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CITY BUDGETS LESS FOR SANITATION AND MORE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

The City of New Orleans Inspector General today released a follow-up report on a benchmark analysis of the 2009 City Budget for sanitation and parks and recreation.

The benchmarking analysis compares New Orleans' 2012 budget for these categories to nine comparable cities. In the OIG review of the 2009 budget allocations, New Orleans greatly exceeded the average per capita budget for sanitation (\$65) and funded far less than the average per capita budget allocations for parks and recreation (\$72).

The 2012 analysis showed that the average per capita allocation for the ten cities increased to \$80 from \$65, while the City's budget allocations for sanitation dropped from \$134 per capita to \$107, saving the City about \$4 million per year. The parks and recreation per capita budget allocation increased from \$33 to \$46, while the average per capita allocation for ten cities increased from \$65 to \$72.

Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux said, "The City's 2012 budget reduced the proportion devoted to sanitation and increased funding for parks and recreation as compared to cities of similar size. In doing so, the City's planned expenditures for these functions moved closer to the per capita average of the other nine cities."

The report is attached to this press release. Other reports issued by the Office of Inspector General can be viewed and downloaded from the website at <http://www.nolaoig.org>.

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