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## Ombudsman Bruce Simpson's Final Report Presentation to

### Detroit City Council –Delivered October 7, 2025

For over ten years, Ombudsman Bruce Simpson has been a driving force for positive change in Detroit. With integrity, vision, and a deep commitment to public service, he has worked tirelessly to uplift the voices of residents and improve the quality of life across our city.

Under his leadership, the Office of the Ombudsman has become a trusted resource for thousands of Detroiters. Bruce Simpson championed transparency strengthened accountability within city government and fostered meaningful connections between residents and city departments. His approach was rooted in listening first, responding with care, and collaborating to find solutions that reflect the needs of our neighborhoods.

From resolving constituent concerns to introducing innovative programs, Bruce Simpson's legacy is one of action, empathy, and impact. His work reminds us that real change begins with a conversation—and that every voice matters.

#### *Highlights of 40 Fiscal Recommendations by Ombudsman Simpson*

\*\*\*For a detailed breakdown of each recommendation, visit <https://detroitmi.gov/ombudsman>\*\*\*

### OMBUDSMAN BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 2016-2017

- Reinstatement of the Department of Human Services
- Advocated for additional Staff for the General Services Department, Forestry Division
- Advocated for additional Inspectors and Clerical Staff for the Buildings Safety Engineering and Engineering and Environmental Department
- Championed for the support of the Implementation of a Safe Routes to School program (Pilot) and an updated policy

#### 2017-2018

- Requested a policy change to reintroduce the pre-sale home inspections by the Building Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED)
- Strongly recommended securing contracts through either BSEED or DLBA to secure all open and dangerous properties
- Providing a mechanism with accountability that strongly encourages new property owners to file a Property Transfer Affidavit (PTA)
- Advocated taxpayers to have the ability to pay their property taxes via kiosk
- Advocated for the operation of alley lights at no additional cost to the citizen

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## 2018-2019

- Pushed for stiffer penalties and enforcement for repeat offenders who have high grass and weeds
- Advocated for additional funding for home repair grants
- Expansion of the State of Michigan Scrap Tire Grant
- Strongly advocated for making all fees and bills issued by the City available for payments via kiosk
- A more inclusive Citywide Master Plan that clearly identifies new development

## 2019-2020

- Pushed for the termination of the Demolition Management Agreement between the City of Detroit and the Detroit Building Authority (DBA). Place the function of demolition in the Housing and Revitalization (HRD) with Buildings Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) providing oversight
- Called for the partnership with the State Police K-9 Unit (cadaver dogs) to survey properties that have been either slated for demolition or are recognized as dangerous buildings
- Moratorium on Detroit Land Bank Authority (DBLA) rehab purchased properties being taken and placed in the Nuisance and Abatement Program (NAP)
- Advocated for a citywide review conducted by Planning & Development Department (PDD), as well as community engagement on the implementation of bike lanes

## 2021-2022

- Additional funding for damaged sidewalk replacement due to demolition
- Consistency in the removal of yard waste and bulk trash removal
- Advocated for having a monthly breakdown to City Council Members from the Demolition Department, providing information on violations associated with hazardous materials, stop work orders, suspensions and any other action taken by a contractor that could potentially harm our residents
- Health Department Taskforce to inspect the cleanliness of the businesses and the goods they are selling to residents

## 2022-2023

- Strengthen the filing of a Deed Requirement in Michigan upon transfer of ownership for a property
- Providing a mechanism with accountability that strongly encourages new property owners to file a Property Transfer Affidavit (PTA)
- Advocated for DPD Pay Increase, Educational Programs and Homeownership opportunities
- Disable Veterans Property Tax Exemption Change from filing yearly to only having to file once

## 2023-2024

- Encouraged the City of Detroit explore the use of Identifying true violations behind blight and fraud associated with an LLC, by using The Corporate Transparency Act
- Annual Performance review for trash removal services
- Amending the Vending Ordinance to Create Opportunities for Small Businesses

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- GSD Forestry Quarterly Report

### 2024-2025

- Subsidized Housing Lead Inspections to be completed by BSEED Inspectors
- City Council to execute approval on all Demolition Deferrals per the ordinance
- Veterans Department within municipal government
- Twenty-Four Hour Business Safety Requirements
- DAH Collection Mechanism to become more efficient to collect on tickets our City inspectors' issue

