

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Tustin (the City) for the year ended June 30, 2014. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted 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 on July 1, 2014 and in our letter on planning matters to you dated June 30, 2014. 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 existing policies was not changed for the year ended June 30, 2014. 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 market 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 funded status and funding progress of the public defined benefit plan with CalPERS which are based on actuarial valuations.
- e. The annual required contribution and actuarial accrued liability for the City's Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan is based on certain actuarial assumptions and methods prepared by an outside consultant.
- f. The claims liability for workers' compensation and general liabilities are based on estimates by the claims administrator.

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 Note 9 regarding the defined benefit pension plans, Note 10 regarding the City's other post-employment benefit plan, Note 12 regarding the claims payable, and Note 18 regarding the recent changes in legislation affecting California Redevelopment Agencies.

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. The following material misstatement as a result of audit procedures was corrected by management:

- a. Adjustment to accrue the final reimbursement amount due to Vestar.

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.

Significant Audit Findings (Continued)

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 15, 2014.

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 and schedules of funding progress, 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.

The General Fund budgetary comparison schedule, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the financial statements, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements of the City or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

We were engaged to report on the combining and individual non-major 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. 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.

Other Matters (Continued)

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.

Restriction on Use

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 Dick Evans LLP

Irvine, California
December 15, 2014