

**CITY OF DETROIT**  
**Office of the Inspector General**  
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### Office of the Inspector General (OIG) 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Complaints

The OIG received 98 complaints during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2016.

### Office of the Inspector General 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Initiated Cases

The OIG initiated 25 cases during this quarter. The investigations involved 15 departments.

Department/Agency	# of Investigations
Office of Contract Procurement	1
Elections	1
Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department	3
Human Rights	3
Office of the Chief Financial Officer	5
City Council	1
Health and Wellness Promotion	1
Police	2
Fire	1
City Clerk	1
Municipal Parking Department	2
Transportation	1
Homeland Security and Emergency Management	1
Department of Public Works	1
Other	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

### Office of Inspector General Closed Cases

The OIG considers a case closed when an OIG staff member completes an investigation and the Inspector General approves the finding. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2016, the OIG closed 8 cases. Below is the compilation of the synopses of the closed cases.

#### **2015-DA-0046**

A City of Detroit employee alleged that a manager at the Human Resources Department (HR) abused their authority by improperly issuing work assignments; conducting improper promotional interviews; and by engaging in improper conduct during the course of a union grievance process. The OIG collected HR documents related to the complainant's union grievance and job interview. The OIG found no evidence to support the complainant's allegation that the HR manager abused their authority.

### **2016-DC-0009**

The complainant alleged that a Detroit Police Department (DPD) officer received kickbacks from the owner of a Detroit collision shop for steering the owners of recovered vehicles to his business. The OIG obtained and reviewed video evidence depicting the scene of the tow which led to the complaint and turned the matter over to DPD, which had on ongoing investigation with the FBI into similar allegations involving officers and tow companies. On October 18, 2016, six DPD officers were suspended and accused of taking bribes from a tow company owner in exchange for funneling work to a firm.

### **2016-DA-0011**

The complainant alleged that the Detroit Police Department (DPD) abused its authority by raiding his nightclub improperly and forcing him to close his business. The complainant further alleged that the decision to conduct the raid was motivated by the financial interests of a civilian Detroit employee. The Police Department informed the owner that the raid was the result of operating without a valid liquor license; however, the complainant maintained that the business had a valid liquor license at the time of the raid. The OIG determined that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) notified DPD that the complainant's establishment was operating without a license and that DPD took action based on this information. The OIG concluded that DPD's raid was not the result of abuse or improper action as the complainant alleged.

### **2016-DA-0017**

The complainant alleged that the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) abused its authority by wrongfully adding delinquent water bills to the complainant's property tax bill. The complainant also alleged that DWSD failed to respond to her complaint in a timely manner. The OIG investigation revealed that DWSD's transfer of the bill to the complainant's property tax bill was consistent with city policy and was not the result of an abuse of authority.

### **2016-NA-0020**

The complainant alleged that inspectors from the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) accepted bribes from a local business owner. The complainant believed that the inspectors failed to cite the owner for code violations; allowed the business to operate without a license; and permitted the illegal dumping of chemicals into the sewer system. The OIG investigation revealed that BSEED had ticketed this business five times for various violations. The complainant's belief that a bribe has been paid was solely based upon the mistaken belief that BSEED had ignored violations at the property. The complainant withdrew the allegation after the OIG informed her of the citations.

### **2016-DA-0022**

The complainant alleged that a Detroit Transit Police Officer abused his authority by engaging in harassing behavior. The OIG referred the matter to the Chief of the Detroit Transit Police for an internal investigation.

### **2016-NA-0025**

The complainant alleged that the Municipal Parking Department (MPD) wrongfully issued a parking violation. The complainant claimed to be a resident of Flint who was not in Detroit on the date of the citation. The OIG requested verification from the complainant. The complainant did not produce verification. The OIG was unable to conduct an investigation and closed the case.

**2016-NA-0033**

The complainant alleged that a member of a cooperative living community engaged in fraudulent activities. The complainant, a resident of the living community, claimed to be threatened with eviction for reporting the allegation. The OIG concluded that no city funds are associated with this cooperative living community. The OIG referred the case to the US Housing and Urban Development Department.