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To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Calabasas Calabasas, California

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Calabasas, California, (the City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 2024. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated June 5, 2023, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express opinions about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the City solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our findings regarding significant control deficiencies over financial reporting and other matters noted during our audit in a separate letter to you dated March 19, 2024.



Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Significant Risks

We have identified the possibility of the following significant risks:

Management's override of internal controls over financial reporting: Management override of internal controls is the intervention by management in handling financial information and making decisions contrary to internal control policy.

Revenue recognition: Revenue recognition is a generally accepted accounting principle that refers to the conditions under which an entity can recognize a transaction as revenue. Auditing standards indicate that recognizing revenue is a presumed fraud risk and usually classified as a significant risk in most audits

These significant risks are presumptive in most audits and merit attention by the auditors due to the direct impact over financial reporting and internal control processes. Although identified as significant risks, we noted no matters of management override of controls or deviations from generally accepted accounting principles which caused us to modify our audit procedures or any related matters which are required to be communicated to those charged with governance due to these identified risks.

Qualitative Aspects of the City's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the City is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. The City has implemented GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements* during fiscal year 2023. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are:

Management's estimate of fair market value of investments is based on market values provided by outside sources. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair market value of investments in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of depreciation expense is based on the useful lives of acquired assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop depreciation expense in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The estimate of the net pension liability is based on actuarial reports provided by independent actuaries. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the statements taken as a whole.

The estimate of the net OPEB liability is based on actuarial reports provided by independent actuaries. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of lease liabilities, subscription liabilities, right-to-use assets, and asset amortization is based on present value calculations using certain terms and assumptions in the lease and subscription agreements and estimated useful lives of assets in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the related estimates in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the City's financial statements relate to:

The disclosure of fair value of investments in the financial statements represents amounts susceptible to market fluctuations.

The disclosure of capital assets, net, in the financial statements is based on historical information which could differ from actual useful lives of each capitalized item.

The disclosure of net pension liability in the financial statements is based on actuarial assumptions. Actual future liabilities may vary from disclosed estimates.

The disclosure of net OPEB liability in the financial statements is based on actuarial assumptions. Actual future liabilities may vary from disclosed estimates.

The disclosure of leases liabilities, subscription liabilities, right-to-use assets, and asset amortization in the financial statements is based on certain terms and assumptions in the lease agreements which could differ from actual amounts.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole and each applicable opinion unit. None of the misstatements identified by us as a result of our audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the City's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the attached letter dated March 19, 2024.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the City, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the City's auditors.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing the City's audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with such standards:

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the supplementary information, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

This information is intended solely for the use of the City Council and management of the City and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Rogers, Anderson, Malody e Scott, LLP.

Very truly yours,

San Bernardino, CA March 19, 2024



March 19, 2024

Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP 735 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 100 San Bernardino, CA 92408

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the City of Calabasas (the City) as of June 30, 2023 and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, where applicable, of the various opinion units of the City of Calabasas in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for governments in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), and in connection with your examination of the City of Calabasas' compliance with the compliance requirements "activities allowed or unallowed" and "allowable cost/cost principles" as described in Part IV "Requirements for an Alternative Compliance Examination Engagement for Recipients that Would Otherwise be Required to Undergo a Single Audit or Program-Specific Audit as a Result of Receiving Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds" of the CSLFRF section of the 2023 OMB Compliance Supplement as of June 30, 2023 and for the year then ended, for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance pursuant to the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). We confirm that we are responsible for compliance with requirements applicable to our major federal award programs.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information such that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, 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.

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of March 19, 2024.

Financial Statements

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement dated June 5, 2023, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for 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.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.
- We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.
- We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- We have identified and communicated to you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- All component units, as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, are included and other joint ventures and related organizations are properly disclosed.
- All funds and activities are properly classified.
- All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments, GASB Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments: Omnibus as amended, and GASB Statement No. 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities, for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are considered important to financial statement users.

- All components of net position, non-spendable fund balance, and restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- Our policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position/fund balance are available is appropriately disclosed and net position/fund balance is properly recognized under the policy.
- All revenues within the statement of activities have been properly classified as program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- All expenses have been properly classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations, if any, have been made on a reasonable basis.
- All inter-fund and intra-entity transactions and balances have been properly classified and reported.
- Deposit and investment risks have been properly and fully disclosed.
- Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and if applicable, depreciated.
- All required supplementary information is measured and presented within the prescribed guidelines.
- With regard to investments and other instruments reported at fair value:
 - The underlying assumptions are reasonable and they appropriately reflect management's intent and ability to carry out its stated courses of action.
 - The measurement methods and related assumptions used in determining fair value are appropriate in the circumstances and have been consistently applied.
 - The disclosures related to fair values are complete, adequate, and in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
 - There are no subsequent events that require adjustments to the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements.
- With respect to your assistance with preparation of financial statements and related notes, we have performed the following:
 - Made all management decisions and performed all management functions;
 - Assigned a competent individual to oversee the services;
 - Evaluated the adequacy of the services performed;
 - Evaluated and accepted responsibility for the result of the service performed; and
 - Established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

