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To the Citizens of Baltimore County,

Today I announce my resignation as Baltimore County's Inspector General, effective January 2, 2026. Making this decision has been one of the hardest of my professional life. I write directly to you to offer an explanation of the circumstances leading to this decision.

Serving as Baltimore County's first Inspector General has been an honor. You demanded transparency, stronger oversight, and higher ethical standards regarding the County government, and I was proud to help stand up an Office that reflected those values. Every day since commencing my position as Inspector General, my commitment has been to you and to the oversight of your County government.

Over the past six years, and most recently this summer, many of you witnessed firsthand the uncertainty surrounding the future of this Office and my role in it. You supported the Office and made it clear that transparency and independent oversight matters in Baltimore County. Your voices and support were powerful. It is due to your advocacy and support that the Office has been able to successfully continue its work over these past six years and that I have continued to serve as Inspector General. I will never forget that.

My term was not renewed pursuant to Baltimore County Code §3-14-103, and I have been serving in a holdover capacity since January 2025. During that time, I have confronted the reality that the tools and support required to safeguard integrity in the County government continue to be restricted.

I also have a responsibility to plan for my future and that of my family. After the interim Baltimore County Executive chose to seek a new Inspector General, rather than extend my tenure, I interviewed for the newly created inspector general position in Howard County. When the offer was recently extended, I struggled deeply with the decision. The public support for myself and the Office has been extraordinary, and it weighed heavily on my decision. Ultimately though, I decided that continuing indefinitely in a holdover capacity was not sustainable for my family or the mission of independent oversight in Baltimore County.

I have accepted the position of Inspector General in Howard County, effective January 5, 2026. It was not an easy choice, but it is the right one. This new role will allow me to continue meaningful oversight work with the independence, support, and stability necessary to serve the public fully

and effectively.

To ensure continuity for Baltimore County, I have appointed Deputy Inspector General Steven Quisenberry to serve as Acting Inspector General during the transition. I have complete confidence in his leadership and integrity. I also strongly encourage you to support the creation of the Inspector General Selection Board on the November 2026 ballot. It is a best practice in oversight, and the independence of the Office depends on your continued engagement.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Your courage, persistence and commitment to transparency and accountability have strengthened this Office and inspired me every single day. Please continue to fight for independent oversight in Baltimore County. As our Office has always said it is your County and your voice.

It has been a privilege to serve you.

Sincerely,



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