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The Honorable President and Members
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RE: Council Bill 16-0699

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) supports the concept of increased audit oversight of city departments and agencies as set out in City Council Bill 16-0699 (Charter Amendment – Biennial Agency Audits). During the conduct of recent investigations and evaluations, the OIG has observed a number of severe internal control weaknesses across city departments and agencies. Payroll controls, revenue recording and asset management are just a few areas where the OIG has observed that compliance is severely lacking. In the absence of any tangible oversight, those who have been inclined to abuse city resources have operated with impunity. There is a need for more frequent and intensive oversight and the establishment of, and adherence to, strict internal controls. The requirement for biennial agency audits is a positive step in furtherance of this goal.

Very Respectfully,

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