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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT
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**MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT
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On September 17th, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., the Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight held a remote meeting pursuant to applicable law.

The purpose of this meeting was to hear the nominations of Cara Hendrickson and Walter Katz as member of Selection Committee responsible for identifying potential candidates for position of Inspector General.

The following Aldermen were in attendance:

Members: Smith (43) Martin (47), Dowell (3), Daley Thompson (11), Scott (24), Cardona Jr. (31), Waguespack (32), Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Nugent (39), Vasquez (40), Cappelman (46), Hadden (49)

Non-Members: Moore (17), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Silverstein (50)

Chair Michele Smith opened the meeting with a statement regarding the impracticability to meet in person and took a roll call to establish a quorum, as reflected above. The floor was opened for public comment.

The following number of speakers signed up to provide public comment: 0

1. **The Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight** addressed the following item(s):
 - a. **(A2021-160): An appointment of Walter Katz as Member of the Selection Committee responsible for identifying potential candidates for position of Inspector General.**
 - i. **Sponsor:** Chair Michele Smith, City Council
PASSED COMMITTEE: 09/17/2021
PASSED COUNCIL: 09/20/2021

- b. **(A2021-161): An appointment of Cara Hendrickson as member of the Selection Committee responsible for identifying potential candidates for position of Inspector General.**

i. **Sponsor:** Chair Michele Smith/City Council

PASSED COMMITTEE: 09/17/2021

PASSED COUNCIL: 09/20/2021

Chair Smith opened the floor to the nominees to present opening statements. Both Mr. Katz and Ms. Hendrickson remarked on the honor it was to be nominated and their priorities for their work in the positions. Upon finishing opening statements, Chair Smith opened the floor to questions. Alderman Nugent thanked the nominees and commended the choices and clarified that the position was unpaid. Chair Dowell spoke up regarding Mr. Katz and said he was a good partner in his previous work with the City Council and expressed support for his fairness and willingness to serve. Alderman Ramirez-Rosa spoke next and expressed thanks to the Chair on her selection of the nominations and said the picks were excellent picks. He then asked what attributes the nominees thought the next Inspector General should have. Mr. Katz singled out the need for strategic vision and adaptability to the times in this position. This is on top of the need for leadership and management skills. Ms. Hendrickson added deep and thoughtful engagement to the community and to inspire confidence and engagement to the work the Office of Inspector General does. Vice-Chair Martin echoed the thanks for the selection of the nominees and spoke to the character and diligence of Ms. Hendrickson who he worked with at the Attorney General's office in Illinois. Alderman Sigcho-Lopez asked a question about the process of selecting a new Inspector General. Chair Smith answered the question to the process. Mr. Katz and Ms. Hendrickson reassured that the process would be independent and fair. Alderman Rodriguez-Sanchez asked procedural questions about how the Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety would be chosen. Chair Smith clarified that position will be picked by the new Inspector General. Alderman Rodriguez-Sanchez then asked about the timing of the process and wished the Council was able to interview candidates for Inspector General. Chair Smith clarified the process that will occur once three finalists are selected.

Alderman Rodriguez-Sanchez moved to approve the nomination of Walter Katz as a member of the Selection committee responsible for identifying potential candidates for position of Inspector General by the same roll call that was used to determine quorum. No objections were heard and it passed.

Vice-Chair Martin moved to approve the nomination of Walter Katz as a member of the Selection committee responsible for identifying potential candidates for position of Inspector General by the same roll call that was used to determine quorum. No objections were heard and it passed.

Alderman Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting. *Meeting Adjourned.*

On December 12th, 2021, at 9 a.m., the Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight held a remote meeting pursuant to applicable law.

The purpose of this meeting was to hear the nomination of Ryan Z. Cortazar as member of the Board of Ethics.

The following Aldermen were in attendance:

Members: Smith (43) Martin (47), Sadlowski-Garza (10), Daley Thompson (11), Scott (24), Waguespack (32), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Nugent (39), Reilly (42), Hadden (49)

Chair Michele Smith opened the meeting with a statement regarding the impracticability to meet in person and took a roll call to establish a quorum, as reflected above. The floor was opened for public comment.

The following number of speakers signed up to provide public comment: 0

1. **The Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight** addressed the following item(s):
 - a. **(A2021-175): An appointment of Ryan Z. Cortazar as Member of the Board of Ethics.**
 - i. **Sponsor:** Mayor Lori Lightfoot
PASSED COMMITTEE: 12/14/2021
PASSED COUNCIL: 12/15/2021

Chair Smith introduced Mr. Cortazar and he gave his opening statement. Executive Director Steve Berlin spoke in favor of this nomination. Alderman Thompson spoke in approval of the nomination of Mr. Cortazar.

Alderman Thompson moved to accept the nomination with the same roll call that was used to establish quorum.

Alderman Nugent moved to adjourn. Meeting *adjourned*.



Michele Smith, Chair
Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight