

# DEBORAH WITZBURG

November 1, 2021

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot  
City of Chicago  
121 N. LaSalle Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602

Interim Inspector General William Marback  
Office of Inspector General  
740 N. Sedgwick Street, Suite 200  
Chicago, IL 60654

Dear Mayor Lightfoot and Interim Inspector General Marback,

I intend to apply for the position of Inspector General for the City of Chicago, and I therefore resign as Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety, effective November 12, 2021.

The independence of the Office of Inspector General and public confidence in that independence are of fundamental and paramount importance, as set forth in the Association of Inspectors General *Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General*, by which OIG operates. Because OIG's Public Safety section oversees and makes recommendations to City departments including the Office of the Mayor, it is my responsibility to avoid any appearance or concern that the work of the section might be influenced by my candidacy for a mayoral appointment and that its independence might therefore be impaired.

The structure of OIG's Public Safety section is strong, and the people who staff it are extraordinary; I am confident that they will carry on their work admirably. The integrity and independence of that work ought not be diminished by even the question of a conflict of interest, and the best way to guard against that is for me to step aside.

It is a tremendous privilege to serve this City, and I sincerely hope to continue to do so as Inspector General.

Respectfully,



Deborah Witzburg  
Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety  
Office of Inspector General

cc: Sybil Madison, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor  
Celia Meza, Corporation Counsel, Department of Law  
John O'Malley, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, Office of the Mayor  
Chairman Christopher Taliaferro, City Council Committee on Public Safety