



City of Albuquerque
Accountability in Government Oversight Committee
P.O. Box 1293 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

May 13, 2025

Notice to the People of Albuquerque:

The Accountability and Government Oversight Committee (AGOC) provides this notice to the community regarding the ongoing selection and retention process for the City of Albuquerque's Inspector General position.

Pursuant to Albuquerque Ordinance § 2-17-5, no more than once every four (4) years, the AGOC shall consider whether an incumbent inspector general should be reconfirmed, or whether three (3) candidates should be submitted to City Council for consideration as the City IG. § 2-17-5 (A)&(E). After careful consideration, the AGOC unanimously determined that posting the Inspector General position and interviewing all qualifying candidates that applied by the "best consideration" date was in the best interests of the City.

The AGOC received significant interest and response for the City's Inspector General position, and we interviewed thirteen (13) qualifying candidates, including the incumbent Inspector General. Consistent with the requirements of our Ordinance, after completing the interviews, the AGOC unanimously selected a slate consisting of the top three (3) scoring Inspector General candidates, and have submitted our selections to the Albuquerque City Council for action. The incumbent Inspector General was not one of the candidates submitted to City Council for consideration.

Given that the incumbent Inspector General is not being considered for reconfirmation, to ensure the operational continuity of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and its important work is not hindered or negatively affected during this transition period, the AGOC unanimously opted to place the incumbent Inspector General on paid administrative leave until June 21, 2025, effective May 13, 2025. We have additionally appointed an interim Inspector General from within the department to continue the work of the OIG and make certain that all appropriate investigations continue to be conducted on a timely basis, until such time as City Council votes to appoint a new Inspector General.

The AGOC's decision to place the incumbent Inspector General on administrative leave is in no way a reflection of her work product or job performance. She was an effective manager of the OIG's day-to-day operations, represented our community well as a certified member of the Association of Inspectors General, and is a strong advocate for transparency in government. Rather, the AGOC made this difficult decision to preserve the confidentiality of the work of the OIG and to ensure that work continues unabated during this transition period.

The AGOC would like to thank the incumbent Inspector General for her tireless dedication to the City of Albuquerque throughout the past four years, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Victor Griego, Chairperson
Accountability and Government Oversight Committee
City of Albuquerque

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