### 2025-2026

- Re-establish in-person Office hours on Friday for Treasury/Assessors/HRD and Other Offices should be open on Fridays to assist customers
- Strengthen Squatters Law
- Detroit resident ownership of Gas Stations/Convenience Stores
- Suggested a permanent Office of Immigration Affairs to support the infrastructure of our immigrant population
- Inspection/Code Enforcement on all city of Detroit owned and affiliated Properties

### "Ten Years of Trust: Advancing Accountability Through Ombudsman Service"

- Two state-level budget measures, led by Senator Sylvia Santana and signed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer, were approved: (1) Disabled veterans now only need to file once for their property tax exemption; (2) Property Transfer Affidavit loopholes have been closed for investors and speculators to ensure fair tax contributions
- Initiated Neighborhood Outreach - Over 20,000 door hangers were distributed to residents, providing education about the Office of the Ombudsman
- Introduced Wing-Swept software to enhance technology, secure information, and track cases more effectively; now used by various City of Detroit departments due to its independence
- Requested modification of language in Building Safety Engineering Environmental Department (BSEED) Demolition Deferral applications
- Requested updates to BSEED language for Plumber's permits
- Increased The Office of the Ombudsman Staff by 150% (from 6 to 15 FTEs)
- Enhanced the Office of the Ombudsman's Community Outreach visibility and participation in events organized by Detroit City Council Members

### The Office of the Ombudsman: A Vital Channel for Community Concerns

Through transparency, advocacy, and persistent follow-up, the Ombudsman's office continues to champion the rights and needs of the city's residents. During Ombudsman Simpson's tenure as the Ombudsman and an Assistant Ombudsman, The Office of the Ombudsman received a total of 74,278 complaints from constituents regarding various city departments, policies, procedures, and practices resulting in 72% resolution rate. As the Ombudsman, (2015-2025) Bruce Simpson received 38,349

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resulting in 75% resolution rate. As Assistant Ombudsman (2007-2015), Bruce Simpson received 35,929 resulting in 65% resolution rate. Each complaint represents a constituent's voice seeking resolution, accountability, or clarity. Ombudsman Simpson contributed to shaping more effective and equitable public services by identifying patterns and systemic issues that required deeper conversations with

various departments and thorough research. This effort has resulted in broader policy and operational changes, recommended amendments to Ordinances and Codes at the City and State level.

### **Strengthening Community Through Education and Presence**

Ombudsman Simpson's grassroots approach exemplifies more than sharing information—it reflects a genuine dedication to educating and uplifting our community. Over the past 10 years, he attended approximately 1,440 community meetings, demonstrating a consistent commitment beyond his core office hours. These efforts have helped foster trust, build enduring relationships, and ensure residents feel heard, informed, and empowered.

His steadfast presence is a testament to the belief that change begins with connection—and that every meeting is an opportunity to listen, learn, grow together and improve the quality of life.

### **Ombudsman Simpson: Upholding Public Trust in a Time of Crisis & Beyond**

Amid bankruptcy and under the oversight of an emergency manager, the Ombudsman Office maintained effective governance, ensuring stability during a period of fiscal crisis.

Though the pandemic brought unprecedented challenges, it couldn't stop progress! Under the determined leadership of Ombudsman Bruce Simpson, the Office of the Ombudsman forged ahead—bridging generations through virtual and in-person engagement from 2022 to 2025.

Ombudsman Simpson facilitated dynamic meetings designed to inform, uplift, and empower Detroit residents of all ages. **Highlights include:**

- Community Leaders Meeting, featuring Attorney Katrina Crawley, and the transformative “Blight to Beauty” Project
- Millennials Learn, Apply, and Thrive — an informative session on homeownership, banking, and BSEED codes and ordinances for Detroit homeowners
- Governmental Services & Current Events with Corporation Counsel Conrad Mallett, offering insight into city legal operations
- Community Evening Forum with Priority Waste, focused on public sanitation and resident concerns
- Bridging the Gap with Small Businesses in Detroit Webinar— featuring the former President of Detroit Means Business, promoting entrepreneurship and access
- Coffee Chat Series with Former General Services Deputy Director Jamal Harris, providing informal access to city operations

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- Virtual Community Leaders Meeting —spotlighting Detroit Water Sewerage Department (DWSD's) Lifeline Program for water affordability and household support
  - 2nd Annual Neighborhood Community Leadership Webinar featuring Demolition Director LaJuan Counts and Former Director of Department of Neighborhoods, Raymond Solomon II

Through these gatherings, Ombudsman Simpson showcased how resilience, transparency, and dialogue can keep Detroit moving forward—even in the face of adversity.

