**Score Sheet for Prioritizing Investigation Topics**

*(Using score sheets can help the panel prioritize investigation topics. For the ranking to be objective, the proponents of a topic should be precluded from filling out the form for that topic.)*

**Suggested topic:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Criteria** | **Score:** 1 to 5, with 5 the highest priority |
| Severity of the problem |  |
| Range of impact (number of people affected) |  |
| Possibility of significant cost savings  |  |
| Possibility of health or safety benefits for residents or public employees |  |
| Possibility of significant improvements in government transparency or ethics |  |
| Has received recent media attention or caused public controversy |  |
| Has been addressed by prior grand juries, but important issues have not been resolved |  |
| Is of interest now and will be when report is released |  |
| Will make good use of jury’s limited resources |  |
| Will evaluate compliance or non-compliance with laws, policies, or procedures |  |
| Possibility of exposing violations of the law |  |
| **Total points** |  |
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| **Reasons to avoid the topic** | **Mark** if applicable  |
| Not within grand jury’s jurisdiction  |  |
| Involves a policy decision |  |
| Topic is being litigated (civil or criminal), is on the ballot, or is currently under investigation |  |
| Gives the appearance of a political motivation |  |
| Would require too many grand juror recusals |  |
| Other: (describe) |  |