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STATEMENT BY INSPECTOR GENERAL CHARLES C. MADDOX

The vote by the City Council yesterday requesting that I resign is premature. As I have stated previously, I believe that I am in compliance with District regulations governing residency. I am cooperating fully with an independent and objective investigation, which Chairman Cropp asked the DC Director of Personnel to conduct.

To ensure my right to due process, this fact-finding investigation must be completed first. Only then can all of the information necessary for a legal conclusion be properly assessed for accuracy and relevance at an administrative hearing as required by District Personnel Regulations. Once this process is concluded, the Mayor will be in a position to take action, as appropriate.

Let me also say that I believe it is entirely inappropriate for some Members of the City Council to call for my resignation based on their dissatisfaction regarding the timeframe for completing an ongoing investigation into the fundraising activities of the Office of the Mayor. By statute, I am required to conduct investigations independently and without regard to political pressure. To the extent that this vote is an effort by some members to force me to issue the investigative report before I am sure that it is thorough and fair, then that effort has failed. I will continue to focus my energies on conducting the important business of this Office.

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