### **The Ombudsman's Door-to-Door Outreach**

In a city as vibrant and diverse as Detroit, Ombudsman Simpson understands that effective communication means meeting residents where they are—literally. He embraced a proactive, boots-on-the-ground approach where he and his staff walked in areas of each City Council District going door-to-door, distributing over 20,000 printed materials and answering the questions of our constituents. We demonstrated commitment to accessibility, transparency, and community empowerment. Driven by a commitment to public service, Ombudsman Simpson worked to empower residents—informing them of their rights, available support, and how to access help when they needed it most. Whether it was a senior citizen unfamiliar with the process of reporting issues, or a family experiencing difficulties with City services, this direct engagement ensured every voice was heard, and no residents were overlooked. It serves as a profound reminder that government accountability begins with attentive listening, and the Office of the Ombudsman is committed to listening on every doorstep!

### **Service Rooted in Civic Engagement**

Ombudsman Simpson and The Office of the Ombudsman staff has continually demonstrated its commitment to the city's well-being by volunteering time and effort beyond traditional responsibilities. We have actively participated in local initiatives from adopting families at Christmas, reading to children during March Reading Month, mentoring young men, feeding the homeless, packing food for distributions, organizing a community clean-up, participating on the judging panel for the Umoja Championship Debate Tournament as well as, lending our presence and support at numerous Detroit City Council-sponsored events. These acts of service not only reflect the Office's dedication to transparency and accessibility but also fosters stronger bonds with residents through shared experiences and visible support. Volunteering in the community affirms the belief that public service doesn't end at the office—it thrives where the people are.

"Our role isn't limited to resolving complaints or attending meetings," said Ombudsman Bruce Simpson. "We believe that true public service means showing up where the people are—giving our time, our energy, and our hearts to help build a stronger Detroit."

### **Spreading Holiday Cheer: Turkey Giveaways That Made a Difference**

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Thanks to the generosity of donors and community partners, the Ombudsman Office successfully hosted seven (7) Turkey Giveaways, reaching over 4,500 families in need across Detroit. These heartfelt efforts ensured thousands of households could enjoy a warm holiday meal during challenging times.

A special thank you goes to Wolverine Packing Company, whose unwavering support made a lasting impact. Their in-kind donation of 100 turkeys each year—in 2022, 2023, and 2024—helped fuel the spirit of giving and community care; and to D & B Grocers, for their in-kind donation of 100 turkeys in 2022 — embodies the true spirit of giving.

### **Empowering Future Leaders from Grow Detroit Young Talent Interns**

Each summer, the Detroit Ombudsman Office welcomed interns through Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT) program, providing local youth with opportunities to learn, build confidence, and engage in city government. These interns gain experience by working with staff, meeting elected officials, and participating in civic activities, all while developing leadership skills through mentorship and hands-on projects. Notably, some of these interns have gone on to become full-time City of Detroit employees, continuing their commitment to public service and contributing to the city's future.

Keep investing in the next generation of changemakers. Here's to growing talent and growing Detroit—together.

### **Proportional Funding Working Group**

After nearly two years of work on a proportional funding formula for oversight agencies, a resolution was finally reached (please see attached resolution).

### **From the Pen of Ombudsman Simpson**

#### **"Remarks about my "TEAM OMBUDDY"**

My Deputy Ombudsman and Assistant Ombudsmen and women have exemplified unwavering dedication, integrity, and a profound commitment to serving the residents of Detroit. Their tireless efforts have strengthened the foundation of the Ombudsman Office, ensuring that every concern brought forward was met with empathy, diligence, and strategic follow-through. Through challenging times and moments of great progress, they remained true to their mission—bridging gaps, fostering trust, and empowering our communities with transparency and care.

I want to personally thank them for their exceptional service and leadership. Their influence reaches beyond internal operations, it resonates in every conversation held with a resident, every report carefully

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prepared, and every initiative designed to uplift the city. Their teamwork and professionalism have set a gold standard, and it has been an honor to serve alongside individuals so deeply rooted in justice and public good.

