

**Department of Public Works
Acting Director Response**

Case # 20-0048-I

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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May 20, 2020

Ms. Isabel Mercedes Cumming, Inspector General
Office of the Inspector General
100 North Holliday Street, Suite 640
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Inspector General Cumming:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt and to provide comments on a Report of Investigation regarding Office of Inspector General (OIG) case 20-0048-I, which pertained to allegations that two employees had fraudulently reported time that they had worked. I thank you and your team for the report and the analysis provided.

I asked the Department of Public Works (DPW) Office of Human Resources (HR) to investigate the allegations raised by your report. As a result of this investigation as well as your detailed report, the allegations were substantiated. As a result, the two employees who were the subject of your investigation have been separated from City service and DPW is working to recoup the money that was fraudulently reported. Additionally, we have taken corrective action to improve administrative management of staff, oversight of timesheet management, and have retrained staff on the Standard Operating Procedures for payroll.

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DPW sincerely appreciates your partnership and your time and resources in thoroughly investigating this matter. Should you have any additional questions or would like any clarification, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew W. Garbark".

Matthew W. Garbark
Acting Director