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To Management, the Honorable Mayor, and City Council
City of Calabasas
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The following represents our understanding of the services we will provide the City of Calabasas.

You have requested that we audit the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information (or basic financial statements) of the City of Calabasas (the City), as of June 30, 2023, and for the year then ended and the related notes, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter.

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The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) require that supplementary information, such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the GASB, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, (U.S. GAAS). These limited procedures will consist primarily of inquiries of management regarding their methods of measurement and presentation, and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries. We will not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the RSI.



The following RSI is required by U.S. GAAP. This RSI will be subjected to certain limited procedures but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis
2. General and Major Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedules
3. Pension Related Schedules
4. OPEB Related Schedules

Supplementary information other than RSI will accompany the City's basic financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and perform certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the supplementary information to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and additional procedures in accordance with U.S. GAAS. We intend to provide an opinion on the following supplementary information in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole:

1. Other Major Funds and Non-major Budgetary Comparison Schedules
2. Combining Statements/Schedules

Also, the document we submit to you will include the following other additional information that will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements:

1. Introductory Section
2. Statistical Section

Auditor Responsibilities

We will conduct our audit in accordance with U.S. GAAS and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*. Please note that the determination of abuse is subjective and *Government Auditing Standards* does not require auditors to detect abuse.

Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any other periods.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations

As previously discussed, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the City's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance, and we will not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibilities

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

- For the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
- For the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of basic financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements;
- To provide us with:
 - Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements such as records, documentation, and other matters;
 - Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit;
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - A written acknowledgement of all the documents that management expects to issue that will be included in the annual report and the planned timing and method of issuance of that annual report; and
 - A final version of the annual report (including all the documents that, together, comprise the annual report) in a timely manner prior to the date of the auditor's report.
- For including the auditor's report in any document containing basic financial statements that indicates that such basic financial statements have been audited by us;
- For identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities;
- For adjusting the basic financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the current year period(s) under audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the basic financial statements as a whole; and
- For acceptance of nonattest services, including identifying the proper party to oversee nonattest work;
- For maintaining adequate records, selecting and applying accounting principles, and safeguarding assets;
- For informing us of any known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees with significant role in internal control and others where fraud could have a material effect on the financials; and
- For the accuracy and completeness of all information provided.

With regard to the supplementary information referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility: (a) for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria; (b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding supplementary information; (c) to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information; and (d) to present the supplementary information with the audited basic financial statements, or if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited basic financial statements, to make the audited basic financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by you of the supplementary information and our report thereon.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance, written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

Nonattest Services

With respect to any nonattest services, we agree to perform the following:

- To propose adjusting or correcting journal entries to be reviewed and approved by management,
- To assist management with drafting the financial statements based on the entity's trial balances,

We will not assume management responsibilities on behalf of the City. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management of the City in performing its responsibilities.

The City's management is responsible for: (a) making all management decisions and performing all management functions; (b) assigning a competent individual to oversee the services; (c) evaluating the adequacy of the services performed; (d) evaluating and accepting responsibility for the results of the services performed; and (e) establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

Our responsibilities and limitations of the nonattest services are as follows:

- We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards and
- The nonattest services are limited to the services previously outlined. Our firm, in its sole professional judgment, reserves the right to refuse to do any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or assuming management responsibilities, including determining account coding and approving journal entries.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the City's basic financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the City Council. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s) to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from the engagement. If our opinions on the basic financial statements are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

We also will issue a written report on the Appropriations Limit upon completion of our audit.

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In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we will also issue a written report describing the scope of our testing over internal control over financial reporting and over compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of grants and contracts, including the results of that testing. However, providing an opinion on internal control and compliance will not be an objective of the audit and, therefore, no such opinion will be expressed.

Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations we request and will locate any documents or support for any other transactions we select for testing.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the basic financial statements and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

Regarding the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your internet website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

Professional standards prohibit us from being the sole host and/or the sole storage for your financial and non-financial data. As such, it is your responsibility to maintain your original data and records and we cannot be responsible to maintain such original information. By signing this engagement letter, you affirm that you have all the data and records required to make your books and records complete.

In addition, we will perform an agreed upon procedures engagement related to City's Appropriations Limit. The procedures have been agreed to by the City and the League of California Cities (as presented in the publication entitled *Agreed-upon Procedures Applied to the Appropriations Limitation Prescribed by Article XIII B of the California Constitution*) and will be performed solely to assist the City in meeting the requirements of Section 1.5 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution. The City's management will be responsible for the Appropriations Limit worksheet.

If it is determined a Single Audit is needed subsequent to this engagement letter, we will provide the City with another engagement letter covering the terms and conditions related to a Single Audit and the Uniform Guidance.

Government Auditing Standards require that we document an assessment of the skills, knowledge, and experience of management, should we participate in any form of preparation of the basic financial statements and related schedules or disclosures as these actions are deemed a non-audit service.

Provisions of Engagement Administration, Timing, and Fees

During the course of the engagement, we may communicate with you or your personnel via fax or e-mail, and you should be aware that communication in those mediums contains a risk of misdirected or intercepted communications.

Our firm may transmit confidential information that you provided us to third parties in order to facilitate delivering our services to you. We have obtained confidentiality agreements with all our service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have the appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of confidential information to others. We will remain responsible for the work provided by any third-party service providers used under this agreement. By your signature below, you consent to having confidential information transmitted to entities outside the firm. Please feel free to inquire if you would like additional information regarding the transmission of confidential information to entities outside the firm.