Thank you for your dedication, loyalty and commitment to improving the lives of Detroiters!

Bruce Simpson

### **THANK YOU, DETROIT!**

Dear Detroit Residents, As I reflect on the past ten years serving as your Ombudsman, I'm filled with gratitude and pride. It has been an honor to advocate on your behalf, lend a listening ear, and help bridge the gap between our community and city government.

I hope my service has made you feel heard, respected, and supported. Every concern, question, and idea you've shared has helped shape our path forward—and I remain committed to fostering transparency, accountability, and meaningful changes to improve your quality of life and for the city we call home.

Thank you for trusting and believing in me.

Warm regards,

Bruce Simpson, Ombudsman

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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director  
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DATE: April 8, 2025

RE: **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROPORTIONAL FUNDING FORMULA FOR  
OVERSIGHT AGENCIES**

City Council President Mary Sheffield has requested the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to produce a resolution establishing a proportional funding formula for oversight agencies as required by the Detroit City Charter.



## **A Resolution by Council President Mary Sheffield**

### **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROPORTIONAL FUNDING FORMULA FOR OVERSIGHT AGENCIES**

- WHEREAS** Section 8-214 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter requires the City Council to establish a proportional method to fund the City’s oversight agencies, which are the Office of Inspector General, Auditor General, Ombudsperson and Board of Ethics, to ensure proper oversight of the executive and legislative branches of government; and
- WHEREAS** Under the Charter, the City Council was required to adopt an equitable proportional method to fund oversight agencies within 90 days of the effective date of the Charter, and enact the proportional funding system by ordinance; and
- WHEREAS** The City Council passed a resolution establishing a working group to assist the Council in drafting a proportional funding ordinance in February of 2022, and the group has been meeting regularly to develop a proportional funding formula that satisfies the Charter mandate; and
- WHEREAS** Although the former City Council did not adopt a proportional funding system within the 90 day limit following the enactment of the Charter, the current City Council passed a proportional funding ordinance on July 30, 2024, which provided the procedures for the establishment of a proportional funding formula by City Council resolution; and
- WHEREAS** The “Target Proportional and Equitable Funding” (TEF) percentage is calculated by dividing an agency’s target equitable funding amount, based on a projection of their proposed organizational structure and non-personnel operational costs, by the prior year general fund adopted budget; and
- WHEREAS** To reduce the strain on the City’s budget, the TEF percentage will be phased in by subtracting the current funding percentage from the TEF funding percentage and dividing it by 3, and thereafter the budget allocation for FY26, FY27, and FY28 will increase each year in an equal amount for each oversight agency until the full TEF percentage is reached; and
- WHEREAS** During City Council’s deliberations at Executive Session for the FY26 budget, the Council agreed to fund the first year of the phased in TEF percentage for FY26 based on the projections provided by the oversight agencies;<sup>1</sup> and
- WHEREAS** After the 3-year phase-in period, the TEF percentage for the oversight agencies will be 0.09% for the Board of Ethics, 0.46% for the Office of the Auditor General, 0.20% for the Office of Inspector General, and 0.18% for the Office of the Ombudsman; and
- WHEREAS** The proportional funding ordinance also requires the creation of a minimum funding threshold for each oversight agency, should the City Council determine that full funding is outweighed by other critical needs of the City; and
- WHEREAS** The alternative minimum funding formula will calculate the minimum funding amount by subtracting 10% of non-personnel costs for each department from the TEF prior to dividing the resulting amount by the prior year general fund adopted budget; and

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<sup>1</sup> See the chart attached below illustrating how the TEF will be calculated from FY26 through FY28.

