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THE USE OF FORCE AUDIT REPORT WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

SAN FRANCISCO – On May 19, 2021, the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) presented San Francisco the Distinguished Knighton Award for its audit report titled *The Police Department Needs Clearer Guidance and More Proactive Government for Better Use-of-Force Data Collection and Reporting*. This Charter mandated audit of SFPD's use-of-force data, completed in collaboration with the SF Controller's Office, resulted in 37 recommendations for SFPD to strengthen their use-of-force data analysis and public reporting. The DPA gained their auditing function through the passage of Proposition G in 2016, co-sponsored by then-Supervisors Malia Cohen and London Breed.

ALGA is a professional association for local government auditors committed to promote excellence in auditing. ALGA established the Knighton Award in 1995, to recognize extraordinary performance audit reports, and to help audit shops identify new methods and ways to improve performance audits.

"When Proposition G passed with more than 80% of the vote, San Francisco gave us a clear mandate for more transparency and reporting around our police department's use-of-force," said Executive Director Paul Henderson. "The audit's findings highlight the accuracy and effectiveness of the SFPD's use-of-force data collection and provides a clear roadmap to use that data to make more informed policy decisions."

The audit recommends that SFPD utilize their use-of-force data to monitor policy compliance, gain insight into the role bias plays, and identify training opportunities to inform force reduction efforts.

"I always considered Proposition G as foundational to address our citizens' concerns regarding police use-of-force," said Police Commission President Malia Cohen, lead sponsor of Proposition G. "The DPA's auditing function is a core aspect of civilian oversight in San Francisco and the findings of this report have identified the ways in which the SFPD can improve its use-of-force data collection. I'm especially proud of DPA and Controller's Office for setting a high bar on their first use-of-force audit."

The DPA and the Controller's Office continue to follow up with the Police Department to track the status of the report's open recommendations.

The SFDPA Audit is available at <https://bit.ly/2SAoMvy>. For more information on ALGA and the Knighton Award, you can visit <https://algaonline.org/>.

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