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Update from your Inspector General

Greetings fellow citizens from your Palm Beach County Inspector General! Since becoming the IG in June, I have had the privilege of meeting and speaking with many fellow taxpayers about their concerns and perspectives on what my office can do to help make our local governments better. I want to thank you for your support in my office's mission to promote efficiency and effectiveness in government while preventing and detecting fraud, waste, and abuse.

We are in the process of preparing our Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Annual Report (to be issued in December), but I thought I would share some highlights from the report. During FY2014, as a result of our audits, investigations, and contract oversight activities of the County and local municipalities, we identified $3 million dollars in questioned and identified costs for better use. Further, we made recommendations to save over $2 million taxpayer dollars (avoidable costs) in future years. We received over 1,000 phone calls from citizens asking questions, expressing concerns, and complaints. To these calls, we provided answers, direction, referrals, and in many cases, investigated allegations of wrongdoings in government.

In the year ahead, we will continue to serve as the advocate for the citizens of Palm Beach County to make our local governments better and root out fraud, waste, and abuse. With that said, making government better and keeping it clean is every citizen's responsibility. If you have ideas about what we should do or where we can look to make government better, please contact us at inspector@pbcgov.org. Likewise, please contact us at the same address to report fraud, waste, and abuse in government. Finally, I encourage you to visit our website at http://www.pbcgov.com/OIG to learn more about the Office of Inspector General and what we are doing.

I wish you the best for the Holidays and for the New Year!

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