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To: Chair Peter Silvestri, Vice Chair Bill Lowry, and Members of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

re: Item 22-4556, Independent Inspector General's 2022 2nd Quarter Report dated July 15, 2022

Dear Chair Silvestri, Vice Chair Lowry, and Committee Members Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Sean Morrison, and Suffredin:

The League of Women Voters of Cook County continues to urge that this Committee take appropriate steps to see that County officials and departments timely respond to remedial recommendations from the Independent Inspector General, as required under the County's ordinances. On March 14, 2022, the League sent a letter to the entire Cook County Board regarding the outstanding items listed in the 2021 4th Quarter Report from the Independent Inspector General.

The 2022 2nd Quarter Report dated July 15, 2022 was referred to this Committee by the Board on September 22, 2022. This Report continues to list 4 of these investigations from the 2021 4th Quarter Report as not having been responded to, along with several others that appeared in subsequent Reports. The League has also reviewed the 2022 3rd Quarter Report dated October 14, 2022, which we expect will be submitted for the November Board agenda.

Based on both the 2nd and 3rd Quarter Reports, the following items, listed in the 2nd Quarter Report before you now, continue to be outstanding:

IIG20-0149: Recommendations made March 24, 2021 regarding a CCH nurse failing to disclose secondary employment. From the 2021 1st Quarter IIG Report.

IIG20-0439: Recommendations made June 28, 2021 regarding a uniform manufacturing company failing to utilize an MBE contractor. From the 2021 2nd Quarter IIG Report.

IIG20-0533-A: Recommendations made September 30, 2021 regarding a CCH employee violating dual employment rules. From the 2021 3rd Quarter IIG Report.

IIG20-0533-B: Recommendations made September 30, 2021 regarding a CCH supervisor being negligent in performance of duties. From the 2021 3rd Quarter IIG Report.

IIG21-0334: Recommendations made December 29, 2021 regarding a pharmacist with excessive tardiness and misusing Family & Medical Leave Act time. From the 2021 4th Quarter IIG Report.

IIG19-0527: Recommendations listed in the 2022 1st Quarter IIG Report involving the acquisition of the Blue Island Health Center.

The League urges that you take appropriate action now and send a message to all County officials and employees that a failure to timely respond as required under the Independent Inspector General Ordinance is not acceptable.

Yours truly,
Cynthia Schilsky, President

cc: Interim Inspector General Steven Cyranoski