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City of Toledo Statement on Suspension of City Auditor

“Toledo City Council voted today to suspend the City Auditor, Jake Jaksetic. Since he works at the pleasure of City Council, the administration has no authority or oversight regarding his employment.

That said, the administration is aware that Mr. Jaksetic sent a letter to City Council regarding this matter. The letter made slanderous and false statements about members of the administration. It is full of what has been the hallmark of Mr. Jaksetic’s time as auditor — wild conspiracy theories, never supported by facts.

Unfortunately, this is a pattern demonstrated by some disgruntled employees. In this context, his accusations aren’t surprising, but they are disappointing and concerning.

The employees of the City of Toledo have a right to feel safe in the workplace, free from threats and intimidation. And all taxpayers have a right to expect that a city auditor perform actual auditing duties, something we’ve seen very little of from Mr. Jaksetic.

At least during the length of Mr. Jaksetic’s suspension, all employees will once again be able to perform their work without threats or fear.

Earlier this year, City Council voted to officially join CEDAW (The Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women). In order for that action to have any real meaning, the city of Toledo must work to make sure the women in its workforce feel safe and supported. The Administration is sure City Council feels the same.

The administration also believes it is crucial to have a City Auditor who is dedicated to performing the actual, important duties of an auditor. The Administration is sure City Council shares this goal as well.”

~ Gretchen DeBacker, spokesperson, City of Toledo