

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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Jeffrey DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer,
Office of the Chief Financial Officer,
The John A. Wilson Building,
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 203
Washington D.C. 20004.

Dear Chief Financial Officer DeWitt:

This letter informs you that the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) plans to audit District of Columbia Tax Abatement Program. The objectives of this audit are to assess: (1) OCFO's methodology for conducting a cost-benefit analysis of proposed tax abatements; and (2) the accuracy of this analysis in practice when applied to active projects. We will conduct this audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

This audit was included in the OIG's *Fiscal Year 2020 Audit and Inspection Plan* and will be conducted under project code OIG-20-1-02AT. Please reference this project code in all correspondence involving this audit. Our preliminary audit fieldwork will begin on or about December 4, 2019.

Michael Onojeta, Audit Director, will call to arrange an entrance conference to discuss the audit process, and objectives, and to answer questions. If you have questions in the interim, please contact me or Benjamin Huddle, Assistant Inspector General for Audits at (202) 727-2540.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Lucas
Inspector General

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cc: Mr. Rashad M. Young, City Administrator, District of Columbia
The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Kenyan R. McDuffie, Committee on Business and Economic
Development, Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Kathleen Patterson, District of Columbia Auditor, Office of the D.C.
Auditor