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Montgomery County OIG Passes Independent Peer Review

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today that her office received a unanimous passing rating in a recent peer review conducted by the Association of Inspectors General (AIG). Montgomery County Code Section 2-151(h)(3) requires that the "Inspector General should uphold the objective of complying with applicable generally accepted government auditing standards". Those standards require organizations performing audits to obtain an external peer review by an independent party every three years. The objectives of a peer review are to determine whether an effective quality control system has been established and if policies, procedures, and applicable government auditing standards are followed. Audit organizations can receive a rating of pass; pass with deficiencies; or fail.

As part of this review, a team from the AIG evaluated the Montgomery County Maryland Office of Inspector General's (OIG) investigations, reviews, audits, and inspections conducted from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023, for compliance with the AIG's *Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General* and the United States General Accountability Office (GAO) *Government Auditing Standards*. The team unanimously concluded that the OIG met all relevant standards in conducting its work and noted outreach, stakeholder relationships, employee morale, and report quality as areas of distinction.

Inspector General (IG) Davey Limarzi expresses her gratitude to the County Council, County Executive, county employees and residents for their support of the OIG. IG Davey Limarzi also acknowledges that this distinction is only possible because of the hard work of the OIG's team of dedicated professionals.

The AIG's *Opinion Letter* can be found at the OIG's website, https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oig/links.html

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