Information Provided

- We have provided you with:
 - Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above, such as records, documentation, meeting minutes, and other matters;
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit;
 and
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the City from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - A written acknowledgement of all the documents that we expect to issue that will be included in the annual report and the planned timing and method of issuance of that annual report.
 - 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.
- We have provided to you our analysis of the City's ability to continue as a going concern, including significant conditions and events present, and if necessary, our analysis of management's plans, and our ability to achieve those plans. We have no reason to believe the City will not continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.
- The financial statements and any other information included in the annual report are consistent with one another, and the other information does not contain any material misstatements.
- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the City and involves:
 - Management;
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the City's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, vendors, regulators, or others.
- We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

- We have disclosed to you the identity of the City's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in accounting, internal control, or financial reporting practices.
- The City has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
- We have disclosed to you all guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the City is contingently liable.
- We have disclosed to you all non-exchange financial guarantees, under which we are obligated and have declared liabilities and disclosed properly in accordance with GASB Statement No. 70, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Financial Guarantees, for those guarantees where it is more likely than not that the City will make a payment on any guarantee.
- We have disclosed to you all significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 62 (GASB-62), Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements. Significant estimates are estimates at the balance sheet date that could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to volumes of business, revenues, available sources of supply, or markets or geographic areas for which events could occur that would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year.
- We have identified and disclosed to you the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- We have evaluated all of our lease agreements and have given you our assessment as to whether each lease is subject to GASBS Statement No. 87, *Leases*.
- We have evaluated all of our subscription agreements and have given you our assessment as to whether each lease is subject to GASBS Statement No. 96, Subscription Based IT Arrangements.

• There are no:

- Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations, or provisions of contracts or grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, including applicable budget laws and regulations.
- Un-asserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB-62.

- Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB-62
- Continuing disclosure consent decree agreements or filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and we have filed updates on a timely basis in accordance with the agreements (Rule 240, 15c2-12)
- The City has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset or future revenue been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed to you.
- We have complied with all aspects of grant agreements and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements:
 - We acknowledge our responsibility for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - We believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly
 presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United
 States of America.
 - The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
 - When the supplementary information is not presented with the audited financial statements, management will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by the City of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.
 - We acknowledge our responsibility to include the auditor's report on the supplementary information in any document containing the supplementary information and that indicates the auditor reported on such supplementary information.
 - We acknowledge our responsibility to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements or, if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited financial statements, to make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by the City of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.
 - We believe any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information, and the basis for our assumptions and interpretations, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.

- With respect to the required supplementary information accompanying the financial statements:
 - We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the required supplementary information in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
 - We believe the required supplementary information, including its form and content, is measured and fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
 - The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
- With respect to the use of a specialist:
 - We agree with the findings of specialists in evaluating the City's pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and costs and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialist in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give or cause any instructions to be given to specialists with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had an impact on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.
 - We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances.
- We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance.
- We are responsible for the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
- We believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is fairly prepared in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
- The methods of measurement have not changed from those used in the prior period.
- We have, in accordance the Uniform Guidance, identified in the schedule of expenditures
 of federal awards, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by
 federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan
 guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements,
 interest subsidies, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance.
- We have no knowledge of any instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the examination objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance, whether communicated by employees, former employees, vendors, regulators, or others.

- We have no knowledge of any instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred
 of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that has a material
 effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data
 significant to the examination objectives.
- We have no knowledge of any instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the examination objectives.
- We have a process to track the status of examination findings and recommendations.
- We have identified for you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the examination objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- We have provided to you our interpretations of any compliance requirements that have varying interpretations, if applicable.
- We have made available to you all federal awards (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence relevant to federal programs and related activities that have taken place with federal agencies or pass-through entities.
- We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- We have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the requirements of federal awards, including the results of other audits or program reviews, or stated that there was no such noncompliance. We also know of no instances of noncompliance occurring subsequent to the period covered by this examination report.
- We have disclosed to you any communications from federal awarding agencies and passthrough entities concerning possible noncompliance with direct and material compliance requirement, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance examination to the date of the accountant's report.
- We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance with direct and material compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the basic financial statements have been prepared (and are prepared on a basis consistent with the schedule of expenditures of federal awards).
- The copies of federal program financial reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or passthrough entity, as applicable.
- We have properly classified amount claimed or used for matching in accordance with related guidelines in the Uniform Guidance, as applicable.

- We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for
 previous audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring that directly
 relate to the objectives of the compliance examination, including findings received and
 corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance
 examination to the date of the accountant's report.
- We have disclosed all contracts or other agreements with service organizations and disclosed to you all communications from these service organizations relating to noncompliance at the organizations.
- We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for accrual adjustments and an acknowledgment of the auditor's role in the preparation of the adjustments.
- We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence with respect to conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period that affect noncompliance during the reporting period.

In addition:

- We are responsible for understanding and complying with the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the federal statutes, regulation, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major federal program; and we have complied with these direct and material compliance requirements.
- We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance requirements for federal programs that provide reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award that could have a material effect on our federal programs. Also, no changes have been made in the internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken by management with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance have occurred subsequent to the period covered by the accountant's report.

Sincerely,

Ron Ahlers

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MARCH 19, 2024

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