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Employee: No

Action: City Ethics Code violation

Contact\_Me: Yes

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Confidential: No

Why\_Confidential: N/A

Other\_Comments: Sometime in July 2022 someone in Council member Lisa Herbold's office or in the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) provided access to an independent audit of the OIG to Erica C. Barnett prior to that audit being made publicly available or available to other journalists (after consulting 9 local journalists who report on policing in Seattle none can find any notice of the independent audit being released/available).

More information at: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=31323334-50bba2bf-31321b84-4544474f5631-5b86a0b5032b585c&q=1&e=9f5b7dd3-c3b0-4f64-a877-2a068f20ac8c&u=https%3A%2F%2Fhjgale.tumblr.com%2Fpost%2F692127211459952640%2Fwhat-the-recent-independent-audit-of-seattles>

I believe this is a clear ethical violation because it was done with the intent to avoid negative coverage for both the OIG and CM Herbold, and done for professional mutual benefit (quid pro quo). I believe this violate SMC 4.16.070(D), 4.16.070(A)(3), & 4.16.070(B)(1).

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