

Orange County Industrial Development Agency and Orange County Funding Corporation Report to Those Charged with Governance December 31, 2022

March 15, 2023

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March 15, 2023

Members of the Board of Directors Orange County Industrial Development Agency and Orange County Funding Corporation 4 Crotty Lane, Suite #100 New Windsor, New York 12553

We have audited the financial statements of the Orange County Industrial Development Agency (a discretely presented component unit of the County of Orange, New York) ("Agency") and the Orange County Funding Corporation (a discretely presented component unit of the Orange County Industrial Agency) ("Corporation"), collectively known as the "Entity", as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 and have issued our report thereon dated March 15, 2023.

Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated December 27, 2022. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

We are pleased to be of service to you and the Entity and appreciate the opportunity to present our audit findings to you. We are also pleased to discuss other matters which may be of interest to you and to answer any questions you may have.

This information is intended solely for the information and use of Those Charged with Governance and management of the Entity and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP



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Status of the Audit

Audit of Financial Statements

- Audit fieldwork is complete.
- The financial statements have been drafted and reviewed by management.
- We have issued an unmodified report on the financial statements.
- PARIS report is required to be filed by March 31, 2023.



Required Communications and Other Matters

Required Item	Comments
Auditor's responsibility under professional standards and planned scope and timing of the audit	We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated December 27, 2022. Generally, these responsibilities include:
	 Forming and expressing an opinion on the financial statements.
	• Obtaining <i>reasonable assurance</i> that the financial statements are <i>free of material misstatements</i> , whether caused by error or fraud.
	 Accumulating and communicating uncorrected misstatements to Those Charged with Governance ("TCWG").
	Maintaining professional skepticism.
	 Communicating audit related matters that are, in our professional judgment, significant to TCWG.
Supplementary information accompanying the financial statements	Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Entity's basic financial statements. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.



Required Item	Comments
Other supplementary information accompanying the financial statements	Our responsibility for the other supplementary information accompanying the financial statements is to read the other supplementary information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other supplementary information and the financial statements, or the other supplementary information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other supplementary information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.
Required supplementary information accompanying the financial statements	We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about 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 do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.
Other information in documents containing audited financial statements	Our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing the audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the auditors' report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to determine that such other information is properly stated.
Our responsibilities under the Yellow Book	In connection with our audit we performed tests of the Entity's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.



Required Item	Comments
Responsibilities of management and TCWG	 Management's responsibilities include: The fair presentation of the financial statements, including the selection of appropriate accounting policies. Establishing and maintaining effective internal control. Complying with laws, regulations, grants and contracts. Providing the auditors with all financial records and related information and a signed representation letter. Evaluate if there are any conditions or events, considered in the aggregate that raise substantial doubt about the Entity's ability to 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. Setting the proper tone at the top. Designing and implementing policies and controls to prevent and detect fraud.
Qualitative aspects of accounting practices - <i>Accounting Policies</i>	Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year, except for the adoption of the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, <i>"Leases"</i> . The Entity evaluated the impact of the statement and determined the amounts were not material to the financial statements. The accounting policies of the Entity conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to state and local governments. The Entity's reports are based on all applicable GASB pronouncements.
Qualitative aspects of accounting practices – <i>Significant Unusual</i> <i>Transactions</i>	No matters have come to our attention that would require us to inform you about the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions.



Required Item	Comments
Qualitative aspects of accounting practices - Accounting Estimates and Management's Judgment	Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's 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 significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Entity's financial statements were:
	 Asset lives for depreciable capital assets Estimates of certain receivable balances and allowances for uncollectible amounts
Qualitative aspects of accounting practices - <i>Financial Statement</i> <i>Disclosures</i>	Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements are:
	Fund balances
	The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.
Going concern	The auditor is required to communicate with TCWG events or conditions that, when considered in the aggregate; indicate a substantial doubt about the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
	We concur with management's assessment that the Entity will continue as a going concern for one year from the balance sheet date.
Significant risks	In most audits, one or more of the following significant risks normally arise:
	 Management override of internal controls Improper revenue recognition due to fraud
	The audit procedures applied as a result of the aforementioned significant risks were designed to and have reduced the risk of material misstatement to low.
Difficulties encountered in performing the audit	We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.



Required Item	Comments
Corrected and uncorrected misstatements	Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit (including passed adjustments and omitted financial statement disclosures), other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.
Disagreements with management	For purposes of this communication, a disagreement with management is a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning financial accounting, reporting, or auditing, which could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.
Management representations	We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter (see Appendix 1).
Management's consultations with other accountants	In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Entity's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.
Auditor independence	We affirm that PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP is independent with respect to the Entity in accordance with relevant professional standards.
Significant issues discussed with management prior to retention	We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Entity's auditor. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.



Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Orange County Industrial Development Agency (a discretely presented component unit of the County of Orange, New York) ("Agency") and the Orange County Funding Corporation (a discretely presented component unit of the Orange County Industrial Agency) ("Corporation"), collectively known as the "Entity", internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Professional standards require that we communicate to you, in writing, all significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses in internal control that we identify in performing our audit. For this purpose, deficiencies in internal control are categorized as follows:

- A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis.
- A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.
- A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified.

We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

However, we share for your consideration on the following pages other observations about the internal control and operations.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management and others charged with governance and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. We will be pleased to discuss these communications and comments in further detail at your convenience, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Harrison, New York March 15, 2023



Orange County Industrial Development Agency and Orange County Funding Corporation

Other Matters

• Develop Formal Policies

Although the Entity does have certain procedures that are being followed in regard to the use of credit cards and capitalization of capital assets, there is no formal documentation of these policies.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Entity document its procedures surrounding these areas to ensure there are formal policies in place. A well-structured policy can be very helpful in ensuring that proper procedures and related internal controls are in place and consistently followed.



On the Horizon

GASB Statement No. 96 – Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements ("SBITA")

A SBITA is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's information technology ("IT") software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specific in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The subscription term not only includes the period during which a government has a noncancellable right to use the asset, but also include periods covered by an option to extend or terminate.

Under this Statement, a government generally should recognize the right-to-use subscription asset as an intangible asset and a corresponding subscription liability. The liability should be recognized at the commencement of the subscription term, which is when the subscription asset is placed into service. The liability should be initially measured at the present value of the subscription payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Any future payments should be discounted using the interest rate charged, or if not readily determinable, the government's incremental borrowing rate should be used.

The subscription asset will be measured as the sum of the liability amount, payments made to the vendor prior to commencing the subscription term and any implementation costs, offset by any incentives received from the vendor. The amortization of the subscription asset would then be reported as an outflow of resources over the subscription term.

The Statement does provide an exception for short-term SBITAs, which have maximum contractual terms of 12 months or less, including any option to extend regardless of their probability of being exercised. Any payments for these short-term SBITAs would be recognized as outflows of resources.

Further, the Statement provides for additional disclosure requirements detailing descriptive information about the SBITA, including but not limited to the amount of the subscription asset, accumulated amortization, other payments not included in the measurement liability, principal and interest requirements and any other essential information.

Governments should review this standard early to anticipate what changes might need to be made to policies, accounting procedures, laws and regulations. The provisions of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022 (i.e., the Entity's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023).



Appendix 1

Management Representation Letter



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BOARD OF March 15, 2023 DIRECTORS PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP Dean Tamburri 500 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 301 - ACTING CHAIRMAN Harrison, New York 10528 Vincent Odock - SECRETARY This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Orange County Industrial Development Agency (a discretely presented component unit of the County of **Marc Greene** Orange, New York) ("Agency") which comprise the statement of net position as of December 31, 2022, Giovanni and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the Palladino years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance **James Rinaldi** with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). Susan Walski 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 that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or **OPERATIONS** misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered **STAFF** material as a result of qualitative factors. William We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered Fioravanti necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of the date of this letter, the following - CHIEF EXECUTIVE representations made to you during your audit: OFFICER **Our Responsibilities** Kelly Reilly - PROJECT MANAGER

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.

> Sue Katzoff - GENERAL COUNSEL

- We acknowledge that we have fulfilled our responsibilities as set forth in the terms of the engagement letter dated December 27, 2022 for:
 - a) The preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with US GAAP and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government and all component units required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
 - b) 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; and
 - c) The design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 2) We understand that the term "fraud" refers to intentional acts by one or more individuals among management, those charged with governance, employees, or third parties, involving the use of deception that results in a misstatement in financial statements. Two types of intentional misstatements are relevant to your audit - misstatements resulting from fraudulent financial reporting and misstatements resulting from misappropriation of assets. Fraudulent financial reporting involves intentional misstatements, including omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive financial statement users. Misappropriation of assets involves the theft of an entity's assets.

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- 3) In regard to the financial statement preparation non-attest services performed by you, we have:
 - a) Assumed all management responsibilities.
 - b) Designated individuals within senior management, who have suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
 - c) Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
 - d) Accepted responsibility for the result of the services.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the financial statements and supplemental schedules in accordance with US GAAP, and we believe the financial statements and supplemental schedules, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with US GAAP. The methods of measurement and presentation of the financial statements and supplemental schedules have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.

