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Council Elects New Chairperson

The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) announces its newly elected Chairperson, Allison C. Lerner, Inspector General (IG), National Science Foundation. [Ms. Lerner](#) was elected Chairperson on December 15, 2020 in a vote of the 75 Federal IGs who make up the Council. She will begin her term on January 1, 2021, replacing the Honorable Michael E. Horowitz, IG, U.S. Department of Justice, who has served as Chairperson since 2015. Ms. Lerner brings a wealth of experience to CIGIE, having served as its Vice Chairperson since 2015 and as co-chair of its Suspension and Debarment and Research Misconduct Working Groups.

Ms. Lerner was appointed IG for the National Science Foundation in April 2009. Before joining the Foundation, she served as Counsel to the IG at the Department of Commerce. Ms. Lerner has nearly 30 years of Federal oversight and leadership experience, including as special assistant to the IG, Deputy Assistant IG for Auditing, and Acting Assistant IG for Auditing at the Department of Commerce. Ms. Lerner has been honored by the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency with three awards for excellence. Prior to joining the Federal government in 1991, she was an associate at a law firm in San Antonio, Texas. Ms. Lerner is admitted to the bar in both Texas and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Lerner will appoint the Honorable Mark Lee Greenblatt as CIGIE Vice Chairperson. [Mr. Greenblatt](#) has served as the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of the Interior since August 2019. He currently serves as Vice Chair of CIGIE's Inspections and Evaluation Committee and previously served as CIGIE's Executive Director. Mr. Greenblatt has more than 17 years of Federal oversight and leadership experience at the Department of Commerce, Department of Justice, and the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Ms. Lerner, Mr. Horowitz, and Mr. Greenblatt will continue to serve as IGs of their respective agencies.

"I am honored to be elected Chairperson and excited to build on the excellent work of my predecessor, Michael Horowitz," said Ms. Lerner. "I look forward to working closely with Mark Greenblatt and the rest of my colleagues to strengthen the IG community and ensure that Federal IGs remain capable of providing the independent, effective oversight that the

American people expect and deserve.”

Ms. Lerner intends to appoint Mr. Horowitz as Chair of the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) when her term as CIGIE Chair begins on January 1, 2021. Mr. Horowitz has been serving as Acting Chair of the PRAC since April 2020.

“Allison Lerner has served alongside me as Vice Chair for six years, and in that time she has been instrumental to CIGIE’s efforts to strengthen the Inspector General community and improve the federal government. I know from experience that the position of CIGIE Chair is a consequential one, and I am gratified that the position will be filled by someone so qualified, capable, and respected. As Chair of CIGIE’s Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, I look forward to working with Allison in her new role and leading our community’s efforts to oversee coronavirus relief and recovery funds,” said Mr. Horowitz.

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CIGIE is an independent Federal entity comprising 75 Federal IGs and 6 other Federal leaders. CIGIE’s mission is to address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual Government agencies; and increase the professionalism and effectiveness of personnel by developing policies, standards, and approaches to aid in the establishment of a well-trained and highly skilled workforce in the offices of the Inspectors General.