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REGARDING THE  
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Commissioner Martin Cabrera, Jr.  
Audit Committee Chairman  
Public Building Commission of Chicago  
Richard J. Daley Center  
50 West Washington Street, Room 200  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Chairman Cabrera:

Enclosed for your review is the public report on the operations of the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG) regarding the Public Building Commission (PBC) from October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. This report was filed with the Audit Committee pursuant to Intergovernmental Agreement, Section 2-56 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, and the Memorandum of Understanding by and between PBC and OIG.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J. Ferguson".

Joseph M. Ferguson  
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This quarterly report provides an overview of the operations of the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG) as they relate to the Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC) during the period from October 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. The report includes statistics and narrative descriptions of OIG’s activity as required by OIG’s Intergovernmental Agreement with PBC that became effective February 1, 2015.

**A. MISSION OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

The mission of OIG is to promote economy, effectiveness, efficiency, and integrity in the administration of programs and operation of City government pursuant to the authority granted by the Municipal Code of Chicago and intergovernmental agreements between the City of Chicago and its Sister Agencies, including PBC.

OIG accomplishes its mission through investigations, audits, and other reviews. OIG issues summary reports of investigations to the PBC Audit Committee Chairman or the Executive Director, with investigative findings and recommendations for corrective action and discipline. Narrative summaries of sustained investigations are released in quarterly reports. OIG’s audit reports and advisories are directed to the PBC Audit Committee Chairman and the Executive Director for comment and then are released to the public through publication on the [OIG website](#). OIG’s department notifications are sent to the PBC Audit Committee Chairman and the Executive Director for attention and comment and are summarized, along with any management response, in the ensuing quarterly report.<sup>1</sup>

**B. INVESTIGATIONS**

**1. Complaints Received**

OIG received three complaints regarding PBC during the preceding quarter. The following table outlines the actions OIG has taken in response to these complaints.<sup>2</sup>

**Table #1 – Complaint Actions**

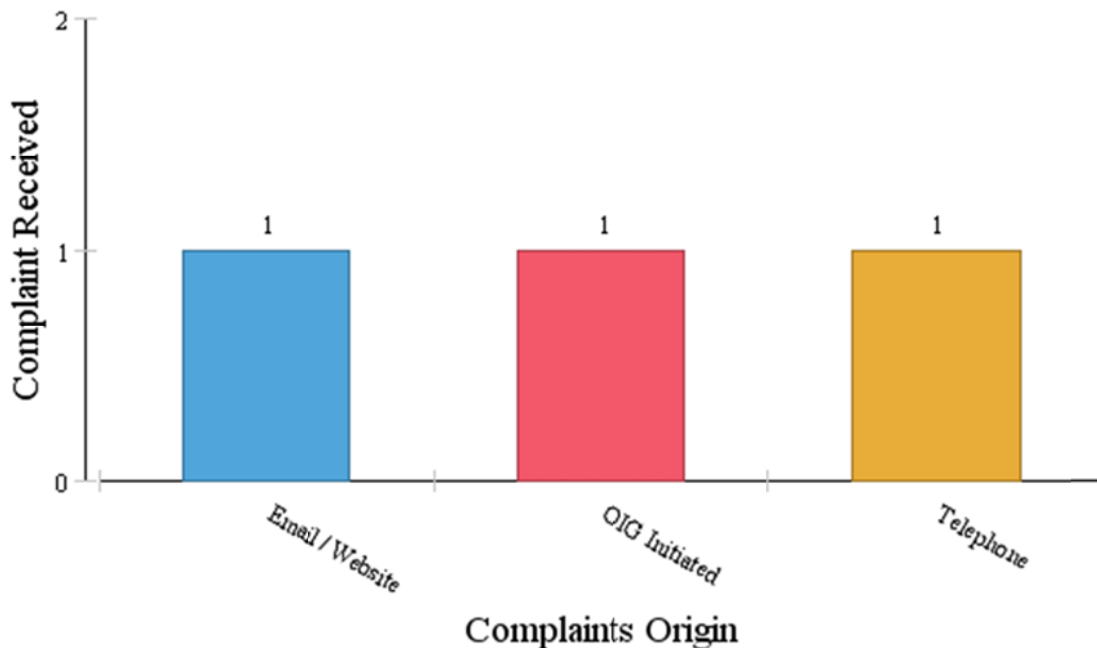
| <b>Status</b>        | <b>Number of Complaints</b> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Declined             | 2                           |
| Opened Investigation | 1                           |
| Referred             | 0                           |
| Pending              | 0                           |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>3</b>                    |

<sup>1</sup> Per the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Public Building Commission and the City of Chicago, OIG reports go, “(i) to the Chairman of the Audit Committee, if the report concerns the investigation of a Commission contract; (ii) to the Executive Director, if the report concerns the investigation of Commission personnel; or (iii) to the Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Executive Director, if the report concerns a program review or audit or other matter not covered by (i) or (ii).” (See Municipal Code of Chicago § 2-56-030(i) Exhibit A)

<sup>2</sup> OIG also took action on complaints received in earlier quarters by opening OIG administrative or criminal investigations based on one complaint.

Among other factors, OIG evaluates complaints to gauge the investigative viability and potential magnitude or significance of the allegations—both individually and programmatically. The chart below breaks down the complaints OIG received during the past quarter by the method in which the complaint was reported.

**Chart #1 - Complaints by Reporting Method**



**2. Newly Opened Matters**

During the reporting period, OIG opened two investigations regarding PBC.

**3. Investigations Concluded in Quarter**

During the reporting period, OIG did not conclude any investigations related to operations of PBC.

**4. Active Investigations**

OIG has a total of four active investigations regarding PBC.

**5. Investigations Not Concluded in Twelve Months**

No open investigations existed as of February 1, 2015; accordingly, there are no investigations that have been open for at least twelve months.