

Mayor's Office Response

Case # 22-0049-I



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MAYOR

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RE: OIG Report of Investigation Case #22-0049-I

Dear Inspector General Cumming,

As mentioned in your report, on April 26, 2022, a non-profit community advocacy Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America attended a council meeting. Due to the actions that transpired that evening, I have partnered with all agencies that you identified (BPD, BCFD, DGS and the Council Presidents office) to take the appropriate measures as it relates to large crowds. Please see bullet points below of the corrective measures:

- Council Presidents staff sends a weekly agenda of all upcoming meeting/hearings to the front desk, DGS, and DGS security
- If there is a controversial topic that may require more personnel, all agencies involved will meet prior to the meeting/hearing to determine what resources is needed i.e. additional fire, police, and/or security personnel
- Armed security has also been added to CH security in addition to the greeters, BCPD, and unarmed security
- Armed and unarmed security is provided for hearings/meetings with extended evening hours
- Front desk security has updated their ID system to avoid further jamming. The front desk has also been instructed to be sure that ALL guest sign in with the proper identification
- The chair of the hearing/meeting reminds all guest that any disruptive behavior will result in them being removed from the building

Sincerely,

J. Leslie Carter
Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Administration
Mayor's Office