Long Beach City Auditor's

HOTLINE



2020 Activity Report

The City Auditor's Office manages a fraud hotline that allows anyone at any time to anonymously report tips of fraud, waste, and abuse related to the City. Our Office creates a case for every tip received and investigates those cases with sufficient basis. This report summarizes the 52 cases closed in 2020. For case summaries, please visit: CityAuditorLauraDoud.com/fraud-hotlineactivity/cases-2020.

Actions Taken on 52 Cases Closed

Not Actionable: Cases were closed if they lacked merit or sufficient information of wrongdoing, and we could not

5% Conducted an Investigation: An investigation was conducted by our Office, or in conjunction with a City Department, for cases related to City fraud, waste, or abuse.

 $\mathbf{5}\%$ Referred to City Department: Cases that fell under the City's jurisdiction that would be most appropriately reviewed by a specific City Department were referred to that City Department.

8% Referred to an Outside Agency with Jurisdiction: Allegations that did not fall under the jurisdiction of the City were referred to a county, state, or federal agency for review. Examples of this include credit card, welfare, and unemployment fraud.

52 Cases Closed by Tip Type		Founded Cases*
Violations or Abuse of City Policy	8	3
Waste or Abuse of City Resources	8	2
Misuse of City Property or Information	7	2
City Payroll Fraud	3	1
Conflict of Interest	3	1
Falsification of City Records	1	
Kickbacks or Bribery	0	
City Contract or Vendor Fraud	0	
Theft of City Cash or City Property	0	
Not in Purview of City Auditor's Hotline	22	
Total	52	9

Founded Cases have substantiated allegations with elements of City fraud, waste, or abuse.

Results of 52 Cases Closed

THE 9 FOUNDED CASES WITH SUBSTANTIATED **ALLEGATIONS RESULTED IN 10 CORRECTIVE ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS SURROUNDING:**

- Accessibility signage at a City facility
- City employee use of resources and property
- City employee adherence to workplace policies and procedures
- City employee authorized work breaks
- Health and safety protocols at City facilities
- City employee access to information
- City employee conflict of interest
- City employee recording work hours



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Call or visit our website now. The more information you provide, the better the investigation. Include in your tip

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Our Mission

To make Long Beach better through independent audits and fraud investigations

We work to:

- Provide assurance City funds are spent as intended
- Promote transparency and accountability of City operations
- Prevent fraud, waste, and abuse of City resources



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Report City Fraud, Waste, or Abuse

If you suspect fraud, waste, or abuse against the City, report your tip anonymously:

- Call 1-888-FRAUD-07
- Visit <u>CityAuditorLauraDoud.com/Report-Fraud</u>
- Use our MyAuditor App



Our investigative team reviews all tips and will take appropriate action.