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A Year In Review

Dear Oaklanders,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your loved ones had a wonderful and healthy holiday season.

2022 was quite a year of increased accountability and hard work. My Team and I released a critical performance audit of the [City of Oakland's homelessness services](#), completed two mandated audits of the Oakland Fire Department's emergency [medical services](#) and [paramedic services](#) (pursuant to voter-approved measures M and N), and published a [follow-up report](#) on outstanding recommendations from our 2019 performance audit of the Oakland Police Department's overtime spending. My Team also substantiated three whistleblower investigations addressing issues with the City's [telecommunication facilities permits, sewer franchise fees](#), and [inspector certifications](#) in the Fire Prevention Bureau. We also released the [Annual Whistleblower Report](#) summarizing the results of the 2020-21 Whistleblower Program and completed nine independent financial analyses of City ballot measures that were voted on during the June and November 2022 elections.

In addition to our oversight work, I also had the honor of appointing a Commissioner to the Public Ethics Commission, promoting two of my incredible team members to Senior Performance Auditors, and presenting the details of our work to over 20 different Oakland organizations, neighborhood groups, and committees.

Per Government Auditing Standards, our Office must be peer reviewed every 3 years and, in September, we passed our [peer review](#) with flying colors! It's one thing to do the work, it's another to have our own work audited to ensure: 1) we meet Government Auditing Standards, and 2) you, the public, may rely upon our work to hold your government accountable.

While all this was happening, we also continued working on a recommendation follow-up report addressing all outstanding audit recommendations over the last 10 years, and initiated performance audits of the City's Development Services Fund, building permitting, and mandated audits of Measure Q (the 2020 Oakland Parks and Recreation Preservation, Litter Reduction, and Homeless Act) and Business Tax Refunds. Keep an eye out as all these audits will be issued in 2023.

Thank you for granting me another term as your City Auditor!

Thank you to everyone who voted for me to continue serving as your City Auditor and for passing Measure X to increase my office staffing beginning in fiscal year 2023-24! I can't do my job without the incredible support of caring Oakland



residents and employees sharing your concerns and ideas, and reporting tips on our hotline of suspected fraud, waste, and abuse.

As such, it would be my absolute pleasure if you celebrated the kick-off of my 13th year as your independent City Auditor. Please join me and my Team at the [Inauguration Ceremony](#) on Monday, January 9th, at 3pm at the Paramount Theatre of the Arts (2025 Broadway). Contact [Dena Shupe](#) by 5pm this **Sunday**,

January 8th to reserve your tickets. Email Dena today—we have a limited number of seats available for our amazing supporters!

Wishing you all a safe and healthy New Year and I hope to see you soon.

Serving you with the utmost integrity.

Warmly,

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