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On New Orleans' November 8 Ballot: BGR Analyzes Proposed Police Monitor Charter Amendment

Today BGR releases *On the Ballot: New Orleans Police Monitor Charter Amendment, November 8, 2016*, where BGR analyzes a proposition that would allow for the permanent separation of the Independent Police Monitor from the Office of Inspector General. For the full report and a one-page summary that includes key findings, visit BGR's website, www.bgr.org.

BGR Position

NO POSITION. The Police Monitor has an important mission, and the amendment would enable a new structure for the office to be enacted by ordinance. However, the charter change may not be necessary. Further, it is impossible to judge the potential benefits of the charter change without a companion ordinance. Such an ordinance would ideally have been based on a comprehensive analysis of Police Monitor offices nationwide, including the appropriateness of the permanent tax dedication. If the amendment passes, the City should immediately undertake a best practices study and craft the missing ordinance based on its findings.

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