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OIG Ethics Compliance Review of Internet Posting of Required Financial Disclosure Forms by Broward Elected Officials

Broward Inspector General John W. Scott announced today that the Broward Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has completed its third review on whether Broward County's elected officials posted copies of their required financial disclosure forms on a searchable internet database as required by the Broward Code of Ethics for Elected Officials (Ethics Code).

The Ethics Code's requirement that the forms be available and searchable online is meant to expand transparency in government and enable public participation in the oversight of public officials.

The OIG's initial review of 2015 Forms 1 and Forms 6 determined that, as of August 2016, one month after the deadline for filing, 87 (approximately 62%) of the officials still in office today had complied with the requirement.

As it has done in the past, the OIG then contacted officials, government attorneys, and staff in an attempt to bring all of the 53 remaining officials into compliance.

By the end of our review, we found that one municipality's elected official had still failed to comply with this requirement and also did not file an original 2015 Form 1 with the Broward Supervisor of Elections. The OIG will follow its charter mandate accordingly.

Disclosure sites for the county and the municipalities are linked at the OIG's website [here](#).

A copy of the report can be viewed at: www.browardig.org.

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