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Internal Audit Division receives highest opinion from peer review

VENTURA, Calif. – The County of Ventura Auditor-Controller's Internal Audit Division (IAD) received the highest possible opinion from a recent peer review conducted for the five-year period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024.

Specifically, the peer reviewers found that the IAD's internal quality control system was suitably designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of conformance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards)* issued by The Institute of Internal Auditors for the period under review.

"The results of this audit validate the high quality of the work being done by our Internal Audit Division," said Jeff Burgh, Ventura County Auditor-Controller. "A peer review ensures that our auditing practices are thorough and professional, and that the public can be assured the County is working to protect taxpayer dollars."

The IAD conducts audits under the *Standards* as required by California Government Code Section 1236. The *Standards* provide a framework for performing and promoting a broad range of value-added internal auditing services. According to the *Standards*, the IAD must obtain an external assessment by a qualified, independent assessment team from outside the organization at least once every five years to provide reasonable assurance of the IAD's conformance with the *Standards*.

The external assessment of the IAD was conducted by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) to enable a true "peer review" of IAD operations. The ALGA peer review team consisted of internal auditors from two independent local government agencies with current knowledge of the *Standards*. The team leader previously led or participated in several peer reviews. As a whole, the review team brought over 40 years of combined auditing experience to the peer review process.

The IAD was last peer-reviewed by ALGA five years ago for the previous five-year period. At that time, the IAD was also found to be in compliance. Read the most recent peer review report here: www.ventura.org/auditor-controllers-office/internal-audit-division/.

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