



Association of Local Government Auditors

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Dear Mr. Luna:

The Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Awards Program Committee is pleased to announce that City of San Diego Office of the City Auditor's report, *Performance Audit of the City's Programs Responsible for Improving Pedestrian Safety*, won the 2016 Distinguished Knighton Award in the Extra-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:

San Diego's audit team compiled, analyzed, and presented years of collision data to make a persuasive case for redirecting city resources to better promote pedestrian safety. The audit stood out for its unique focus on public health and safety, and thoughtful recommendations to more effectively and efficiently deploy scarce resources. The report made good use of maps and exhibits to present information, and included a "highlight sheet" that distilled audit findings and key recommendations on a single page.

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 Office of the City Auditor's report was among the best of 2016.

Congratulations for receiving this award!

Sincerely,

David Givans, President
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ALGA Awards Program Committee

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