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### **IGO Issues Follow-up Statement Regarding City Council Committee on Finance Denial of Access to Duty Disability Program**

The Committee on Finances' claim that the IGO has not been denied access is untrue. The Inspector General initially requested access on May 18. The Committee on Finance raised several objections, all of which were without merit. In follow-up correspondence, we set a final deadline of July 23rd. That deadline came and went without access.

A compelling reason for access to records of City programs is Chapter 2-56-030(c) of the City's Municipal Code, which explicitly provides that the Inspector General's powers and duties include:

“To promote economy, efficiency, effectiveness and integrity in the administration of the programs and operations of the city government by reviewing programs, identifying any inefficiencies, waste and potential for misconduct therein, and recommending to the mayor and the city council policies and methods for the elimination of inefficiencies and waste, and the prevention of misconduct”

The Committee on Finance's reference to the Legislative Inspector General's jurisdiction is inaccurate. First, the LIG's jurisdiction only extends so far as the City's Ethics laws, and in instances when complaints are sent to him from the City's Board of Ethics. Nowhere in the Legislative Inspector General's ordinance does it allow for the LIG to initiate or conduct an audit or program review of a City program. Instead, it is the province of the LIG to investigate misconduct by City Council members and employees.

The argument about private medical information is also inaccurate; the IGO is already bound by law to limit the public disclosure of such information.

We finish where we started 10 weeks ago. As a result, the City faces the prospect of another year where a \$100 million City program will be spent without any independent oversight. The IGO remains hopeful that it can be given immediate access to these records.

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