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## AUDIT REPORT WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

San Diego, CA -- A 2022 Distinguished Knighton Award for best performance audit in the extra-large shop category has been awarded to the City of San Diego, Office of the City Auditor by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA). The Award will be presented to the audit shop during ALGA's annual conference on May 8, 2023.

The report, *Performance Audit of SDPD's Use and Management of Body Cameras* was judged on several key elements, such as the potential for significant impact, the persuasiveness of the conclusions, the focus on improving government efficiency and effectiveness, and its clarity and conciseness.

The audit scope was responsive to city council members' and the public's concerns. By examining all stages of the body camera program, auditors ensured the audit could positively and significantly impact the public. The audit's conclusions were persuasive, as the auditors thoroughly and clearly linked supporting evidence — including auditors' detailed review of video footage and their data analysis for missing footage — with conclusions and recommendations. The San Diego Police Department agreed with all recommendations. The judges found the recommendations made by auditors to be clear, specific, and feasible by identifying responsible parties and recommending how to make changes to specific police procedures. The recommendations will make the San Diego Police Department more effective. This audit is a prime example of clear communication, providing diverse audiences with a succinct highlights page and effective visual elements, such as infographics and callout boxes. These visuals appear strategically and reinforce the auditors' message. Auditors also used a smooth writing style throughout the report.

Each year, local government audit organizations from around the U.S. and Canada submit their best performance audit reports for judging. The purpose of the competition is to improve government services by encouraging and increasing levels of excellence among local government auditors. Judges from peer organizations determined that this audit was among the best of 2022.

The Association of Local Government Auditors is a national audit association founded in 1985 committed to supporting and improving local government auditing through advocacy, collaboration, education, and training, while upholding and promoting the highest standards of professional ethics.