



CITY OF OAKLAND
Office of the City Auditor



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NEWLY RELEASED REPORT

Rent Adjustment Program Follow-up Report

Today my Office issued the *Rent Adjustment Program Recommendation Follow-up Report*. The purpose of the report is to follow up on the implementation status of the 2016 previous audit report recommendations. Follow-up reports increase accountability by ensuring audit recommendations are fully implemented. The follow-up found:

3 out of 10 recommendations have been fully implemented and closed since the audit was issued in June 2016:

- 3 additional alternates have been added to the Board and now the Board can meet weekly,
- Petition hearing and Rent Board decisions are posted on the Program website,
- An audit was conducted to validate residential rentals properties' assessments.

6 recommendations have been partially implemented and 1 recommendation has not been implemented.

The Administration is committed to fully implementing all the recommendations by the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year,

To read the *Rent Adjustment Program Recommendation Follow-up Report*, [click here](#).

Peer Review Results Are In -- You Can Count On Us!

Even the Office of the City Auditor gets audited through a process known as **Peer Review**. In April a team of independent and seasoned auditors from other governmental jurisdictions reviewed our quality control systems to ensure that we have established policies, procedures, and are following [Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards](#). Great News--our office passed the Peer Review with flying colors--informing you, the residents of Oakland, that when we issue a report you can rely on our office to have followed strict government standards ensuring our findings are valid and supported.

Our Team is Now Complete

I am honored to announce that Michael Houston will be joining our team on Monday, June 3rd as the Office's [Fraud, Waste & Abuse Performance Audit Manager](#). Michael has over 10 years of local government auditing experience and most recently served as the Director of Compliance & Internal Control at Cal State University East Bay where he oversaw all fraud, waste & abuse investigations. Michael holds a Masters in Public Policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley and a BA in History from Sonoma State University.

A Critical Appointment

I am honored to appoint Jerett Yan as a Public Ethics Commissioner. Jerett is an accomplished attorney who has worked throughout his career to improve access, transparency and accountability in government. His passion and commitment is infectious and I am confident he will discharge his responsibilities as a Commissioner with the highest level of integrity, while working to ensure fairness, openness, and honesty in Oakland City government.

I want to thank everyone who applied -- your desire to serve our city is admirable and it was a pleasure to get to know you during the process.

JUMPING IN FEET FIRST

Audit of the Police Commission

Last Thursday my team and I presented our preliminary audit objectives to the Police Commission. Measure LL mandates that we conduct an audit no later than two (2) years after the City Council has confirmed the first set of Commissioners and alternates. The audit will cover the period of October 2017 through the end of fieldwork which is anticipated to be the end of July 2019. The preliminary objectives of the audit are to assess whether:

The Commission and the Community Police Review Agency (CPRA) adequately comply with Oakland Municipal Code requirements, specifically to determine if

- Reporting requirements are met and policies and procedures have been established and followed, and
- The Commissions' oversight role and the CPRA investigative processes are effective.

CPRA has established controls to properly manage investigations, specifically to determine if

- Public complaints are processed accurately, completely and timely and appropriately prioritized.

SOON TO BE RELEASED AUDITS

- Limited Public Financing Act Report - November 2018 Election
- Oakland Police Department Overtime Report

COMING TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU

You Choose the Neighborhood

On March 27th, the City Auditor and the Public Ethics Commission held a successful Community Roundtable to share what we do and discuss the importance of the City Auditor's Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline, as well as hear your concerns, answer your questions, and find out what areas of local government you would like audited. We are ready to plan our next Community Roundtable, but we need your help. Please send Dena Shupe an email to dshupe@oaklandca.gov if your Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) or community group would like us to make a brief presentation followed by some Q&A time.

Should you have any questions, please direct them to cityauditor@oaklandca.gov.

Committed to serving you with the utmost integrity,



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