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Auditor Wins Award From Peers

City Auditor Laura Doud's office has received the Distinguished Knighton Award from the Association of Local Government Auditors.

The award was for the second phase of the Animal Care Services Performance Audit requested by Mayor Robert Garcia. The ACS Bureau has been under fire for more than two years by activists, many of whom say they

want a "No Kill" shelter.

The performance audit was done in two phases, with the second phase focusing on ACS service levels with a review of resources (staffing and revenue) that would be needed for long-term decision making and program success.

The study came back with 11 critical issues that had to improve in order to meet the industry's minimum care requirements and improve revenue collection processes. According to the auditor's release, recommendations focused on how ACS could maximize revenues, reallocate and realign resources and look at new approaches, including building a robust volunteer program.

This is the sixth Knighton Audit Award Doud's office has received. Judges said this audit won because auditors supported findings and recommendations with relevant and compelling evidence.

The team on the Phase Two Animal Care Services Performance Audit included James Lam, Lauren Dougan and Delia Gomez. For more information about this and all activities of the auditor's office, go to CityAuditorLauraDoud.com.

—Harry Saltzgaver