



## Association of Local Government Auditors

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RE: 2025 Knighton Award Winner

Dear Arushi,

The Association of Local Government Auditors' Awards Program Committee is pleased to announce that the City of Seattle, WA, Seattle Office of City Auditor's report, *City Should Reassess Approach to Park Restroom Cleanliness and Availability*, won the 2025 Distinguished Knighton Award in the Medium 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 judges found this audit to be a strong and well-executed review addressing an issue that clearly matters to the public. The topic—park restroom cleanliness and availability—was highly responsive to community concerns, and the report*



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*effectively incorporated public survey feedback to illustrate the importance of the issue. The audit employed a thorough methodology that included site visits, ride-alongs with cleaning crews, staff interviews, and multiple forms of data analysis, which supported clear and logical findings. The recommendations were practical, feasible, and directly connected to the issues identified. Judges also appreciated the overall presentation of the report. It strikes an effective balance between analytical depth and readability, and the thoughtful layout, visuals, and writing style make the report accessible to a broad audience while still clearly communicating the audit's analysis and conclusions. Overall, the judges viewed this as an exceptionally strong audit that is both impactful and well communicated.*

Congratulations on receiving this award!

Sincerely,

Kathie Harrison,  
ALGA President

Michelle J Cleveland,  
Awards Program Committee Chair