



CITY OF OAKLAND
Office of the City Auditor



Serving Oakland with Integrity

Thank You Oakland



Thank you, once again, for entrusting me to watch over your government, share Oakland's successes, and point out where we can do better.

January 7th, 2019 Inauguration Ceremony.

Meet Your Audit Team

Assistant City Auditor, Mike Edmonds, CIA



I am honored to have Mike return, once again, to serve as Oakland's Assistant City Auditor. Mike has over 25 years of local government auditing experience and has served in executive audit positions with the cities of Oakland, San Jose, Palo Alto, and the Contra Costa Water District. Mike has also worked for the California State Auditor General, the Territorial Audit Office in American Samoa, and several private consulting firms.

Auditors & Staff



Meet the exceptional team of professionals committed to serving you.

Left to right: (top row) Daniel Williams, Performance Auditor; Mike Edmonds, Assistant City Auditor; Mark Carnes, Senior Performance Auditor; Randy Stukes, Administrative Assistant II; Orshi Kovesdi, Senior Performance Auditor; (bottom row) Alessia Dempsey, Performance Audit Manager; Jennifer Lim, Performance Auditor; Courtney Ruby, City Auditor; and Dena Shupe, Executive Assistant to the City Auditor.

Office Priorities

Step One - Peer Review

First, the City Auditor's Office must begin by holding ourselves accountable before we can hold others accountable. I asked for the Association of Local Government Auditors to conduct a peer review of the Office. A peer review consists of a team of seasoned audit professionals ensuring the Office adheres to [Government Auditing](#)

[Standards](#) by examining and opining on the audit work over the last three years. Our peer review will take place this April.

Step Two - Wrapping Up Prior Work

We are in the final stages of completing the Rent Adjustment Program and Police Overtime follow-up reports that were initiated by the previous City Auditor. Follow-up reports assess the status of previous audit recommendations and document whether or not corrective actions have been implemented by the City Administration.

Step Three - Rolling Up Our Sleeves and Digging In

Initiating Mandated Audits: Each year our Office conducts mandated audits of local government services. In 2019 we will perform the following mandated audits: the Limited Public Finance Act for the 2018 election cycle, Police Commission, Measure D: Kids First! - Oakland Fund for Children and Youth Act, and Business Tax Refunds.

Identifying Critical Areas to Audit: We are engaging with Oakland residents, City management, department directors, and elected officials to hear their concerns. At the same time, we are gathering information and assessing the most impactful areas to audit. This critical work will guide us in crafting an audit plan that both prioritizes and schedules our work over the next couple of years. *We encourage you to email your ideas or concerns to: cityauditor@oaklandca.gov.*



Coming to a Neighborhood Near You!

Bi-Monthly Community Roundtables

Every other month, I will be holding a public meeting in an Oakland neighborhood so I can hear your concerns, answer your questions, and find out what areas of local government you would like audited. I will also share how to report fraud, waste and abuse to the City Auditor's hotline.



Opportunities

Interested in Joining Our Team?

We are hiring a [Fraud, Waste & Abuse Performance Audit Manager](#) - watch for the job announcement on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages and the City of Oakland's [website](#).

I will continue to keep you up-to-date on our activities and achievements. In the meantime, please share this newsletter with other interested Oaklanders and encourage them to subscribe to our newsletter on our website at www.OaklandAuditor.com to receive Office news and updates.

Committed to serving you with the utmost integrity,



Courtney A. Ruby, CPA
City Auditor

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