



August 13, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

City of Dallas Mayor and Councilmembers
1500 Marilla Street
Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: Support of Proposed Inspector General Charter Amendment

Dear Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce, I write in support of including the proposed Charter Amendment for creation of an independent division of the office of the Inspector General on the November ballot for approval by City of Dallas residents.

The City's Ethics Reform Task Force and the Charter Review Commission both recommended the creation of an independent Inspector General office with the function of investigating allegations of unethical behavior, corruption, and fraud, and helping to ensure public trust and confidence in the operation of city government.

Creating a separate division for the office of Inspector General will maximize the independence to eliminate any potential conflicts of interest with the City Attorney's office with that office currently overseeing the Inspector General and providing legal advice to the City Council. Additionally, a separate division ensures confidentiality throughout the investigation process, and creates a true deterrent to misconduct.

As identified in the materials circulated by Councilmembers Stewart and Willis, implementation of an independent Inspector General office has worked successfully in other jurisdictions, including the State of Louisiana and the City of Baltimore, and we encourage the City Council to include this proposed amendment on the ballot in November for voters to have the final say.

Should you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Kitner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Kitner
Chief Operating Officer
North Dallas Chamber of Commerce