



Board Report

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**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
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Motion by:

DIRECTORS SOLIS, NAJARIAN, BARGER, AND GARCETTI

Supporting the Office of the Inspector General

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is the investigative arm of Metro and reports directly to the Board of Directors. When fully staffed, OIG performs audits and investigations on various aspects of Metro's programs, contracts, and operations, to detect, prevent and deter instances of fraud, waste and abuse. Presently, there are seven vacancies within the OIG, four of which are in the auditing team. These vacancies have been difficult to fill due to financial constraints created by the COVID-19 pandemic. This lack of staffing has created problems in addressing concerns raised by the Board of Directors about various issues such as the current multi-agency law enforcement contract. Additional staffing resources are required in order to adequately carry out the mission of the OIG and to provide the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer with independent, fair and objective evaluations and appraisals related to the use of Metro resources, the adequacy of internal controls, and contract performance.

SUBJECT: SUPPORTING THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Motion by Directors Solis, Najarian, Barger, and Garcetti that the Board of Directors direct the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to immediately begin the process of filling vacancies to support the auditing functions of the OIG, and to report back in May 2021 with the feasibility of establishing a bench contract to be utilized by OIG until all vacancies have been filled.