



CITY OF DETROIT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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City of Detroit Deputy Inspector General Kamau Marable Prepares to Lead in New Role as the City's Third Inspector General

Today, the City of Detroit Office of Inspector General welcomes a familiar face into a new position. On July 30, 2024, Detroit City Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Marable as the City's third Inspector General. Mr. Kamau C. Marable has served as the City's Deputy Inspector General since the office's inception in 2012. He served as the deputy under former Inspector Generals James Heath and Ellen Ha.

Mr. Marable makes history as the first Inspector General to enter the office already holding Inspector General and Fraud Examiner certifications. He also holds a Master of Arts in Political and Public Communication and has nearly 30 years of experience in government, consulting and management. In 2023, Mr. Marable was elected to the Board of Directors for the Association of Inspectors General (AIG). The AIG is the national organization that advances accountability and professionalism amongst Inspectors General offices. With strong support from his staff, Mr. Marable looks forward to building on the Detroit OIG's accomplishments.

Newly appointed Inspector General Marable states "I am grateful for another opportunity to serve the citizens of my beloved City. I realize that I have a legacy to live up to being preceded in this role by two tremendous and impactful Inspector Generals, James Heath and Ellen Ha. I promise to build on the excellent foundation that we have created. With forethought and a clear understanding of the awesome responsibility being given to me, I humbly accept this appointment. I pledge to uphold the purpose of the Office of Inspector General of ensuring honesty and integrity in City Government."

The Detroit Inspector General is appointed by City Council for a non-renewable, 6-year term. Mr. Marable will begin his term today, August 26, 2024. A private swearing-in ceremony will be held this evening to officially seat Mr. Marable into his new position. After which, he and his staff will continue the OIG's mission of rooting out waste, abuse, fraud and corruption. Detroit residents and City employees may submit complaints to the OIG online at www.detoig.org, or via telephone using the OIG Fraud Hotline at 313.964.TIPS (8477). Employees and residents can also submit complaints in person at the OIG office located at 615 Griswold Suite 1230 (the Ford Building). Mr. Marable's full biography and a photo are attached.

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Kamau C. Marable



Kamau C. Marable is the Deputy Inspector General for the City of Detroit Office of Inspector General (OIG) and has been in this role since the office's inception in 2012. He has nearly three decades of experience in government, consulting, and management. Throughout his career, Mr. Marable has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, analytical, and critical thinking skills. He is a highly effective communicator and collaborator, with a proven ability to manage complex projects and multiple priorities simultaneously. His dedication to public service and his unwavering commitment to integrity make him an invaluable asset to the City of Detroit.

In his role as Deputy Inspector General, Mr. Marable oversees a team of investigators, auditors, and administrative staff, working to mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse in city government and contracting. He manages a substantial annual budget and collaborates with various internal and external stakeholders to ensure the integrity of city operations. Mr. Marable has developed and implemented policies and procedures for the office and has supervised the closure of hundreds of investigations, resulting in millions of dollars in restitution for the city. He has also overseen the debarment of dozens of contractors and individuals who have engaged in fraudulent activity.

Prior to his tenure at the OIG, Mr. Marable held positions in both the executive and legislative branches of the City of Detroit, giving him a unique understanding of city operations from multiple perspectives. Notably serving as Executive Assistant to former Mayor Dave Bing and Legislative Lead to former Council President Gil Hill. He has also founded and managed a successful political and communications consulting firm, Urban Consulting Group, L.L.C. Mr. Marable started his career in government in constituent relations working for the venerable Congressman John Lewis, 5th District, GA. From the District Office in Atlanta, GA, Mr. Marable managed the most critical issues, such as Immigration, Social Security, and Veteran Affairs.

Mr. Marable holds a Master of Arts in Political and Public Communication from Wayne State University and a Bachelor of General Studies in Political Science and Communications from the University of Michigan. He is also a Certified Inspector General (CIG) and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). Mr. Marable was elected in 2023 to the Board of Directors for the Association of Inspectors General (AIG), the national organization that supports and advances the professionalism and integrity of Inspectors General offices. They establish quality standards, provide professional development opportunities, and advocate for the use of Inspectors General as a tool to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in government.

Mr. Marable is a devoted husband to his lovely wife, Brandi Jai Marable, and puppy parent to Shenanigans. As a proud and active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., he has spent 20 years serving his beloved fraternity and has served in multiple roles in the Gamma Lambda Chapter (Detroit) including Executive Board Member, Financial Secretary, and as the 48th Chapter President. Mr. Marable is an active member of his church, Church of the New Covenant Baptist of Detroit, where he chairs multiple committees and programs as a member of the Trustee Board. Finally, he is a proud born and raised Detroiter and is grateful to not only work and play in the City of Detroit but call it home.