



Association of Local Government Auditors

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Andy Hanau
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RE: 2023 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 City's Brush Management on City-Owned Land*," won the 2023 Exemplary 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 over 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 2023.

The judges commented:

The judges were unanimously impressed with this audit. The audit topic is highly responsive to current risks that impact the health and well-being of the public, likely contributing to the media coverage the Office of the City Auditor noted in its submission. The conclusions were logical, clearly stated, and well-supported — which increased their persuasiveness. The report itself was clear and well written, making it flow well and easy



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to read. Specifically, the report effectively used graphics, sidebars, and bolded headings to make the content consumable and to highlight important data to drive impact and understandability. Lastly, the recommendations were specific and feasible and addressed meaningful gaps in brush management that could lead to disaster-level consequences if left unaddressed.

Congratulations on receiving this award!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Takahashi, President
ALGA

Annamarie McNeil, Chair
ALGA Awards Program Committee