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OIG Issues Revised Work Plan for FY 2024 – 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 2024 through 2025, *Revised Work Plan & Projected Budget FY22 – FY25*. The work plan presents areas where the OIG anticipates conducting work in FY24 and FY25, a projected budget and a staffing plan. The work plan includes work in 9 county departments and agencies including Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). All projects incorporate diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA) 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 our statutorily prescribed audit mandate; responding to hotline complaints; and performing outreach to deter and detect fraud, waste and abuse.

IG Limarzi noted that recent events have shown the importance of balancing planned, proactive work with the OIG's ability to engage in critical, time sensitive investigations. "The OIG's oversight responsibilities have grown considerably since my appointment in 2019 and there has been a recent influx in the number of persons who have made reports to the OIG's fraud hotline. The number of employees who can come to us to report allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse has grown substantially and each of them deserves a reliable and responsive outlet to which they can bring their concerns. This plan will allow the OIG to provide that resource while continuing to work with managers and county leaders to improve the services they provide to our residents."

The work plan also presents the OIG's anticipated need to hire two additional investigators devoted to MCPS focused work as well as two auditors to meet oversight responsibilities, accomplish the OIG's mandate, and continue to serve county government and the residents of Montgomery County by the end of fiscal year 2025.

The full report can be found at the following location, https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OIG/Resources/Files/PDF/IGActivity/FY2023/WorkPlan20 23.pdf

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