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Adam Gross
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RE: Response to CCPSA's July 16, 2024 letter

Dear Executive Director Gross:

This letter serves as the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) timely written response to the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability's (CCPSA) July 16, 2024 letter pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago (MCC) § 2-80-050(f), which empowers CCPSA to recommend that OIG's Public Safety section (PSIG) "conduct research or audits on specific topics or issues" of concern. In that correspondence CCPSA recommended "to the Public Safety Inspector General that the office conduct audits and any other investigations and reviews that the facts suggest may be warranted related to the quality and integrity of COPA's investigations, the quality and integrity of COPA's disciplinary recommendations, and retaliation against COPA employees who raise concerns about COPA's investigations and recommendations."

OIG appreciates CCPSA's recommendation. Pursuant to MCC §§ 2-56-090 and -260, OIG requests that CCPSA produce to OIG any and all documentation, and/or materials in CCPSA's possession related to CCPSA's July 16, 2024 letter, including any and all documentation and/or materials derived from CCPSA's communication or interactions with COPA employees.

With respect to individual investigations conducted by COPA, PSIG in the ordinary course of its statutory powers and duties, pursuant to MCC §2-56-230(c), reviews closed disciplinary investigations and may make recommendations to inform future investigations or to reopen materially deficient ones. Additionally, pursuant to MCC §2-56-230(b), PSIG conducts "reviews and audits of particular policies, procedures or practices" of COPA. Any inquiry by PSIG pursuant to MCC §2-56-230 or policy-based review related to CCPSA's recommendations will be shared with CCPSA and the public pursuant to MCC §2-56-240.

As with any complaint of misconduct OIG receives, OIG will assess the information received from CCPSA to determine whether to launch a misconduct investigation into any individual under OIG's jurisdiction. Any reports resulting from such an investigation are governed by the confidentiality provisions set out in MCC §2-56-110.

OIG appreciates CCPSA's efforts in building a better and safer Chicago and looks forward to receiving the aforementioned documentation and/or materials from CCPSA. Please contact me, TRichardson@igchicago.org or (773) 491-7506, if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,

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