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IG William Waters Retires After Nine Years' Service to Metro

- He had held the Inspector General's post since July 2000



Metro Inspector General
William Waters

(Oct. 26, 2007) Metro Inspector General William Waters retired Oct. 22 from the post he has held since 2002, ending a 36-year career in law enforcement. No successor has been named.

Waters, 63, cited personal and professional reasons for his retirement in his letter of resignation to Board Chair Pam O'Connor. He joined the Office of Inspector General in 1998 as the deputy in charge of investigations.

"The Board appreciates Bill Waters nine years' service to Metro, its riders and to the people of

Los Angeles County," said O'Connor. "We wish him well in retirement and all good luck in the future."

Waters was named acting Inspector General in July 2002, following the retirement of Arthur Sinai, who became Metro's first Inspector General in 1994. He was formally appointed to the post in January 2003.

As Inspector General, Waters was one of five Board officers. He was responsible for a staff of 18 investigators and auditors who focus on investigating potential criminal violations and reviewing matters of fraud, waste and abuse at Metro. The OIG also operates a fraud, waste and abuse hotline at 1-800-221-1142.

Served in drug enforcement

Prior to joining Metro, Waters had a successful career with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). He also served as executive director of the Southern California Drug Task Force in Los Angeles.

Under his leadership, the task force gained local and national recognition as a model for outstanding performance and efficiency and was the recipient of state and national awards for superior accomplishment.

Waters earned a Bachelors degree in criminal justice and government administration from California State University, Sacramento, and became a Certified Inspector General (CIG) in June 2000.

Waters and his wife, Lisa, reside in Simi Valley. He has three grown children, two daughters and a son, and four grandchildren.