

City of Seattle  
Office of City Auditor



# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Presentation to the Seattle City Council's Affordable Housing,  
Neighborhoods, and Finance Committee

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- City Charter requires an annual report of every department
- Due by April 1 of the following year
- Our 2015 report can be viewed at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/cityauditor/annualreports>

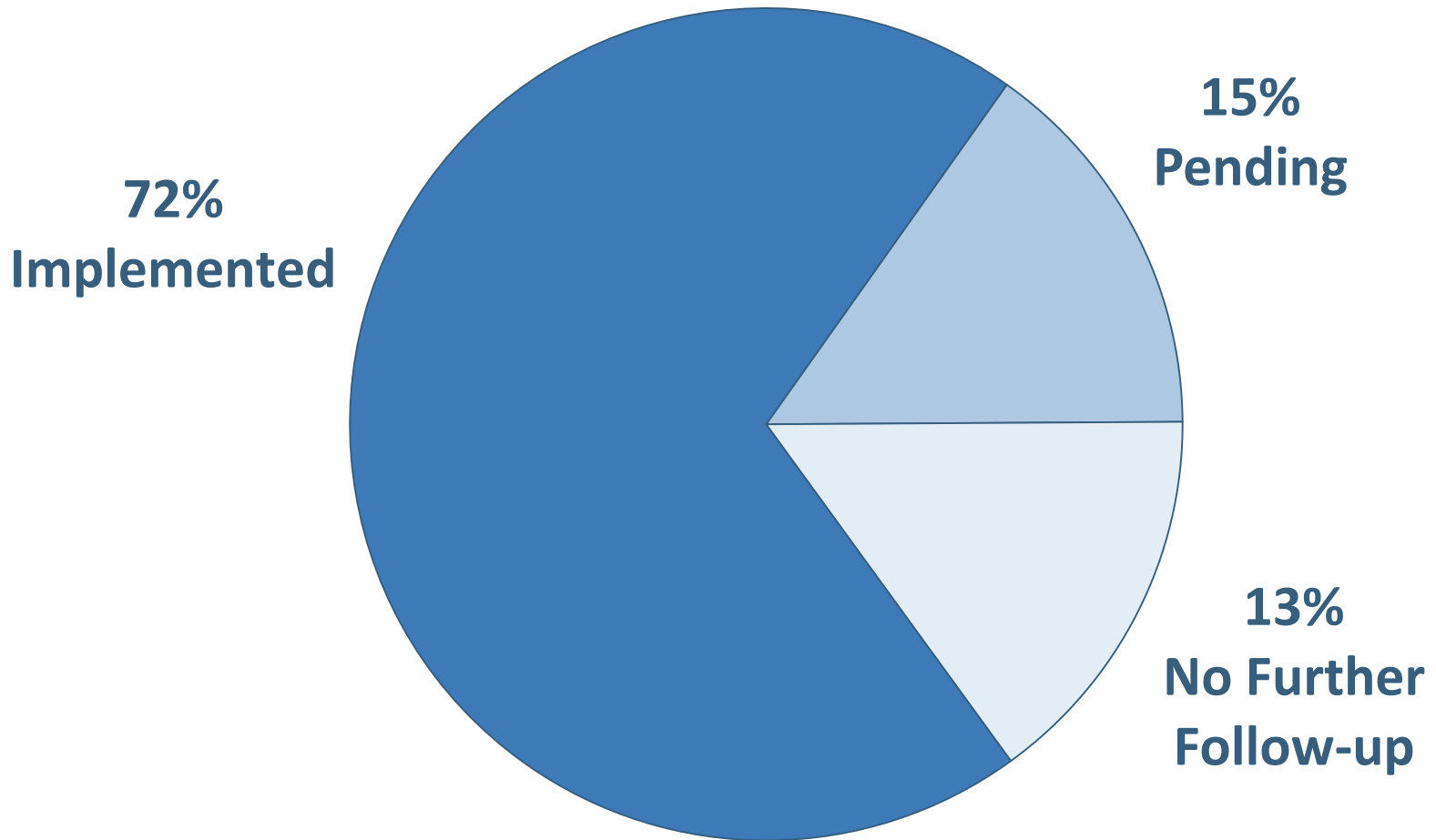
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# WHAT WE DO

- **Performance Audits** – We conduct independent, in-depth analyses of City programs and develop recommendations for improvements.
- **Research and Evaluation of City Programs** – At the direction of City Council, we facilitate and advocate for effective design and rigorous evaluation of City programs, often in partnership with academics.
- **Special Projects** – We provide reports and presentations with information on issues important to City decision makers.

# IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF 414 RECOMMENDATIONS, 2007-2014



# 2015 AUDIT PROJECTS

## Completed:

- Status Report on Implementation of Office of City Auditor Recommendations as of December 2014
- Department of Parks and Recreation's Oversight of Lease and Concession Agreements
- Summary of Consultant Payment Card Industry (PCI) Penetration Testing Report
- Seattle Police Department's Public Disclosure Request Process
- Seattle Police Department's Overtime Controls (published on April 11, 2016)

# ONGOING AUDIT PROJECTS

- Seattle City Light Customer Billable Projects
- Metropolitan Improvement District Services in Belltown
- Incentive Zoning Program Administration
- Seattle Police Department's Staffing of Special Events
- Status Report on Implementation of Office of City Auditor Recommendations as of December 2015

# AUDIT HIGHLIGHTS

- We conduct our performance audits in accordance with the rigorous Government Auditing Standards.
- Our report on SPD's public disclosure process was honored with a 2015 Distinguished Knighton Award from the Association of Local Government Auditors.
- We consider the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) in our audit work.



# 2015 RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OF CITY PROGRAMS

## **Completed:**

- Evaluation of the Career Bridge Program
- Process Evaluation of Seattle's School Emphasis Officer Program
- Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative: Two Key Conclusions
- The City of Seattle Could Reduce Violent Crime and Victimization by Strengthening its Approach to Street Outreach

# ONGOING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OF CITY PROGRAMS

- Minimum Wage Ordinance Evaluation
- Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth Project
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports in Five Rainier Beach Schools
- Family Intervention and Restorative Services (FIRS) Center, a Juvenile Domestic Violence Non-Detention Pilot Project
- Effective Policing Website Update
- Street Outreach Action Plan
- West Precinct Juvenile Crime Hot Spots Report to U.S. Department of Justice Community-Oriented Policing Services Office

# 2015 SPECIAL PROJECTS

## **Completed:**

- Rethinking School Discipline with the Oakland Unified School District
- Juvenile Domestic Violence in Seattle: Understanding the Problem and How Best to Address it
- Consultant Report on Mortgage Documents Review

# ONGOING SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Prescription Drug Safe Disposal Research Brief
- Culturally Responsive Family Violence Prevention Research Review
- Technical Assistance to the African American Male Achievement Project

# FEEDBACK FROM OUR PARTNERS

“The partnership with the Office of City Auditor on the important issue of juvenile family violence is a representation of the remarkable things that can be achieved through collaboration, resilience, and hard work.”

- **Dan Satterberg**, King County Prosecuting Attorney

“The City of Seattle Office of City Auditor is a critical partner in the success of our innovative non arrest approach to reducing youth crime...Ever present, authentic, consistent and insightful are words that describe [the Office of City Auditor’s] contributions. Initiatives such as ours, if to be successfully implemented, need partners like the Office of City Auditor.”

- **Gregory Davis**, Co-Chair, Rainier Beach Action Coalition