

January 21, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Atlanta City Council
55 Trinity Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: Scheduling January Work Session; 25-O-1009

Honorable Members of the Atlanta City Council:

We write on behalf of Southern Center for Human Rights, NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Women on the Rise Georgia, Center for Civic Innovation and Working Families Power Georgia to follow up on the commitment to hold a public working session on 25-O-1009, a proposed amendment to the City of Atlanta's Charter related to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

On Wednesday, January 15, members of the Finance/Executive Committee publicly supported hosting a work session. The stated intention was for the work session to take place no later than January 24, to ensure appropriate discussion ahead of a February 3 final vote on the legislation.

This legislation was drafted on an expedited and rushed timeline, and it has already changed significantly without enough time for Council, let alone the public, to review. In some cases, the changes have only created further confusion and concern. **Legislation that is substituted with substantial changes demands the attention to detail required for an Office of such consequence, which is the exact purpose of a work session.**

In order for community members, civic organizations, small businesses, and neighborhood associations to have sufficient notice, **we request that notice of the session be published today.**

We request the additional specifications below for the work session:

- The session should be held ideally before January 24 but in no event later than January 28;
- The session should include an opportunity for the public to hear directly from the Association of Inspectors General and the Inspector General;
- The Inspector General should be permitted to use technology to present to the public in person and online;
- The session should allow for a line by line review of the legislation; and
- Public comment should be permitted.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Tiffany Roberts,
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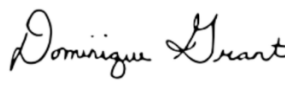
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