

MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2019

TO: Audit Committee

FROM: Gene Smith, Legislative Analyst *JS*

SUBJECT: **Interviews** – Inspector General Nominating Panel

PUPROSE: Interview applicants

The Council received notice from Mr. Edward L. Blansitt of his intentions to retire as Inspector General later this year (see ©1). Section 2-151 (b) of the County Code requires that the Council select an Inspector General from a list of at least three qualified persons submitted by an Inspector General nominating panel (the “Panel”). The Panel must consist of no less than three and no more than five County residents, who also must not be employed by the County or any independent County agency during their service on the panel.

The Council published notice that it was seeking interested persons for the Panel on January 25, 2019 (see ©2). The Council received 38 applications from persons seeking appointment on the Panel. The Audit Committee has selected to interview 10 individuals; one individual declined the invitation. The committee will interview the other nine individuals groups during today’s worksession (resumes and qualifications on ©3-26).

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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

January 24, 2019

TO: Hon. Nancy Navarro, President
County Council

FROM: Edward L. Blansitt III 
Inspector General

SUBJECT: Retirement from Montgomery County Employment

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally advise you that after serving as the Inspector General since April 2011, I plan to retire from Montgomery County employment. To ensure the continued work of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) as a key component of the County's governance system and understanding that the Council is required to go through a process that may be rather time-consuming, I plan to retire as soon as the Council has identified a replacement, but no later than September 27, 2019.

During this interim period, my plan is for the OIG to apply any funding available from vacant positions toward contract assistance to supplement our staff. I and the OIG staff, with the assistance of contractors, will continue to complete projects that are currently underway and will follow up on the County's implementation of recommendations from OIG reports.

cc: County Council Members
Executive Director, Office of the County Council



Montgomery County Council

For Immediate Release

January 25, 2019

INFORMATION:

Montgomery Council Seeks Applicants for Inspector General Nominating Panel

Deadline to Apply is 5 p.m. on Friday, February 8

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ROCKVILLE, Md., January 25, 2019—The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for the Inspector General Nominating Panel. The three to five-member nominating panel will review applications for the position of Inspector General and submit a list of at least three qualified candidates to the Council, which will make the appointment.

Letters of interest, including resumes, must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 2019. An e-mail address for contact should also be included.

The current Inspector General, Edward Blansitt, III, has informed the Council that he will be resigning at the end of the summer.

The Office of the Inspector General was established by law in 1997. The goals of the Inspector General are to review the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and operations of County Government and independent County agencies; prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in government activities; and propose ways to increase the legal, fiscal and ethical accountability of County government departments and County-funded agencies.

The nominating panel consists of three to five County residents appointed by the County Council. Members of the nominating panel must not be employed by the County or any independent County agency during their service on the panel.

County residents who have knowledge of and interest in assuring effective and efficient operations of local government should send a letter of interest with resume to the Council Office. There is no political affiliation requirement with the position, and it is non-compensated. Letters of interest should be addressed to: Council President Nancy Navarro, Montgomery County Council, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Maryland 20850.

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