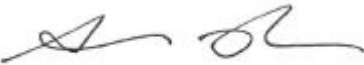


Portland City Auditor

Simone Rede



TO: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez
Commissioner Mingus Mapps
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan

FROM: City Auditor Simone Rede 

DATE: September 25, 2024

SUBJECT: Peer Review Opinion for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to 2023-24

The week of September 9-13, a team of outside auditors conducted a quality control review of the Audit Services Division. This review occurs every three years. I am pleased to share that we received a clean opinion for the period ending June 30, 2024. We passed the review with no comments or deficiencies. A pass is the highest rating an audit organization can attain in the local government auditing profession.

City Charter requires that our performance audits follow generally accepted government auditing standards, also known as the Yellow Book, issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). The results of this review provide assurance to the public that Audit Services' procedures conform to the Yellow Book, which provides standards and guidance for auditors and audit organizations including requirements for independence, continuing professional education, supervision, and reporting.

Like other audits, the review covered a representative sample of work. It also included our written policies and procedures, relevant documentation, and interviews of my staff.

We are pleased to see our excellence reflected in these results. Peer reviewers commended us for our equity analysis of City programs and our accessible reporting methods. These are commitments I've grown since taking office in 2023. The peer review opinion and our response to it is attached.

Attachment: 2024 Peer Review Report

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External Quality Control Review

of the
City of Portland, City Auditor's
Office, Audit Services Division

Conducted in accordance with guidelines of the
**Association of Local Government
Auditors for the period July 1, 2021,
to June 30, 2024**



Association of Local Government Auditors

September 12, 2024

Simone Rede, City Auditor
KC Jones, Audit Director
City of Portland, City Auditor's Office, Audit Services Division
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Dear Ms. Rede and Mr. Jones,

We have completed a peer review of the City of Portland, City Auditor's Office, Audit Services Division for the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024. In accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards peer review requirements, we followed the standards and guidelines contained in the *Peer Review Guide* published by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA).

We reviewed the internal quality control system of your audit organization and conducted tests in order to determine whether your internal quality control system was adequately designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Our procedures included:

- Reviewing the audit organization's written policies and procedures.
- Reviewing internal monitoring procedures.
- Reviewing a sample of audit and other engagements and working papers.
- Reviewing documents related to independence, training, and development of auditing staff.
- Interviewing auditing staff, and management, to assess their understanding of, and compliance with, relevant quality control policies and procedures.

Due to variances in individual performance and judgment, compliance does not imply adherence to standards in every case but does imply adherence in most situations. Organizations can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiencies, or fail. City of Portland, City Auditor's Office, Audit Services Division has received a rating of pass.

Further, based on the results of our review, it is our opinion that the City of Portland, City Auditor's Office, Audit Services Division's internal quality control system was adequately designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with *Government Auditing Standards* and applicable legal and regulatory requirements for audits, during the review period, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

Paul Geib, CFE
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Audit Services



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September 12, 2024

Dear Mr. Geib,

We reviewed the results of your quality control review of the Audit Services Division and are pleased that your team found our audit organization to be in full compliance with Government Auditing Standards, as required by the City Charter.

Thank you for the recognition that our office excels in incorporating equity analyses and training into our work, reaching audiences with inclusive reporting, and maintaining a policy manual in accordance with standards. We appreciate your expertise and commitment to improving audit quality in local government.

We would like to extend our personal thanks to you, Keith Piper, CIA, from the City of Virginia Beach, and Jacob Perry from the City of Austin. We are grateful for your willingness to volunteer as peer reviewers and make time in your schedules to conduct this review.

We will share your report with City Council and make it available to the public.

Sincerely,

Simone Rede
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