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The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), representing the unified voice of the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (Association), has presented Elaine M. Howle, CPA, of El Dorado Hills, Calif., with its 2022 Outstanding CPA in Government Career Contribution Award, honoring her dedication to the accounting profession.

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chair of the AICPA and the Association. "We are delighted to recognize and celebrate these outstanding individuals for their significant contributions and exceptional leadership to our governments and communities."

The [Outstanding CPA in Government Career Contribution Award](#) recognizes an AICPA member's significant contributions to the CPA profession through government service at the local, state or federal level over a candidate's career. Award winners must have demonstrated exceptional leadership, high ethical standards, and a track record of professional excellence.

Howle began her career with the California State Auditor's office over 35 years ago. She advanced through the office's leadership roles and was appointed California State Auditor in 2000 where she served for 21 years. Under Howle's leadership, the California State Auditor's office served a vital role in the State's system of checks and balances, by examining the fiscal health and performance of state and local entities, to ensure that government provides the essential services to the public in the most efficient and effective manner.

Recognized nationally as a leader in her profession, Howle has received various awards including the National State Auditors Association's William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award (2016). Additionally, the Institute of Internal Auditors' American Center for Government Auditing honored Howle as among 2014's 15 Most Influential Professionals in Government Auditing. She was also named Public Official of the Year by Governing Magazine in November 2012 and received the national David M. Walker Excellence in Government Performance and Accountability Award in June 2012. After a rewarding career in state service Howle, retired on December 31, 2021.

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delivery of their respective local, state, or federal employer organizations.

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Warren has more than 34 years of experience, beginning his career as a CPA in Fort Smith with Baird, Kurtz & Dobson, CPAs. He also worked for ERC Properties, Inc. for 15 years and another two years for Hankins & Company, CPAs in Fort Smith. During this time Warren garnered a leadership position in the Fort Smith Council of Parent Teacher Associations. Here he worked closely with the Superintendent of the Fort Smith Public Schools and was named Chief Financial Officer in 2009.

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