

Executive Order No. EO2021-0017

REGARDING INTERNAL AUDITOR'S ACCESS TO CERTAIN RECORDS, PROPERTY, and PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, Article XI of the Charter of The County of Cuyahoga provides for internal auditing by a County Audit Committee (“Committee”), a Department of Internal Audit (“Department”), and a Director of Internal Auditing (“Director”) to assist the County Executive, Fiscal Officer, the County Council, and the various other County offices and agencies funded in whole or in part by County funds in providing County taxpayers with efficient and effective services; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of said Article that such internal auditing functions be independent of the County Executive, County Council, and the various County agencies eligible to be audited by the Committee, Department, and Director; and

WHEREAS, in order to assure such independence in regards to the various agencies under the jurisdiction of the County Executive, it is necessary to assure that the Department and the Director have access to certain records, property, and personnel under the jurisdiction of the County Executive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armond Budish, County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by virtue of the powers vested in me under Article 18, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, by the Charter of Cuyahoga County, and the laws of Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio, do hereby order and declare as follows:

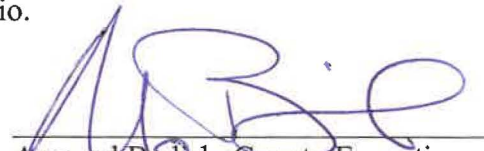
1. I hereby direct the Directors, Supervisors, and Managers of the various County departments and agencies under the jurisdiction of the County Executive to grant the Director of Internal Audit (“IA Director”) and the members of the Department of Internal Audit (“IA Department”) free and unrestricted access to all records, property, and personnel necessary for the IA Director and the IA Department to carry out the functions described in Article XI of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga; provided that:

- a. access to records shall be subject to applicable local, state, and federal law regulating access to any requested records including, without limitation, records maintained by the Department of Health and Human Services and records containing personal information, as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43(A)(1)(dd) or any successor provision of the Ohio Revised Code; and
- b. access to property and personnel shall not interfere in any way with the management or operations of any department, office, or agency.

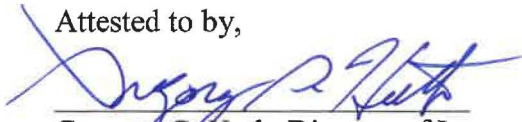
2. I hereby direct the Directors, Supervisors, and Managers of the various County departments and agencies under the jurisdiction of the County Executive to provide such assistance, personnel, and specialized services as reasonably requested by the IA Director or the IA Department to carry out the functions described in Article XI of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga; provided that provision of such assistance, personnel and specialized services shall not interfere in any way with the management or operations of any department, office, or agency.

3. The original copy of this Executive Order shall be filed with the Cuyahoga County Department of Law, and a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of County Council.

I have signed this Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency on this 1 day of October 2021, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.


Armond Budish, County Executive
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by,


Gregory G. Huth, Director of Law