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Subject: GLWA Background Check
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I am writing to raise concerns regarding the adequacy of the background review conducted prior to the appointment of Mr. David Jones as GLWA General Counsel in November 2023.

Before joining GLWA, Mr. David Jones served as the City Attorney for the City of Inkster during a period in which Inkster Mayor Patrick Wimberly was engaged in significant public corruption issues. Given this overlap, Mr. Jones's tenure as Inkster City Attorney warrants heightened scrutiny.

Accordingly, it is reasonable to ask: on what basis should GLWA place institutional trust in an attorney whose prior service occurred under a municipal administration later marred by public corruption? At minimum, the public deserves assurance that a comprehensive vetting process did in fact occur and that GLWA fully evaluated the implications of Mr. Jones's prior role.



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Hi, Charles

WAYNE COUNTY

Former Inkster mayor pleads guilty in bribery case, U.S. attorney says

Max Reinhart The Detroit News

Updated Sept. 25, 2024, 6:04 p.m. ET

The former mayor of Inkster pleaded guilty to agreeing to receive \$100,000 in bribes, the U.S. Attorney's office said Wednesday.

Patrick Wimberly, 50, demanded cash to facilitate the sale of city-owned property to an

unidentified "outside party," federal prosecutors said. The person gave Wimberly \$5,000 monthly cash bribes until Wimberly demanded more and the person started paying \$10,000 each month, according to federal officials.

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Wednesday, May 31, 2023

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Subject: Questionable Background: General Counsel David Jones
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Dear GLWA CEO Suzanne Coffey and Members of the GLWA Board:

In 2022, GLWA General Counsel David Jones served as the City Attorney for the City of Inkster. During that same period, Inkster Mayor Patrick Wimberly was engaged in public corruption.

To be clear, there have been no allegations of wrongdoing against Mr. Jones in connection with those events. However, given the seriousness of the corruption issues surrounding the Inkster administration during his tenure, it is concerning that GLWA proceeded with hiring an individual who served in a senior legal role within an administration later marred by misconduct.

I am calling for GLWA General Counsel David Jones to be fired in light of his tenure connected to a corrupt Mayor.

Ex-Inkster mayor sentenced to 2 years in jail for taking thousands in bribes

By David Komer

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Patrick Wimberly

The Brief

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