

Baltimore City Law Department

Response

Case # 23-0022-I

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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Sent via Email

Isabel Mercedes Cumming
Inspector General
100 N. Holliday Street, Room 635
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Dear IG Cumming:

The Law Department has reviewed the Office of the Inspector General's ("OIG") Report of Investigation for OIG Case # 23-0022-I.

In response, the Law Department would like to thank you and your office for your partnership in helping to bring this matter to a resolution. The Law Department alerted the OIG's office earlier this year about the suspected theft of three checks in the amounts of \$3,237.50, \$1,483.36, and \$3,287.63 paid by the Law Department to a law firm representing workers compensation claimants. When the checks were never received by the law firm, but were drawn from the City's account, the Law Department—with the assistance of the Department of Finance—made repeated requests to the City's financial institution, [REDACTED], to initiate an investigation. After these efforts were unsuccessful, the Law Department alerted the OIG for assistance, and fully cooperated with the OIG's investigation.

We thank you again for your partnership in this matter and we are happy we were able to assist the OIG's office in bringing the matter to a resolution.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Salsbury

Stephen Salsbury
Deputy City Solicitor