director did not make required reports to the City Council, and that the City failed to follow its own policy by placing federal grants into the General Fund instead of a Special Revenue Fund. An additional \$1.82 million in donation expenditures could not be audited because the funds were placed into the General Fund. None of the donations in the MDF or ANOF were restricted or earmarked for any neighborhood, but instead were made out to the City or one of its departments.

Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux said, "The idea that donations were made to any specific neighborhood was simply wrong and had no basis in fact."

The report is attached to this press release. Other reports issued by the Office of Inspector General can be viewed and downloaded from the website at <http://www.nolaoig.org>.

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