



## CITY OF DETROIT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Ellen Ha, Esq.  
Inspector General

**For Immediate Release:** July 24, 2019  
**For further information, contact:** Kamau C. Marable  
(313) 628-2516  
marablek@detoig.org

### **Detroit City Council Votes to Affirm Office of Inspector General Debarment of FutureNet Group, Inc. and Parimal “Perry” Mehta**

DETROIT – The Detroit City Council voted on yesterday, July 23, 2019 to affirm the debarment of Futurenet Group, Inc. (15 years), and Parimal “Perry” Mehta (20 years).

The Debarments were issued by the Detroit Office of Inspector General (OIG) on June 7, 2019 to Futurenet and its former CEO and President, Perry Mehta after an investigation of Mr. Perry Mehta’s bribery of former City Official Charles Dodd. Mr. Perry Mehta pleaded guilty to bribing Mr. Dodd on May 30, 2018. According to the Debarment Ordinance approved by City Council on July 31, 2018, which became effective as of August 10, 2018, the debarred companies/individuals appealed the OIG “decision to debar” to Detroit City Council. On July 15, 2019 City Council held the City’s second ever debarment appeal hearing since the implementation of the Debarment Ordinance. Yesterday, Council rendered its final decision by way of resolutions.

“I would like to thank the members of the Detroit City Council for the affirmation of the OIG’s Final Decisions of 20 year debarment for Parimal (Perry) Mehta and 15 year debarment for FutureNet, prior to the Council’s recess. The affirmation is further evidence of support and agreement that the City will continue to conduct its business with responsible contractors only; and that honesty and integrity is important in how we govern ourselves including with whom we conduct business.” stated Inspector General Ellen Ha.

###