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**To the Honorable Members of
the Oakland City Council**

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The Association of Inspectors General (AIG) is an independent, non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization comprised of thousands of members from offices across the United States and internationally. The AIG promulgates the industry's best practices through the Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspectors General. For more than 30 years, the AIG has advocated on behalf of its members to advance the mission of independent oversight in government.

The AIG has been closely following the City of Oakland's efforts to craft legislation that, in part, would support enhancements to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). We are encouraged that on December 12, 2023, the Oakland City Council's Public Safety Committee will discuss proposed amendments to Oakland Municipal Code Chapters 2.45.040 Commission's Governing Policies and Rules of Procedure; 2.45.070 Functions and Duties of the Commission; and 2.47 Office of the Inspector General.

The AIG recognizes that collectively the proposed amendments would meaningfully strengthen the independence and operational capacity of the Oakland OIG. The proposals refine the scope of authority and duties of the OIG and vest the Inspector General with the independence and discretion necessary for the OIG to conduct its work without interference as it provides the residents of the City of Oakland with effective police oversight.

The AIG supports these proposed additions and modifications to the Oakland Municipal Code.

Sincerely,

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