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Terry Shea, CPA, is the engagement partner for the audit services specified in this letter. His responsibilities include supervising our firm's services performed as part of this engagement and signing or authorizing another qualified firm representative to sign the audit report.

Our fee for the audit will be detailed in Attachment B. We will notify you immediately of any circumstances we encounter that could significantly affect this initial fee estimate. Whenever possible, we will attempt to use the City's personnel to assist in the preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts. This effort could substantially reduce our time requirements and facilitate the timely conclusion of the audit. Further, we will be available during the year to consult with you on financial management and accounting matters of a routine nature.

Our fee for this engagement assumes the following: the City will be adequately prepared for the audit and the City's financial operations and working trial balance will be consistent from year to year. If, after we receive the working trial balances, we notice there are excessive new accounts over the prior year; or if there are excessive subsequent journal entries; prepared by client workpapers that do not agree to the working trial balances, there are new funds/functions within the City, or other changes that necessitate a significant amount of time to address, we will need to come to an agreed upon change order to address any possible additional costs incurred by the firm. If the need for additional work does come to our attention, we will immediately notify City staff. If you choose to have us perform the additional work, then such work will be performed at the same hourly rates applicable to the audit work and set forth in an addendum to the contract between the City and our firm.

Management is also responsible for the implementation of new standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We will provide reasonable assistance in the preparation of the items noted herein, but any significant time needed to complete the financial statements will be billed separately.

Our proposed fee is also dependent on all items requested being completed in the format requested or in a mutually agreed upon format and uploaded to the Engagement Organizer hosted by our firm in a timely manner in accordance with the agree-upon audit timeline.

During the course of the audit, we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

You agree to inform us of facts that may affect the basic financial statements of which you may become aware during the period from the date of the auditor's report to the date the financial statements are issued.

We agree to retain our audit documentation or work papers for a period of at least seven years from the date of our report. Upon expiration of this period, we will be free to destroy our records related to the engagement. However, we do not keep original client documents, so we will return those as they are used during each engagement. It is management's responsibility to retain and protect the records for possible future use, including examination by regulators and federal agencies.

We require that a copy of the final trial balance (i.e., a trial balance ready to audit) be delivered to us at least 10 business days prior to the start of the audit, otherwise we may reschedule the start of the audit.

At the conclusion of our audit engagement, we will communicate to the City Council the following significant findings from the audit:

- Our view about the qualitative aspects of the entity's significant accounting practices;
- Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Uncorrected misstatements, other than those we believe are trivial, if any;
- Disagreements with management, if any;
- Other findings or issues, if any, arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process;
- Material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures;
- Representations we requested from management;
- Management's consultations with other accountants, if any; and
- Significant issues, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed, or the subject of correspondence, with management.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of our firm and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to regulators, federal agencies, and to the U.S. Government Accountability Office pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation, or to peer reviewers. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP's personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the regulators. The regulators may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we have attached a copy of our latest external peer review report of our firm for your consideration and files.

International Alliance Membership

Our firm is an independent member firm of Alliot Global Alliance, which is an international alliance of independent accounting, law, and specialist firms. Alliot Global Alliance and its member firms are legally distinct and separate entities. These entities are not and shall not be construed to be in the relationship of a parent firm, subsidiary, partner, joint venture, agent, or a network. No Alliot Global Alliance member firm has any authority (actual, apparent, implied, or otherwise) to obligate or bind Alliot Global Alliance or any other Alliot Global Alliance member firm in any manner whatsoever. Equally, neither Alliot Global Alliance nor any other member firm has any authority to obligate or bind us or any other member firm. All Alliot Global Alliance members are independent firms, and as such, they each render their services entirely on their own account (including benefit and risk). In connection with the engagement contemplated by this letter or any other services from time to time provided by us, we may seek advice from or may recommend the retention of an Alliot Global Alliance member firm. Alliot Global Alliance and its other member firms shall have no liability for advice rendered by us or such consulted or retained Alliot Global Alliance member firm. Nor shall we have liability for advice rendered by any of the other Alliot Global Alliance member firms, even if consulted or recommended to you by our firm.

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Please electronically sign this letter to indicate your acknowledgement of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the financial statements, including our respective responsibilities. Please download a copy of the letter for your records once you have completed the signature process.

We appreciate the opportunity to be your financial statement auditors and look forward to working with you and your staff.

Respectfully,

Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP.

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth our understanding.

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of City of Calabasas by:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

June 4, 2021

To the Partners of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, and the Peer Review Committee of the California Society of CPAs

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP (the firm) in effect for the year ended November 30, 2020. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including a compliance audit under the Single Audit Act, and an audit of an employee benefit plan.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP in effect for the year ended November 30, 2020, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP has received a peer review rating of *pass*.



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**CITY OF CALABASAS
SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE AUDIT OF THE JUNE 30, 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

<u>Nature of Service to be Provided</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
City Audit and Related Reports	\$ 32,000
Single Audit* and Related Reports	3,600
City State Controller's Report**	2,500
City Annual Street Report**	<u>2,500</u>
Total Annual Financial Audit Engagements	<u><u>\$ 40,600</u></u>

*= Fee for first major program, each additional major program is \$3,000.

**=Optional