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City Auditor Laura Doud's Office Achieved Highest Standards in Government Auditing Fourth Consecutive Triennial Peer Review Finds Office's Work is Reliable & Credible

Long Beach, CA – Long Beach City Auditor Laura Doud announced today that the Office achieved the highest possible standards of performance in government auditing according to the results of an independent Peer Review for the three-year period from 2015-2017. This is the fourth consecutive triennial Peer Review by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) that found the Office's internal operations met national standards ensuring work is reliable and credible. This distinction assures the public that the Office provides fair, objective audits of City operations and spending, and that taxpayer dollars are monitored for appropriate and honest use.

Upon taking office in 2006, City Auditor Doud vowed to follow Government Auditing Standards (Standards) set by the Comptroller General of the United States. These Standards provide a framework for conducting work, including performance audits designed to enhance government performance, improve services, and/or maximize cost savings, with competence, integrity and objectivity. Audit organizations following these Standards require a Peer Review every three years to ensure that their work adheres to established quality control policies and strict procedures. 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," said City Auditor Laura Doud. "While we conduct audits to promote accountability and transparency within the City, the independent panel of auditors from across the country review our work and hold us accountable to following the Standards."

In addition to finding that the Office meets the Standards, the peer review panel noted areas in which the Office excels. The panel recognized the Office's accurate audit work as its workpapers and analysis were very well organized and its procedures were well documented and effectively indexed.

"I am honored to lead an Office dedicated to maintaining a high standard of quality work," added City Auditor Laura Doud. "We are committed to excellence and continuous improvement in our Office as we strive to make City operations more efficient and effective for the public – a better government to meet the needs of Long Beach citizens."

The Peer Review Report can be viewed [here](#).

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