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Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
55 Trinity Ave. SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Resolution 24-R-3983: Establishing a City of Atlanta Temporary Task Force.

Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council and Task Force:

The Association of Inspectors General (AIG) is an independent, non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization that has represented thousands of members working in hundreds of Inspectors General offices across the United States and internationally in advancing the mission of independent oversight in government for more than 30 years. The AIG promulgates the Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General, known as the Green Book; that provides guidance and best practices considered to be the gold standard for state and local government Offices of Inspector General.

The AIG has been following recent developments concerning the Office of the Inspector General – City of Atlanta including the City Council’s passage of Resolution 24-R-3983 on September 3, 2024 creating a City of Atlanta Temporary Task Force that relates, in part, to reviewing the “processes and procedures of the Office of Inspector General” and making “written recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council in regards thereto”.

The AIG kindly offers to assist the Task Force’s upcoming work in any way it determines appropriate. The AIG, through our Governmental Relations Committee, has worked with legislatures and various review efforts for more than a decade to support the creation, or continued development, of independent, effective, and efficient Offices of Inspectors General. The AIG is well equipped to support and engage in discussions on best practices both operationally and administratively, the use of peer reviews, the role of Inspector General Boards and Commissions, reporting, transparency, and operational independence.

The benefits of an independent and robust Inspector General's office, which include greater accountability and enhanced public trust, are undeniable. Through its work with

governmental agencies, the AIG has fostered productive information-gathering and discussion to optimize the benefits of offices of inspectors general.

We look forward to supporting Atlanta's Temporary Task Force in their effort to conduct a review and provide recommendations that represent the independent government oversight community's best practices.

Sincerely,



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