- WHEREAS** By basing the proportional funding formula on a percentage of the City's total general fund budget, the intention is to create an objective and equitable method to ensure that the City's oversight agencies are able to effectively carry out their vital Charter-mandated duties while free of uncertainty regarding their annual budget appropriation; and
- WHEREAS** This proportional funding formula is necessary, as the City's oversight agencies have never been adequately funded, and their funding levels are well below those of comparable cities;<sup>2</sup> and
- WHEREAS** The work of the City's oversight agencies is essential to promote accountability and trust in City government, and the nature of their work must be inherently unbiased and not subject to the whims of any particular executive or legislative administration; and
- WHEREAS** According to the proportional funding ordinance, the City Council must conduct a review of the proportional funding method at least every 4 years in order to determine whether the method requires alteration; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,**
- RESOLVED** The Detroit City Council hereby adopts a proportional funding formula for oversight agencies that calculates the Target Proportional and Equitable Funding percentage by dividing the agencies' target equitable funding amount by the prior year general fund adopted budget; **NOW BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED** The Detroit City Council will incrementally reach the TEF percentage by increasing the budget allocation for each oversight agency by an equally divided percentage over a period of 3 years starting in FY26; **NOW BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED** The Detroit City Council hereby adopts an alternative minimum funding formula for oversight agencies that subtracts 10% of non-personnel costs for each department from the TEF prior to dividing the resulting amount by the prior year general fund adopted budget; **NOW BE IT FINALLY**
- RESOLVED** That the Detroit City Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to the Mayor, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Ombudsman, the Board of Ethics, and the offices of the Auditor General and Inspector General.

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<sup>2</sup> See the attached comparison charts showing the discrepancy between Detroit and other comparable cities.

**City of Detroit  
Oversight Agencies  
Targeted Equitable Funding Request:  
Over 3-Year Ramp Up**

	Board of Ethics				Office of the Auditor General				Office of Inspector General				Office of The Ombudsman				TOTAL OVERSIGHT AGENCIES			
	Proposed FY28 Target	Equitable Funding Amounts	Proportional and Equitable Funding Percentages		Proposed FY28 Target	Equitable Funding Amounts	Proportional and Equitable Funding Percentages		Proposed FY28 Target	Equitable Funding Amounts	Proportional and Equitable Funding Percentages		Proposed FY28 Target	Equitable Funding Amounts	Proportional and Equitable Funding Percentages		Proposed FY28 Target	Equitable Funding Amounts	Proportional and Equitable Funding Percentages	
FY24	\$ 1,319,487,321	\$ 545,278	0.04%		\$ 4,892,687	\$ 1,814,911	0.12%		\$ 1,457,595	\$ 8,310,471	0.11%		\$ 8,310,471	\$ 8,310,471	0.04%		\$ 9,588,469	\$ 9,588,469	0.04%	
FY25	\$ 1,474,146,820	\$ 602,260	0.05%		\$ 5,273,280	\$ 1,873,834	0.13%		\$ 1,695,595	\$ 9,469,469	0.13%		\$ 9,469,469	\$ 9,469,469	0.05%		\$ 9,469,469	\$ 9,469,469	0.05%	
FY26	\$ 1,474,146,820	\$ 591,185	0.04%		\$ 5,394,629	\$ 1,926,120	0.37%		\$ 1,718,677	\$ 9,202,451	0.32%		\$ 9,202,451	\$ 9,202,451	0.05%		\$ 9,202,451	\$ 9,202,451	0.05%	
FY25	\$ 1,474,146,820	\$ 1,383,664	0.09%		\$ 6,785,848	\$ 2,803,500	0.40%		\$ 2,682,733	\$ 13,738,142	0.18%		\$ 13,738,142	\$ 13,738,142	0.07%		\$ 13,738,142	\$ 13,738,142	0.07%	
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<b>Total Required Additional Funding to Reach TEF</b>	<b>\$ 792,469</b>	<b>\$ 1,401,216</b>	<b>\$ 877,350</b>	<b>\$ 844,256</b>	<b>\$ 4,115,291</b>	<b>Amount Per OCFO Fiscal Impact Study</b>
Proposed FY28 TEF Funding	\$ 308,593	\$ 467,072	\$ 328,244	\$ 314,752	\$ 1,416,661	FY28 TEF Recurring Funding Need
Proposed FY27 TEF Funding	200,000	467,072	325,553	314,752	1,307,377	FY27 TEF Recurring Funding Need
Proposed FY28 TEF Funding	283,876	467,072	325,553	314,752	1,391,253	FY27 TEF Recurring Funding Need
<b>Total Required Additional Funding to Reach TEF</b>	<b>\$ 792,469</b>	<b>\$ 1,401,216</b>	<b>\$ 877,350</b>	<b>\$ 844,256</b>	<b>\$ 4,115,291</b>	

