

MANAGEMENT BRIEF

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TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: 2017 State Auditor's Report

The Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO) has completed the 2017 Audit of the City of Bellevue. An exit conference was conducted on September 27, 2018, with the final materials published on the State Auditor's Office soon after. The audit revealed no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Details of the audit can be found on the State Auditor's website (City of Bellevue Audit Report 1022165), including the following:

- Accountability audit report for January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017
- Financial statement and federal grant compliance audit for January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.
- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Letter

The audit was conducted by the Local Government Support Team from the SAO, which provides services to local governments through technical assistance, comparatives statistics, training and tools to help prevent and detect a loss of public funds. During the exit conference the team expressed thanks to city staff for their cooperation and timely responses to requests during the audit.

Most importantly, they commended the City for not having any findings or management letters given the size and complexity of the organization. They noted that this is "a reflection of diligent, on-going improvement and a strong culture of internal controls." I echo their statement and extend thanks to the staff involved in the audit who share the organization's core values of stewardship, integrity and providing exceptional public service.