



Association of Local Government Auditors

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Andy Hanau
Office of the City Auditor
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RE: 2025 Knighton Award Winner

Dear Andy,

The Association of Local Government Auditors' Awards Program Committee is pleased to announce that the City of San Diego, CA, Office of the City Auditor's report, *Performance Audit of the City's Fleet Maintenance*, won the 2025 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 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 2025.

The judges commented:

The judges found that the City of San Diego auditors performed a strong root cause analysis of fleet preventive maintenance delays that could help manage rising costs at a time when the City was facing a budget deficit. The report used a



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comprehensive mix of criteria, and its conclusions were well supported, including work based on a statistically significant sample of inspections. The auditors showed clear operational understanding of fleet management by linking preventive maintenance delays to labor availability rather than parts shortages. Judges also found that the recommendations were practical, specific, and clearly prioritized, especially the recommendation to use the Assistant Fleet Technician position to support preventive maintenance goals and address staffing constraints. Overall, the report is easy to read and well organized for the public and decision-makers, with effective highlights and concise finding summaries.

Congratulations on receiving this award!

Sincerely,

Kathie Harrison,
ALGA President

Michelle J Cleveland,
Awards Program Committee Chair