



## Office of the Inspector General Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### **Massachusetts Inspector General Part of Combined Probe Leading to State Arraignment of Former Chelsea Housing Authority Director, Michael McLaughlin, for Unlawfully Soliciting Campaign Contributions from State Employees, December 2013**

On September 5, 2013, Michael McLaughlin, the former Executive Director of the Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA), was arraigned in Suffolk Superior Court on charges of unlawful solicitation by a public employee (4 counts), solicitation in a public building (4 counts), and conspiracy to solicit in a public building (4 counts). Previously, on August 29, 2013, a Suffolk County grand jury returned indictments against McLaughlin on these charges.

It is alleged that from approximately 2008 through 2010, McLaughlin directed a CHA employee to seek contributions from fellow CHA employees and others associated with the CHA to benefit the Murray Committee (the political campaign committee for former Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray). It is further alleged that McLaughlin regularly asked CHA employees and others associated with the CHA to perform political work for Murray and Israel Reyes, a 2009 Lawrence mayoral candidate. This work included holding signs, working at the polls, and other organizational tasks. McLaughlin pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General worked on this matter in a combined probe with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, the Massachusetts State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For more information on McLaughlin's indictment and arraignment, see the Massachusetts Attorney General's press releases at:

[Former Chelsea Housing Authority Director Indicted for Unlawfully Soliciting Campaign Contributions from State Employees, August 29, 2013](#)

[Former Chelsea Housing Authority Director Arraigned in Connection with Unlawfully Soliciting Campaign Contributions From State Employees, September 5, 2013](#)