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## Memorandum

**To:** The Honorable President and Members of the Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

**From:** Dan Hymowitz, Director, Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation (and Director of CitiStat)

**Date:** March 19, 2021

**Re: COUNCIL BILL 21-0016R - Investigative Hearing – Building Backups of Untreated Sewage**

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The Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation (OPI) has reviewed Council Bill 21-0016R. We understand that this bill asks several City government agencies to appear before the City Council to discuss the measures that are being taken to address raw sewage backups in basements in the City.

One of OPI's core functions is to serve as a performance management unit – using data to support improved delivery of services for residents, particularly for Mayoral priorities. OPI facilitates regular data review and analysis meetings ("Stat" meetings) where analysts work with the relevant city government agencies to analyze agencies' performance on key metrics with the aim of supporting improved delivery of government services.

OPI is continuing to develop new "Stat" focus areas in collaboration with Mayor Scott and City Administrator Shorter to build on some of the issues that are already being focused on including through existing "PoliceStat" and "RecycleStat" meetings. Currently, OPI is not operating a Stat meeting related to the issues that are the focus of this bill: sewage and sewage backups in basements.

Due to the nature and scope of the resolution, OPI defers to the responses of the Department of Public Works.

OPI is glad to provide any additional information that would be helpful in this matter.