

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
of the City of Tustin
Tustin, California

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activity, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Tustin, California (the City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *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 dated April 11, 2017 and our planning letter dated May 1, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of other existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the City during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

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 City's financial statements are as follows:

- a. Management's estimate of the fair value of investments is based on market values provided by outside sources.
- b. Management's estimate of the value of capital assets (infrastructure assets) is based on industry standards.
- c. The estimated useful lives of capital assets for depreciation purposes are based on industry standards.

Significant Audit Findings (Continued)

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices (Continued)

Sensitive Estimates (Continued)

- d. The estimated value for the land held for resale related to Tustin Legacy was based on fair value when donated by the United States Government.
- e. The annual required contributions, pension expense, net pension liability and corresponding deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources for the City's public defined benefit plans with CalPERS are based on actuarial valuations provided by CalPERS.
- f. The annual required contribution and actuarial accrued liability for the City's Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan are based on certain actuarial assumptions and methods prepared by an outside consultant.
- g. Management's estimate of the claims payable liabilities related to general liability and worker's compensation claims are based on estimates by the claims administrators.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that they were reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were reported in Notes 5 and 6 regarding the land held for resale, Note 10 regarding the CalPERS defined benefit plans, Note 11 regarding the City's other post-employment benefit plan, Note 13 regarding the claims payable, Note 18 regarding the recent changes in legislation affecting California Redevelopment Agencies and Note 19 regarding Successor Agency disclosures.

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

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, 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.

Significant Audit Findings (Continued)

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that 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 our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 12, 2017.

Management Consultations with Other Independent 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 City's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's 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.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

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 City's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis, the safety plan schedule of proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of contributions, the miscellaneous plan schedule of changes in net pension liability and related ratios and schedule of contributions, the other post-employment benefit plan schedule of funding progress, and the budgetary comparison schedule for the general fund and the major special revenue fund, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the 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 combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules (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.

Other Matters (Continued)

We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the introductory section and statistical section, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Upcoming Changes in Accounting Standards and Regulatory Updates

Procurement Rules under Uniform Guidance

The Uniform Guidance has different procurement rules than those previously required by the Circular A-133. Due to the work required by nonfederal entities to implement these new rules, a two-year grace period was given. In May 2017, an additional one-year grace period was given. Beginning July 1, 2018, nonfederal entities will be required to comply with all of the Uniform Guidance procurement rules. Included in these new rules is the requirement for written policies and procedures.

Commencing with the fiscal year 2018-2019 audits, auditors will request the written policies of the nonfederal entity for all single audits and review the procurement policies and procedures for compliance with the Uniform Guidance procurement rules.

Other Postemployment Benefit Standards

In June 2015, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (Statement). The scope of this Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for postemployment benefits other than pension (other postemployment benefits or OPEB) that is provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers. This Statement establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures for defined benefit and defined contribution plans. This Statement requires governments to report a net OPEB liability or asset on the face of the financial statements. The City is required to implement this Statement in fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

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

White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP

Irvine, California
December 12, 2017