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Subject: Disbanding the IOPC

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## Dear Councillors and Citizens,

During the last four months of operations we have been busy at work, with our investigators dealing with over 40 complaints with 14 of them exposing misconduct and leading to disciplinary measures. However, after careful consideration, we have come to the conclusion that closing the IOPC is the best way forward.

This decision comes after a long period of us reflecting on our role here in Los Santos and San Andreas, reflections which have left us believing the role we have been filling can today be filled by other government bodies which did not exist when we originally started off. This has for us meant we can close our door whilst still being confident that the work we have been doing keeping public servants accountable will continue on in one form or another. In the future misconduct will be dealt with in two ways: if it is serious, a civil lawsuit will be filed by the complainant, if it is minor issues they will be taken directly to the relevant command.

In terms of why this is happening, there are many reasons at play. The main one being the very limited scope of our role resulting in our work being quite repetitive, heavy on paperwork and procedure and often with little effect as we are only an advisory body. With the courts taking over these responsibilities it will create a more varied workload for those dealing with it as it would be combined with their already existing work. Another silver lining is the fact that the courts dealing with this would add some meaning to misconduct investigations as they have the powers to actually make decisions on the outcomes.

For specific questions feel free to contact me but direct more general issues that would previously have gone to the IOPC to the LS Courts.

With this, I will of course also be resigning from my ex officio council seat.

Yours Sincerely,

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