

On a motion of Commissioner Joel MacClellan and seconded by Commissioner Monica Pierre of the Jefferson Parish Ethics & Compliance Commission, the following resolution was offered:

**RESOLUTION NO. 70**

A resolution calling upon the Parish President and Parish Council to support and facilitate education initiatives proposed by the Inspector General and to work collaboratively with the Office of Inspector General to ensure educational outreach efforts are implemented in a manner that supports transparency, accountability, and the public interest.

**WHEREAS** the Jefferson Parish Office of Inspector General (“JPOIG”) was established to promote integrity, accountability, transparency, and efficiency in Parish government, including the detection and prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse; and

**WHEREAS** an essential component of effective oversight is ensuring that Parish employees are informed of the role of the Inspector General and the mechanisms available for reporting fraud, waste, and abuse; and

**WHEREAS** educational outreach to employees regarding ethics, compliance, and reporting fraud, waste, and abuse is widely recognized as a best practice for fostering a culture of compliance within government; and

**WHEREAS** the Inspector General has proposed an education initiative consisting of twelve communications per year, one per month, to Parish employees through email in order to raise awareness of the JPOIG, reinforce the opportunity to report fraud, waste, and abuse; and

**WHEREAS** the initiative seems reasonable, and denying or obstructing such educational efforts risks undermining employee awareness, weakening fraud detection and prevention, and impairing the effectiveness and independence of the Office of Inspector General; and

**WHEREAS** Parish support for the Inspector General’s educational mission reflects a baseline commitment to transparency, accountability, and ethical governance on behalf of Parish leadership.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Jefferson Parish Ethics & Compliance Commission that the Parish President and Parish Council are called upon to support and facilitate the education initiatives of the Inspector General, including permitting the Inspector General to send emails to all Parish employees as proposed. Enabling the Inspector General to communicate directly with employees regarding fraud reporting is consistent with best practices in ethics and compliance and is fundamental to effective oversight.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Jefferson Parish Ethics & Compliance Commission that the Parish leadership work collaboratively with the Office of Inspector General to ensure that educational outreach efforts are implemented in a manner that supports transparency, accountability, and the public interest.

**YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0**

The resolution was declared to be adopted on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2026.



## ETHICS & COMPLIANCE COMMISSION JEFFERSON PARISH

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**RE: Education Initiations by the Office of Inspector General**

Dear President Lee-Sheng, Members of the Jefferson Parish Council:

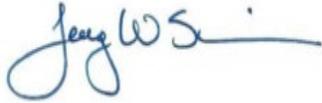
Please find enclosed a Resolution adopted by the Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission at its meeting on January 21, 2026, regarding education outreach initiatives proposed by the Jefferson Parish Inspector General to all parish employees and elected officials. The Commission submits that the submission of periodic educational materials to employees and elected officials of Jefferson Parish will facilitate an understanding of the role of the Office of Inspector General in its function to address fraud, waste, and abuse in Parish government. Engagement with that office allows for effective oversight and strengthens the transparency of government.

The Commission urges you to consider allowing access for the Inspector General to promote an understanding of the office and the manner in which complaints can be made, how the complaint process works, and how that process is effective to establish public confidence in our government.

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Thank you for your kind and considered attention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry W. Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jerry W. Sullivan  
Counsel  
Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission

cc: Frank Young  
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