



Association of Local Government Auditors

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Laura Doud
City Auditor
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RE: 2020 Knighton Award Winner

Dear Laura Doud:

The Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Awards Program Committee is pleased to announce that the City of Long Beach, City Auditor's Office, *Police Evidence Control Section Performance Audit*, won the 2020 Exemplary 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:

This audit assessed the controls over the accuracy and security of police property and evidence. The auditors clearly linked their findings, recommendations, and conclusion. The report was easy to read and flowed well. Recommendations were specific, reasonable, and addressed the underlying findings. Charts and call-outs were used throughout the report to easily and efficiently convey information to the reader. The report started with an Executive Summary and a separate Highlights page that excelled at summarizing the content of the full report. The Highlights page in particular used a graphic that was very effective at linking the underlying conditions/causes with key findings and recommendations. Given this audit's scope and the recommendations, this audit was impactful. All but one of the 27 recommendations were agreed to, and the auditors included a helpful matrix to track recommendations, and management's response to each, at the end of the report.

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 four 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; and (4) audit results that are communicated in a clear, concise way.



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Judges from peer organizations determined that the City of Long Beach, City Auditor's Office report was among the best of 2020.

Congratulations for receiving this award!

Sincerely,

Larry Stafford, President
ALGA

Hannah Gardener, Chair
ALGA Awards Program Committee