

Dear Director Griffin and Chief Director Drummond,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position as Inspector General of Public Safety for the City of Cleveland, effective **September 30, 2026**.

I did not make this decision without immense consideration and respect for what Cleveland's communities need at this time. Serving the City of Cleveland and contributing to the important work of public safety oversight has been a meaningful professional responsibility. I remain grateful for the opportunity to support transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement within the City's public safety systems.

At this time, I must prioritize a serious family matter involving the health of a parent who requires my attention and support. In addition, given the City's changing direction regarding public safety oversight and the resulting uncertainty around the role, structure, and long-term stability of this position, I believe this is the appropriate time for me to step away.

I care deeply about the mission of independent oversight and the public trust it is intended to strengthen. I hope the City continues to invest in a clear, stable, and effective oversight framework that supports both accountability and the dedicated public servants working within Cleveland's public safety agencies.

During the remaining months of leave and transition, I am committed to assisting with a professional transition and will work to ensure that outstanding matters, records, and responsibilities are handled appropriately. The work of the Office of the Inspector General is crucial for the sustainability of reforms that have been enacted to date. It is a genuine wish for the City to continue to work that was started at the beginning of the federal consent decree.



Thank you for the opportunity to serve the City of Cleveland. I wish the administration, public safety leadership, and the residents of Cleveland continued progress and success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shayleen Agarwal', with a stylized, flowing script.

Shayleen Agarwal, MPP, CIG, CIGI
Inspector General

