



# Washington State Auditor Troy Kelley

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 19, 2014

Mayor and City Council  
City of Tacoma  
Tacoma, Washington

### ***REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Power, Sewer, Water, and Solid Waste funds, which are presented as major funds and represent 91 percent, 90 percent, and 91 percent, respectively, of all the assets, net position, and revenues of the business-type activities. We also did not audit the financial statements of the Tacoma Rail fund which represents one percent, one percent, and four percent respectively of the assets, net position, and revenues of the business type activities, and two percent, one percent, and six percent, respectively, of the assets, net position and revenues of the aggregate remaining fund information. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports thereon have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Power, Sewer, Water, Solid Waste, and Tacoma Rail funds is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*,