



Seattle Office of Inspector General

To: Mayor Bruce Harrell, City Council President Sarah Nelson, Public Safety Committee
Chair Robert Kettle, CPC Interim Director Eci Ameh, CPC Co-Chair Joel Merkel,
City Attorney Ann Davison, Seattle Human Resources Director Kimberly
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From: Inspector General Lisa Judge

Date: October 25, 2024

Re: Notice of OIG Investigation 2024OIG-0005

The City of Seattle Office of Inspector General (OIG) has identified potential violations of department policy by former Chief of Police Adrian Diaz. As required by City of Seattle Ordinance 126628:

"When an investigation will be: 2. Conducted by a non-City entity, OIG shall immediately notify the entities listed in subsection 3.29.530.B.1. (the Mayor, the President of the City Council, the Chair of the Council's public safety committee, the Executive Director and Co-Chairs of the Community Police Commission, the City Attorney, the City Director of Human Resources, and the complainant). Notification shall consist of: (1) the classification type; (2) the non-City entity by whom OIG has determined, either solely or with the concurrence of OPA, that the investigation be conducted; and (3) the rationale for the determination as supported by the factors in subsection 3.29.510.E.1".

This matter will be handled by an external investigator from Barran Liebman LLP, in consultation with OIG, under case number 2024OIG-0005. This investigator is handling the underlying matter, and as the relevant facts and evidence arise from the same events, OIG, in consultation with OPA, believes allowing the investigator to retain the new allegations allows efficiency and consistency.

This matter involves allegations that the former Chief provided untruthful information during OIG investigation 2023OPA-0286 and violated the order to not communicate about this case after receiving multiple admonishments from OIG stating, "To maintain confidentiality of this investigation, you are ordered by authority of the Chief of Police, not to disclose information pertaining to this investigation except with your representative or attorney."

Please note:

The facts and circumstances of the incident referenced in this notice must be kept confidential and may not be discussed with any other individuals not included in this email notification. However, this does not preclude the disclosure of the existence of this complaint.

If you have questions, please contact OIG Investigations Supervisor Matthias Gyde at matthias.gyde@seattle.gov.