## CITY COMPARISON CHARTS

Office of the Auditor General Benchmark Audit Organizations						
City	Population	FY24 Budget Audit Organization	Total General Fund Budget	% of General Fund Budget	# of FTE's	# of City Employees
Atlanta	510,823	\$ 2,035,401	\$ 790,064,707	0.26%	18	9,926
Cleveland	362,656	\$ 1,220,000	\$ 779,212,735	0.16%	5	4,600
Dallas	1,303,000	\$ 3,214,170	\$ 1,903,410,750	0.17%	20	15,314
Denver <sup>(A)</sup>	716,577	\$ 14,728,918	\$ 1,751,669,153	0.84%	99	11,000
Detroit	<b>633,218</b>	<b>\$ 5,275,280</b>	<b>\$ 1,319,487,321</b>	<b>0.40%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9,000</b>
Jacksonville	985,843	\$ 3,392,520	\$ 2,106,823,393	0.16%	16	6,813
Miami-Dade	455,924	\$ 2,106,000	\$ 1,166,801,000	0.18%	9	4,710
Minneapolis	425,115	\$ 3,122,749	\$ 685,393,685	0.46%	17	4,194
Philadelphia <sup>(A)</sup>	1,551,000	\$ 11,148,245	\$ 6,100,000,000	0.18%	135	25,000
Phoenix <sup>(B)</sup>	1,650,000	\$ 3,892,000	\$ 2,039,935,000	0.19%	25	14,000
Portland <sup>(A)</sup>	630,498	\$ 13,185,740	\$ 1,071,558,091	1.23%	48	7,500
Seattle	755,078	\$ 2,304,507	\$ 1,865,705,000	0.12%	10	14,000
Tampa	403,364	\$ 929,989	\$ 612,241,311	0.15%	6	2,000
Buffalo	274,678	\$ 1,693,394	\$ 509,948,247	0.33%	22	8,074
Washington DC	678,972	\$ 7,348,000	\$ 11,379,362,000	0.06%	41	36,700

*A. Denver, Philadelphia, and Portland audit organizations include audit activities, management and administrative services, other investigative services and in Portland, the Ombudsman Office. Denver's population is comparable with the City of Detroit, and their budget relating specifically to audit services is \$7.9 million, or 0.45% of the total General Fund Budget, with a staff of 49 FTE's.*

*B. Phoenix's Internal Audit Department staff size is comparable to the OAG. Its FY 24-25 budgeted dollars of \$3.8 million is comparable to Detroit's "Target Equitable Funding" of \$4.4 million excluding the cost of the City's external audit.*

## Ethics Boards Comparison Chart

City	Website	Population (2023)	FY24 Budget	# of Ethics Staff	# of City Employees
Detroit	<a href="http://detroitethics.org">detroitethics.org</a>	633,218	\$545,278	4	10,500
Atlanta	<a href="http://atlantaethics.org">atlantaethics.org</a>	510,823	\$1,420,558	8.40	8,932
Washington D.C.	<a href="http://bega.dc.gov">bega.dc.gov</a>	678,972	\$4,207,607	25	36,700
Jacksonville	<a href="https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/ethics-commission">https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/ethics-commission</a>	985,843	\$819,189	3	2,787
Honolulu	<a href="http://www8.honolulu.gov/ethics/">www8.honolulu.gov/ethics/</a>	989,489 (City and County)	\$962,345	11	10,500
Philadelphia	<a href="http://www.phila.gov/departments/board-of-ethics/">www.phila.gov/departments/board-of-ethics/</a>	1,551,000	\$1,382,433	11	25,000
Chicago	<a href="https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/ethics.html">https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/ethics.html</a>	2,664,000	\$1,019,825	8	40,000 <sup>15</sup>

## Benchmarking Office of Inspector General

City	Population (2023)	FY 24 Budget	Total General Fund Budget	# of OIG Staff	# of City Employees	% of General Fund
Detroit	633,218	\$1,614,911	\$ 1,329,300,000	10	10,500	0.12%
Baltimore	565,239	2,295,109	2,169,922,725	18	14,180	0.11%
Atlanta	510,823	1,456,132	790,064,707	8.95	9,558.42	0.18%
Washington DC	678,972	24,729,000	12,131,477,000	112.8	35,265.4	0.20%
Chicago	2,664,452	10,467,496	57,092,000,000	90	36,807	0.02%
Miami Dade	455,924	8,772,000	7,345,736,000	42	30,050	0.12%
New Orleans	364,136	4,184,728	814,423,211	28.91	3,909	0.51%

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