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Please provide some basic information

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Q2 County Board Meeting 3/17/2022 10a

Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

22-1760, Independent Inspector General's 2021 4th Quarter Report

Q4 PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENT FOR INFORMATION ONLY (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Dear President Preckwinkle and Commissioners:

The League of Women Voters of Cook County is contacting you regarding the 2021 4th Quarter Report dated January 14, 2022 from the Independent Inspector General ("IIG Report") that is on the Board's March 17, 2022 agenda, Item 22-1760..

We were dismayed to read in both the IIG Report and the Chicago Sun Times about the Inspector General's findings of conflict of interest, waste and institutional mismanagement in the performance of duties by the Board of Trustees of the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District (SCCMAD) IIG19-0219). We understand that the President and Cook County Board have no direct authority or oversight over the workings of the SCCMAD or the Trustees. We are aware that the President has sent a letter to the Trustees supporting the recommendations of the Inspector General. Thank you. We encourage all of you to take any further actions you can to see that these very serious findings are resolved promptly.

This investigation demonstrates the importance of the Independent Inspector General's office and why its recommendations need to be taken seriously. We are concerned about the recurring lack of timely responses to the recommendations of the Independent Inspector General, as required under the Independent Inspector General Ordinance, from various offices, departments and agencies that we regularly see in the quarterly reports.

In this IIG Report, there are 6 such investigations for which timely responses have not been made and which are reported to be still outstanding:

- IIG20-0533-A and IIG20-0533-B Recommendations made Sept. 30, 2021
- IIG21-0337 Recommendations made Sept. 30, 2021
- IIG 20-0439 Recommendations made June 28, 2021
- IIG20-0149 Recommendations made March 24, 2021
- IIG20-0436 Recommendations made Dec. 11, 2020

We urge the Board to take appropriate steps to see that the applicable departments respond promptly and send a message to all County officials and employees that a failure to timely respond as required under the Ordinance is not acceptable.

Yours truly,

Cynthia Schilsky, President

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

Please Indicate if you are only submitting written testimony or if you wish to address the Committee live (virtually) at the meeting.

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

If requesting to address the Committee live (virtually), please provide an email address and phone number (This is required to receive and an invitation to the virtual meeting).
