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Report Highlights

City of Port Allen

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Why We Conducted This Audit

This audit was initiated after receiving allegations regarding improper use of City funds by the Mayor to travel to Washington, D.C., and that the Mayor increased her salary without City Council approval.

What We Found

Mayor's Salary

In practice, the City Council has historically set the Mayor's salary in the annual budget that is adopted by a budget ordinance. Since the City's budget ordinances do not provide any specific language addressing the Mayor's salary (as interpreted by the court), the salary may not have been properly set by the Council. However, to expend more than the amount approved by the Council for the Mayor's salary would require a budget amendment.

Mayor's Improper Car Allowance

Mayor Demetric Slaughter is receiving a car allowance that was neither budgeted nor approved by the City Council in an ordinance, which may violate state law.

Mayor's Improper Travel Expenses

Mayor Demetric Slaughter may have violated state law by receiving City funds totaling \$2,432 as reimbursement of travel expenses related to her trip to Washington, D.C., in January 2013. Mayor Slaughter's written explanation of the trip does not include a public purpose that provided a benefit to the residents of the City of Port Allen.

View the full report at www.la.la.gov.