Financial Statements

- 5) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with US GAAP and include all disclosures necessary for such fair presentation. In that connection, we specifically confirm that:
 - a) The Agency's accounting policies, and the practices and methods followed in applying them, are appropriate and are as disclosed in the financial statements.
 - b) There have been no changes during the period audited in the Agency's accounting policies and practices.
 - c) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements
- 6) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 7) The following, where they exist, have been appropriately disclosed to you and accounted for and/or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of US GAAP:
 - a) The identity of all related parties and related party relationships and transactions including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.
 - b) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Agency is contingently liable, if any.
 - c) The effects of all known actual, possible, pending or threatened litigation, claims and assessments.
- 8) We have evaluated events subsequent to the date of the financial statements through the date of this letter, and no such events have occurred which would require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements. No events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.
- 9) We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed and they have been posted to the Agency's accounts.



Information Provided

10) We have provided you with:

- a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records (including information obtained from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers), documentation, and other matters.
- b) Communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices, if applicable.
- c) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
- d) Unrestricted access to persons within the Agency from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- e) Completeness and availability of all minutes of the meetings of the Agency or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- f) All significant contracts and agreements.
- g) All documents and records provided electronically are accurate and complete reproductions of the original documents and records.
- 11) 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. Based on our assessment, we did not identify any fraud risks that we believe would result in a material misstatement of the financial statements.
- 12) There are no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Agency's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, and report financial data reliably in accordance with US GAAP.
- 13) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Agency and involves:
 - a) Management,
 - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 14) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Agency's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 15) We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or waste or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

Hosting Services

- 16) We acknowledge that electronic portals used during the audit are only a method of transferring data and the data may be deleted by you at any time.
- 17) We are responsible for maintaining our financial and non-financial information, licensing and hosting of any applications, and downloading and retaining anything you uploaded to such portal in a timely manner.



Government—specific

- 18) We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the objectives of the audit and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 19) We have identified to you any investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated with respect to the period under audit.
- 20) The Agency has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance or net position.
- 21) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts, and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 22) We have identified and disclosed to you all instances of identified and suspected fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 23) There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances/resolutions, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
- 24) As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably with senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and disclosures. We also understand that as part of your audit, you prepared various adjusting journal entries and acknowledge that we have reviewed and approved those entries and accepted responsibility for them.
- 25) The Agency has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 26) The Agency has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 27) We have followed all applicable laws and regulations in adopting, approving, and amending budgets.
- 28) The financial statements include all component units, appropriately present majority equity interests in legally separate organizations and joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
- 29) The financial statements include all fiduciary activities required by GASB Statement No. 84.



- 30) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, as amended.
- 31) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 32) Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 33) Investments are properly valued.
- 34) Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims against debtors for transactions arising on or before the balance sheet date and have been reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
- 35) Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
- 36) Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 37) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position within operating revenues and non-operating revenues.
- 38) Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- 39) Deposits and investment securities are properly classified as to risk and properly disclosed.
- 40) Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated or amortized.
- 41) Capital assets, including intangible assets, have been evaluated for impairment as a result of significant and unexpected decline in service utility. Impairment loss and insurance recoveries have been properly recorded.
- 42) We have appropriately disclosed the Agency's 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 is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
- 43) We are following GASB Statement No. 54, paragraph 18, to determine the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
- 44) We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.



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45) Expenditures of federal awards were below the \$750,000 threshold for the year ended December 31, 2022, and we were not required to have an audit in accordance with Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance").

Signature:

Bill Fioravánti

Title: Chief Executive Officer



March 15, 2023

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP 500 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 301 Harrison, New York 10528

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Orange County Funding Corporation (a discretely presented component unit of the Orange County Industrial Development Agency) ("Corporation") which comprise the statement of net position as of December 31, 2022, and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

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 that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, 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 the date of this letter, the following representations made to you during your audit:

Our Responsibilities

- 1) We acknowledge that we have fulfilled our responsibilities as set forth in the terms of the engagement letter dated December 27, 2022 for:
 - a) The preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with US GAAP and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government and all component units required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
 - b) 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; and
 - c) The design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.

