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**Statement on the Interim Suspension of Gayanga, Co. LLC and Brian McKinney**

On June 5, 2025, the OIG initiated an investigation into Gayanga Co. LLC and its owner Brian McKinney after it was alleged that the demolition contractor was using unapproved dirt in residential areas. Specifically, it is alleged Gayanga used contaminated dirt from a Northland Mall redevelopment in Southfield, Michigan to backfill residential properties in the City of Detroit.

Based on the OIG's preliminary review of the evidence, we requested that the City of Detroit Construction and Demolition Department (CDD) conduct testing of the dirt used by Gayanga to backfill various sites across the City. CDD promptly initiated and coordinated the requested testing. Test results showed that the dirt located at 33 of the 41 (over 80%) properties tested thus far failed to meet the state's residential standards.

As the agency mandated by the Charter to uphold honesty and integrity in City government and contracting, and given the significant health and safety concerns presented, we determine that it is in the public interest to suspend Gayanga and Brian McKinney from engaging in further business with the City. Furthermore, they cannot be awarded additional contracts pending the finalization of the OIG's investigation. Therefore, by the authority vested in the Inspector General pursuant to the City Charter and Sections 17-5-351 and 17-5-360 (a) and (b) of the City's Debarment Ordinance, the interim suspensions are effective as of today, September 11, 2025.

The interim suspensions being issued are for the lesser of 90 calendar days or until the Inspector General makes a final determination regarding debarments. Because this investigation is still open and the OIG has not yet finalized its debarment report, the OIG cannot make any further comments on this matter pursuant to the City's Charter, at this time.

The OIG would like to thank Mayor Duggan and his Administration for their assistance with collecting the requested testing. Lastly, the OIG reminds all City contractors to act as responsible parties, as the OIG will hold all contractors accountable for their actions and/or inactions in violation of the law, including the City's Ordinances and applicable Executive Orders,

The OIG's complete Debarment List may be found online at  
[https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2025-09/OIG%20Debarment%20List%2011SEP25\\_0.pdf](https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2025-09/OIG%20Debarment%20List%2011SEP25_0.pdf).

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