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## Mayor Turner Appoints Crystal Okorafor as Deputy Inspector General



**HOUSTON** - Mayor Sylvester Turner has appointed Crystal Okorafor as the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) for the newly created Office of Policing Reform and Accountability for the City of Houston.

Okorafor is a Chief Prosecutor with the Harris County District Attorney's Office. During her eight-year tenure with the HCDAO, she has handled felony cases, led and supervised investigations and prosecutions, and tried numerous jury trials.

"The Deputy Inspector General will serve as an 'ombudsman' for the citizens of Houston

and is key to restoring and maintaining the confidence of the public," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "Crystal's experience with the Harris County District Attorney's Office will be instrumental to improving police policies and building mutual trust with our diverse communities."

As the first person to hold this position, Okorafor will investigate complaints and work closely with the Independent Police Oversight Board (IPOB).

"I want to thank Mayor Turner and his administration for entrusting in me the task of advocating fairly for members of the public," said Okorafor. "The creation of the Office of Policing Reform and Accountability is a direct result of the change the people of Houston have called for. I know there are many questions about the direction and processes that this office hopes to institute to achieve the recommendations set forth by Mayor Turner's Task Force on Policing Reform, but I look forward to working with HPD and the IPOB to provide greater transparency for our communities."

The newly created position is one of the recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on Policing Reform [report](#) released on September 2020 and will become effective May 11, 2021.

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