AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL ORIENTATION



Office of the City Auditor
Corrie Stokes-Acting City Auditor

# **OUR MISSION**



To promote transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in Austin city government

# CITY CHARTER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE CITY AUDITOR



Appointed by Council for a five year term

Reports to Council through a Council audit committee

Can conduct financial, performance, investigative or other audits following government auditing standards

Assists the Council in establishing accountability and improving service delivery



# **AUDIT SERVICES**







**Special Requests** 

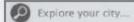
### PERFORMANCE AUDITS



Audits can evaluate whether:

- Programs are achieving outcomes
- Services are provided efficiently, effectively, and/or equitably
- Resources are used effectively
- Legal requirements are met





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#### ARCHIVE OF AUDITOR REPORTS

If you want to request help with this, please contact the City Auditor's Office.

| Report<br>No. | Date<br>Issued | Report Title   | Report Type        |
|---------------|----------------|--|--------------------|
| AU14116       | 12/2014        | Short-Term Rental Registration and Tax Compliance Audit                  | Audit              |
| AU14121       | 12/2014        | Five Year Follow-Up Audit  | Audit              |
| AU14117       | 12/2014        | Building and Development Fees Audit                                      | Audit              |
| AS15101       | 12/2014        | Report on Peer City Council Committees and Council Meeting<br>Management | Special<br>Request |
| AU14118       | 11/2014        | Cemetery Sales Administration and Management Audit                       | Audit              |
| AU14109       | 10/2014        | Performance Measurement System Audit                                     | Audit              |

#### PERFORMANCE AUDITS



#### **Annual audit plan:**

- Based on environmental scan of
  - Council priorities
  - current events
  - management input
  - past audit coverage/results
- Approved by the Council Audit and Finance Committee
- Currently following an interim plan

### SPECIAL REQUESTS



# Designed to answer specific questions to assist Council in decision making

#### Some examples are:

- Special request on Council Committees and Council Meeting Management
- Equity of Cultural Arts Funding Distribution
- PARD Special Events Parking Revenue Collection
- Watershed Protection Recovery Buyout Program

# **INTEGRITY SERVICES**



Investigations of fraud, waste, or abuse



**Proactive projects** 

## INVESTIGATIONS OF FRAUD, WASTE, OR ABUSE



Examples of potential fraud include intentionally:

- Stealing or removing City assets
- Using City equipment, facilities, or supplies for non-City purposes
- Obtaining inappropriate compensation
- Circumventing purchasing procedures for personal gain

Hotline for reporting: (512)974-2798

## QUALITY ASSURANCE



We follow audit and investigative standards that address:

- Independence
- Objectivity
- Staff qualifications
- Evidence
- Public reporting
- Quality control



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