



## Association of Local Government Auditors

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Andy Hanau  
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RE: 2022 Knighton Award Winner

Dear Andy,

The Association of Local Government Auditors' Awards Program Committee is pleased to announce that the City of San Diego Office of the City Auditor's report, "Performance Audit of SDPD's Use and Management of Body Cameras," won the 2022 Distinguished Knighton Award in the extra-large shop category.

ALGA was founded in 1985 to serve auditors who specialize in working with local governments, and our members represent about 300 local government audit organizations across the United States and Canada. As you well know, local government auditors are committed to helping their governments provide services to the public more efficiently and effectively with the limited resources available to them.

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, like yours, 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.
- (4) Audit results that are communicated clearly and concisely.

Judges from peer organizations determined your office's report was among the best of 2022.

The judges commented:

*The audit scope was responsive to city councilmembers' 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.*



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*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.*

Congratulations on receiving this award!

Sincerely,

Justin Anderson, President  
ALGA

Sonal Patel, Chair  
ALGA Awards Program Committee