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- 2) We understand that the term "fraud" refers to intentional acts by one or more individuals among management, those charged with governance, employees, or third parties, involving the use of deception that results in a misstatement in financial statements. Two types of intentional misstatements are relevant to your audit misstatements resulting from fraudulent financial reporting and misstatements resulting from misappropriation of assets. Fraudulent financial reporting involves intentional misstatements, including omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive financial statement users. Misappropriation of assets involves the theft of an entity's assets.
- 3) In regard to the financial statement preparation non-attest services performed by you, we have:
 - a) Assumed all management responsibilities.
 - b) Designated individuals within senior management, who have suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
 - c) Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
 - d) Accepted responsibility for the result of the services.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the financial statements and supplemental schedules in accordance with US GAAP, and we believe the financial statements and supplemental schedules, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with US GAAP. The methods of measurement and presentation of the financial statements and supplemental schedules have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.

Financial Statements

- 5) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with US GAAP and include all disclosures necessary for such fair presentation. In that connection, we specifically confirm that:
 - a) The Corporation's accounting policies, and the practices and methods followed in applying them, are appropriate and are as disclosed in the financial statements.
 - b) There have been no changes during the period audited in the Corporation's accounting policies and practices.
 - c) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements
- 6) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 7) The following, where they exist, have been appropriately disclosed to you and accounted for and/or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of US GAAP:
 - a) The identity of all related parties and related party relationships and transactions including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.
 - b) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Corporation is contingently liable, if any.
 - c) The effects of all known actual, possible, pending or threatened litigation, claims and assessments.
- 8) We have evaluated events subsequent to the date of the financial statements through the date of this letter, and no such events have occurred which would require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements. No events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the

balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.

9) We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed and they have been posted to the Corporation's accounts.

Information Provided

10) We have provided you with:

- a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records (including information obtained from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers), documentation, and other matters.
- b) Communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices, if applicable.
- c) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
- d) Unrestricted access to persons within the Corporation from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- e) Completeness and availability of all minutes of the meetings of the Corporation or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- f) All significant contracts and agreements.
- g) All documents and records provided electronically are accurate and complete reproductions of the original documents and records.
- 11) 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. Based on our assessment, we did not identify any fraud risks that we believe would result in a material misstatement of the financial statements.
- 12) There are no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Corporation's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, and report financial data reliably in accordance with US GAAP.
- 13) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Corporation and involves:
 - a) Management,
 - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 14) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Corporation's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 15) We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or waste or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

Hosting Services

16) We acknowledge that electronic portals used during the audit are only a method of transferring data and the data may be deleted by you at any time.

17) We are responsible for maintaining our financial and non-financial information, licensing and hosting of any applications, and downloading and retaining anything you uploaded to such portal in a timely manner.

Government—specific

- 18) We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the objectives of the audit and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 19) We have identified to you any investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated with respect to the period under audit.
- 20) The Corporation has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance or net position.
- 21) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts, and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 22) We have identified and disclosed to you all instances of identified and suspected fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 23) There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances/resolutions, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
- 24) As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably with senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and disclosures. We also understand that as part of your audit, you prepared various adjusting journal entries and acknowledge that we have reviewed and approved those entries and accepted responsibility for them.
- 25) The Corporation has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 26) The Corporation has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 27) We have followed all applicable laws and regulations in adopting, approving, and amending budgets.
- 28) The financial statements include all component units, appropriately present majority equity interests in legally separate organizations and joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.

- 29) The financial statements include all fiduciary activities required by GASB Statement No. 84.
- 30) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, as amended.
- 31) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 32) Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 33) Investments are properly valued.
- 34) Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims against debtors for transactions arising on or before the balance sheet date and have been reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
- 35) Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
- 36) Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 37) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position within operating revenues and non-operating revenues.
- 38) Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- 39) Deposits and investment securities are properly classified as to risk and properly disclosed.
- 40) Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated or amortized.
- 41) Capital assets, including intangible assets, have been evaluated for impairment as a result of significant and unexpected decline in service utility. Impairment loss and insurance recoveries have been properly recorded.
- 42) We have appropriately disclosed the Corporation's 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 is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
- 43) We are following GASB Statement No. 54, paragraph 18, to determine the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
- 44) We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.

45) Expenditures of federal awards were below the \$750,000 threshold for the year ended December 31, 2022, and we were not required to have an audit in accordance with Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance").

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Signature:

Bill Fioravanti

Title: Chief Executive Officer



Appendix 2

About PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP



Founded in 1891, PKF O'Connor Davies has evolved from a regional accounting firm to an emerging national leader with more than 1,400 professionals and 18 offices in the U.S. Our team of top-notch professionals delivers a complete range of audit, tax and advisory services to a diverse and growing global client base. By bringing together a boutique firm culture with big-firm resources, we have a unique ability to connect with clients on a deeper level and create value where others can't.

