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Three-peat for Office of City Auditor Laura Doud
Peer Review Shows Highest Standards Met

Long Beach, CA – Long Beach City Auditor Laura Doud today announced the results of an independent peer review for 2012-2014 which shows the Office achieved the highest possible standards of performance in government auditing. This is the third consecutive review that found the Office’s internal operations met national standards ensuring work is reliable and credible. Since taking office in 2006, City Auditor Doud vowed to follow Government Auditing Standards which provide a framework for conducting audits with competence, integrity and objectivity. Audit organizations following these Standards require a peer review every three years to ensure work is adhering to established policies and procedures. This distinction assures the public that the Office provides fair reviews of City operations and spending during a time when it is critical that taxpayer dollars are monitored for appropriate and honest use.

Prior to City Auditor Doud taking Office, the Office did not undergo peer reviews. “I made a commitment to the public that the Office would follow the Standards and undergo regular peer reviews,” said City Auditor Doud. “Just as we conduct audits to promote accountability and transparency within the City, the independent panel of auditors review our work and hold us accountable to following the rigorous Standards.”

In addition to finding that the Office meets the Standards, the peer review panel noted many areas in which the Office excels. The panel recognized the Office’s considerable effort to ensure audit work is accurate by following quality control policies and procedures. They also commended the Office’s communication to the public through the Office’s website and MyAuditor app where residents can easily access reports, see what projects the Office is working on, and report fraud.

City Auditor Doud noted that through preparation and participation of peer reviews over the past nine years, the Office has shown continuous improvement and value as it builds quality control processes used during audits. Every staff member knows and follows standards regarding work quality. “I am honored to work with a staff dedicated to upholding the highest professional standards,” added City Auditor Doud. “We are committed to continuous improvement in our Office as we strive for excellence Citywide.”

The Peer Review Report can be viewed at www.CityAuditorLauraDoud.com/peer-review.shtml.

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