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OIG Issues Work Plan for FY 2022 - FY 2025

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) work plan and projected budget for fiscal years 2022 through 2025, Work Plan & Projected Budget FY22 – FY25. The work plan presents areas where the OIG anticipates conducting work, a projected budget, and a staffing plan. The work plan includes work in 11 county departments and agencies and 5 operational areas. All projects incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) considerations.

The engagements listed in the work plan are aligned with the OIG's strategic goals: performing proactive work that is relevant and enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of county programs and services; meeting the OIG's statutorily prescribed audit mandate; responding to hotline complaints; and performing outreach to deter and detect fraud, waste and abuse. Inspector General Limarzi remarked that the work presented in the plan focuses in the areas where the OIG can provide the greatest value while also meeting its mandate to audit all principal offices and departments and provide county residents and leaders with the information they need.

IG Limarzi noted in the work plan that the OIG's oversight responsibilities have grown considerably since her appointment in 2019. She stated that "With the addition of the Housing Opportunities Commission, Montgomery College, and Montgomery County Public Schools to our portfolio, the amount of public dollars we are tasked with overseeing has grown to over \$5B in operating funds alone. The number of employees who can come to us to report allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse has grown to over 36,000."

The work plan presents the OIG's anticipated need to hire nine auditors by the end of fiscal year 2025 in order to meet oversight responsibilities, accomplish the OIG's mandate, and continue to serve county government and the residents of Montgomery County. The County Code requires that the Inspector General publish a work plan and projected budget for their entire term within the first six and four months, respectably, of their appointment. IG Limarzi was unanimously re-appointed by the County Council to a new four-year term on July 1, 2021.

The full report can be found at the following location, https://montgomerycountymd.gov/OIG/Resources/Files/PDF/IGActivity/FY2022/WorkPlan.pdf

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