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Dear Laura Doud:

The Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Awards Program Committee is pleased to announce that the Long Beach City Auditor's Office's report, *Business Improvement District (BID) Oversight Audit*, won the 2017 Distinguished Knighton Award in the Large Shop Category.

ALGA was founded in 1985 to serve auditors who specialize in working with local governments. ALGA members represent approximately 300 local government audit organizations. Unlike the majority of auditors who work within a single industry, local government auditors must work in an environment that encompasses a wide variety of industries. Local government auditors are committed to helping their governments improve service delivery to citizens while doing so more efficiently and effectively with the limited resources available. In making the award, the judges commented:

The report focused on assessing City management's oversight of the BID Program and compliance with related agreements. The audit found that improvement in communication and accounting of assessments was needed to achieve the City's intended economic development goals. The audit aimed to improve government efficiency and effectiveness through findings that matter to policymakers and citizens. The report's use of a succinct highlights page, effective visual aids, layout and dynamic use of color provided the reader an informative and engaging experience.

To encourage increasing levels of excellence among local government auditors, ALGA created the Knighton Award in 1995 to recognize the best performance audit reports produced by local government audit shops in the previous year. Each year, local government audit organizations submit their best performance audit report to be evaluated against five criteria: (1) an audit scope that has the potential for significant impact, and is responsive to the needs and concerns of decision-makers and/or the public; (2) audit conclusions that are persuasive, logical, and firmly supported by the evidence, which was gathered using appropriate research methods and tools; (3) audit recommendations that are feasible, and will make government programs more effective and efficient; (4) audit results that are communicated in a clear, concise way; and (5) an audit scope, methodology, recommendations, or report format that is innovative. Judges from peer organizations determined that the Long Beach City Auditor's Office's report was among the best of 2017.

Congratulations for receiving this award!

Sincerely,

Tina Adams, President  
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