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Comptroller's Audit Division Successfully Peer Reviewed

Hauppauge, NY - Suffolk County Comptroller, John M. Kennedy, Jr. is pleased to announce that earlier this month his Audit Division successfully passed a Peer Review conducted by members of the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA). ALGA is a professional organization consisting of member-audit shops throughout the country and is committed to supporting local government auditors through advocacy, education, training and peer review services.

The focus of the peer review was to determine if the Audit Division has been conducting its audits in accordance with Government Auditing Standards (GAS) as promulgated by the Comptroller General of the United States. Auditors from Florida, Pennsylvania and Kansas performed the peer review. The peer review team provided a Pass rating and opined that the Audit Division's "internal quality control system was suitably designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with *Government Auditing Standards* for audit engagements during the review period of December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2018."

The process must be conducted every three years to maintain the peer review status. The Audit Division had been successfully peer reviewed every three years from 1991 through 2007 when the practice was discontinued by the prior administration.

Comptroller Kennedy commented that "It has been a priority of my administration to restore the peer review distinction to the Audit Division. After all, who audits the auditors? I take great pride in this accomplishment which affirms the excellent level of work produced by my audit staff and demonstrates that the policies and procedures we have implemented ensure the quality and reliability of our audit results."

The Peer Review report is available on the Suffolk County Comptroller's website at: <http://suffolkcountny.gov/comptroller/Reports.aspx>

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