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**Office of City Auditor Laura Doud Wins Top Honors**

*Knighthon Award For Audit Excellence & Website Award Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Award-Winning Year*

City Auditor Laura Doud announced today that her Office has won the prestigious Knighthon Gold Award for its 2009 Towing Operations Audit. This award for excellence is the highest honor given by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA), which represents over 300 local audit organizations nationwide.

“We are very honored to receive this Gold Award. This is certainly a highlight for our hardworking auditors and staff. We would like to thank ALGA for recognizing the quality of our work on behalf of Long Beach taxpayers,” said City Auditor Doud.

Notable to the judges was the audit’s potential for significant impact and the innovative manner in which the audit was conducted. City Auditor Doud said, “One of the most important things to me about our audits is that the recommendations we make are implemented to improve City operations. I would like to acknowledge the Towing Bureau for taking our recommendations to heart and working to strengthen their systems to protect our City assets.”

The Knighthon Award is one of two prizes for 2009 achievement announced by ALGA this week for Long Beach. The City Auditor’s website, [www.CityAuditorLauraDoud.com](http://www.CityAuditorLauraDoud.com), earned a Silver Award for its informative content and ease of navigation.

“It is especially rewarding to be recognized by our professional peers in two areas I committed to improving when I came into office 4 years ago---producing effective audits and improving transparency. We work toward producing quality audits and then posting our reports on the website to make them easily accessible to the public,” said Doud. “

These awards mark the third consecutive year that the Long Beach City Auditor’s Office has won national recognition for outstanding work. Previous awards were the 2007 Silver Website Award and the 2008 Honorable Mention Award for the Long Beach Museum of Art Audit.

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