



Association of Local Government Auditors

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Laura Doud
Long Beach City Auditor's Office
411 W. Ocean Blvd., 8th Floor
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RE: 2025 Knighton Award Winner

Dear Laura,

The Association of Local Government Auditors' Awards Program Committee is pleased to announce that the City of Long Beach, CA, City Auditor's Office's report, *Development Impact Fees Performance Audit*, won the 2025 Distinguished Knighton Award in the 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 report demonstrates that the City of Long Beach needs to revamp its administration of Development Impact Fees. The audit topic was highly relevant, and the scope included a review of numerous departments. The auditors used



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plenty of photos, charts, and graphs to create visual interest for the reader. The report was clearly laid out, and the recommendations addressed the issues succinctly. A great deal of effort was made to make the report engaging yet concise.

Congratulations on receiving this award!

Sincerely,

Kathie Harrison,
ALGA President

Michelle J Cleveland,
Awards Program Committee Chair