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Dear Oaklanders,

As I reflect back upon this year, I am truly grateful to serve you again as your independent auditor and to lead such an exceptional team.

This year has included looking into Police Overtime, Business Tax Refunds, Limited Public Financing Act, and investigated Oakland Promise. Additionally, we successfully relaunched our Whistleblower Program, receiving 194 new cases and closing 155.

In the New Year we will be sharing with you how we stack up financially to our peer cities, reporting out on the City's fire inspection program and giving our assessment of the implementation of the Police Commission, Measure LL, passed in 2016.

Additionally, we will be rolling up our sleeves and digging into other critical issues such as homelessness and how our community of sheltered and unsheltered are being impacted by this human crisis. Please continue sharing your areas of concern with me so we can include them in our annual audit planning process.

Lastly, my family and I will be dropping off homemade holiday cookies to our unhoused community tomorrow. If you would like to contribute cookies or baked goods, please deliver them to City Hall, 4th Floor, by 12 noon tomorrow.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve Oakland over the last year, my team and I look forward to an even more impactful audit year ahead.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year,





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