REGIONAL CONNECTIONS BACKED BY GLOBAL EXPERTISE

We are the lead North American firm in the PKF International network of independent accounting and advisory firms with offices in over 400 cities, in 150 countries around the world. It's a relationship that delivers unmatched access to global expertise and strengthens our ability to serve clients anywhere in the world as their needs and their businesses continue to evolve.

PROACTIVE SERVICE MODEL, ENGAGED PARTNER BASE

With a proven, proactive service model and an engaged Partner base, PKF O'Connor Davies has built long-lasting, valuable relationships with our clients.

Our Partners are actively involved in the day-today management of engagements, ensuring a high degree of client service and cost effectiveness. The Firm's seasoned professional staff members employ a team approach to all engagements, providing clients with the utmost quality and timely services aimed at helping them succeed.

KNOW GREATER VALUE

Our unwavering focus on value has consistently driven growth and delivered strong outcomes for our clients and our Firm. PKF O'Connor Davies currently ranks 25th on *Accounting Today's* 2023 "Top 100 Firms" list and continually gains acclaim as one of the country's fastestgrowing firms. With more professionals, in more places every day, our teams are on the ground, at the ready and in the know. As the world changes, PKF O'Connor Davies clients will always **Know Greater Value.**

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

Ranked 25 of "2023's Top 100 Firms" Accounting Today, 2023

Ranked 5 of the "Top Firms in the Mid-Atlantic" Accounting Today, 2023

"America's Best Tax and Accounting Firms" Forbes, 2023

"Best Accounting Firm in Westchester" 914INC., 2022

"Accounting/Due Diligence Firm of the Year" The M&A Advisor, 2022

"Best Business Consulting Firm for Family Offices" Private Asset Management Awards, 2022

"**Best Accountancy Advisor**" Family Wealth Report Awards, 2022

"Best Family Office Management Consultancy" Family Wealth Report Awards, 2022

"Best Places to Work in Westchester" 914INC., 2023

"Best Places to Work in New Jersey" *NJBIZ*, 2022

Ranked 14 of the 50 "Best Accounting Employers to Work for in North America" Vault, 2023

KNOW GREATER VALUE

At PKF O'Connor Davies we maintain a relentless commitment to understanding each client's operations and financial history so we can uncover every challenge, help meet every objective and exceed expectations. Through our unwavering client focus we create deeper connections, delivering tailored support and expertise that drive real-world value.

- AND ASSURANCE SERVICES
 - Accounting Outsourcing
 - Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUPs)
 - · Audits, Reviews and Compilations
 - Elite Accounting Services
 - · Employee Benefit Plans
 - Endowment Fund Accounting
 - International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
 - IT Audit and Cybersecurity Reviews
 - Peer Review
 - Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB)
 - Public Sector Audits and Compliance

ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

- Fund Administration Services
- Outsourced CFO Services
- Outsourced Portfolio Company Accounting

ADVISORY SERVICES

- Bankruptcy and Restructuring
- Cybersecurity and Privacy Advisory Services
- Dark Web Monitoring Services
- Digital Forensic Services
- · ESG, Sustainability and Impact Optimization
- Family Advisory Services
- Forensic, Litigation and Valuation Services
- Management Consulting Services
- · Matrimonial Services
- Operational and Cost Effectiveness
- PPP Loan Forgiveness Services
- Private Client/Business Owner Services
- Recruiting and Human Resources Consulting
- Risk Advisory Services
- Strategy and Transformation
- System Organization Control (SOC) Reports
- Transaction and Financial Advisory Services
- Virtual Chief Information Security Officer Services (vCISO)
- · Wealth Services
- Services Offered by PKF Clear Thinking Turnaround Advisory, Performance Improvement and Creditors' Rights

A FAMILY OFFICE SERVICES

- Accounting and Reporting
- Advisory
- Charitable Giving
- Family Advisory Services
- Investment Monitoring and Oversight
- Lifestyle Support
- Personal Financial Management
- Tax Planning
- Wealth Planning

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

- China Desk
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- German Desk
- Latin America Desk
- Transfer Pricing

INVESTMENT BANKING SERVICES

- Acquisition Advisory
- Exit Readiness and Transaction Planning
- Sell-Side Advisory

TAX COMPLIANCE AND PLANNING

- Employee Benefit Planning and Tax Compliance
- International Tax Services
- IRS Representation and Tax Controversies
- Personal Financial Planning
- Private Client/Business Owner Services
- Private Foundation Services
- State and Local Tax (SALT)
- Tax Compliance and Reporting
- Tax Research and Strategic Planning
- Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Trust and Estate Planning

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