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HELP FIGHT FRAUD

A REMINDER FROM OUR CITY AUDITOR, LAURA DOUD

Did you know you can help protect the City from fraud? Be alert! If something doesn't look right, sound right, or feel right, it's probably not right. If you suspect fraudulent activity, don't ignore it. Report it to the [City Auditor's Fraud Hotline](#).

The best way to detect fraud is through tips of suspected fraud, waste, and abuse. By reporting tips, you can help ensure taxpayer money and City resources are used as intended for the community.

Examples of City fraud, waste, and abuse include:

- **Timecard Fraud** – City employees charging for hours or overtime not worked
- **Misuse of City Property** – using a City vehicle or laptop for personal benefit
- **Theft of City Property** – stealing City tools, office supplies, or equipment
- **Theft of City Cash** – stealing money paid for City fees and services including parking tickets, permits, fines, or recreational classes
- **Ineligible City Expenses** – using the City's purchasing card for unauthorized or non-City purchases
- **Expense Reimbursement Fraud** – getting reimbursed for fake or inflated expenses such as training, travel, or meal expenses
- **Contract or Vendor Fraud** – vendors charging the City for services not performed or materials not delivered or vendors submitting fake bids
- **Kickbacks and Bribes** – City employees accepting a kickback, bribe, or gift such as event or game tickets in exchange for a City related favor (financial or otherwise)
- **Conflict of Interest** – giving City contracts to family or friends rather than based on merit or qualifications
- **Violations of City Policies or Procedures**

The City Auditor's Fraud Hotline is a **speak up line** that is available 24/7. There are three ways to anonymously and confidentially report detailed tips of fraud, waste, or abuse:

- Phone: 1-888-FRAUD-07 (1-888-372-8307)
- [Online form](#) at CityAuditorLauraDoud.com
- MyAuditor App available at the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

The **City Auditor's Office** takes action on all tips received. Tips have led to fraud investigations resulting in corrective actions such as employee suspension and recommendations to City departments. Find out more in our annual Fraud Hotline Activity Report [here](#).