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04/29/2009 | City Auditor Doud Announces Highest Standards of Performance Met Results of Audit of the City Auditor's Office, Good News for Long Beach

City Auditor Laura Doud announced the results of an independent audit of the Long Beach City Auditor's Office, which shows that the Office has achieved the highest standards of performance in the profession. Government Auditing Standards guide local government auditors nationwide and are issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the official auditor of the U.S. Congress. Since 1988, audit organizations following these Standards are required to undergo peer review every three years. This is the first peer review of the Long Beach City Auditor's Office.

"People often ask, 'Who audits the auditors?' said City Auditor Doud. "Before 2006, the answer was, 'nobody.' Upon taking office, I made a commitment to the public that the City Auditor's Office would undergo regular audits, and we have followed through on that commitment. Just as we conduct audits to promote accountability and transparency within the City, the Standards require that our peers audit us. The audit found that our internal operations are in full compliance with Standards to ensure that our work is reliable and credible."

It is more critical than ever that taxpayer dollars are monitored for appropriate, efficient, and honest use," said Doud. "Passing this review is a great honor for the City of Long Beach. I am pleased that our Office has achieved the highest standard of audit work in less than three years since I assumed office. I remain committed to continuous improvement in our Office as we strive to provide the most efficient and effective City government possible for our residents."