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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Trustees Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Retirement Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust Dublin, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Retirement Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust (the "Trust"), a fiduciary fund of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Retirement Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust, a fiduciary fund of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, as of June 30, 2022 and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (*Government Auditing Standards*), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the District's Trust, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Chabot Las-Positas Community College District, as of June 30, 2022, the change in its financial position, or where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Required Supplementary Information, such as the Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, and the Schedule of Money-Weighted Rate of Return of OPEB Plan Investments on pages 12 and 13, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 5, 2022 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters for the Trust. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Crowe LLP

Crowe LLP

Sacramento, California December 5, 2022

CHABOT LAS-POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RETIREMENT FUTURIS PUBLIC ENTITY INVESTMENT TRUST STATEMENT OF TRUST NET POSITION As of June 30, 2022

ASSETS

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Mutual funds – fixed income	\$ 1,662,197
Mutual funds – domestic equity	1,500,797
Mutual funds – international equity	453,670
Mutual funds – real estate	 351,779

Total assets <u>3,968,443</u>

NET POSITION

Net position restricted for other postemployment benefits \$ 3,968,443

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RETIREMENT FUTURIS PUBLIC ENTITY INVESTMENT TRUST STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN TRUST NET POSITION For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Additions
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Additions	
Employer contributions	<u>\$ 11,742,506</u>
Total additions	11,742,506
<u>Deductions</u>	
Net loss on investments Administrative expenses Benefit payments	991,722 39,835 <u>7,742,506</u>
Total deductions	8,774,063
Net increase in net position	2,968,443
Net position restricted for other postemployment benefits:	
Net position, July 1, 2021	1,000,000
Net position, June 30, 2022	\$ 3,968,443

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following information of the Chabot Las-Positas Community College District Retirement Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust (the "Trust"), a fiduciary fund of the Chabot Las-Positas Community College District (the "District"), provides only general information of the Trust's provisions. Readers should refer to the Trust agreement for a more complete description. These financial statements include only the resources of the Trust and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the District in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Organization: The other postemployment benefit plan (the "Plan") is a contributory single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan trust administered by the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District through a third party. The Plan allows employees who retire and meet retirement eligibility requirements under one of the District's retirement plans to continue medical, dental, and life insurance coverage as a participant in the District's plan. The Trust is a governmental plan that is not subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Trust was established on June 8, 2021.

<u>Basis of Accounting</u>: The accompanying financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized as revenue in the period in which contributions are due, pursuant to formal commitments as well as statutory or contractual commitments. Benefits and refunds of contributions are recognized when due and payable under the provisions of the Trust.

The financial statements of the Trust have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted (GAAP) in the United States of America. In the U.S. the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the established and recognized standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The financial statements have been prepared consistent with GASB Codification Po50, *Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans*.

<u>Funded Status and Funding Progress</u>: Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, investment returns, mortality and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the Trust and the annual required contributions of the District are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

<u>Plan Description</u>: The District provides medical, dental, and life insurance benefits to eligible retirees. Eligibility requirements and benefits may vary according to hire date. The District provides the OPEB benefits through a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan that is administered by Benefit Trust Company. OPEB provisions are established and amended per contractual agreement with employee groups.

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The following summarizes the benefits provided under the current retiree benefit plan:

	Faculty**	Classified**	Management**
Benefit Types Provided	Medical only (including Part B Medicare)	Medical only (including Part B Medicare)	Medical only (including Part B Medicare)
Duration of Benefits	Lifetime	Lifetime	Lifetime
Required Service	10 years	10 years	10 years
Minimum Age	55	55	55
Dependent Coverage	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Contribution	100% for age+service at least equal to 85. For each reduction of one in age+service, the percent paid by the District reduces 5% to a minimum of 25% at age + service = 70	100% for age+service at least equal to 85. For each reduction of one in age+service, the percent paid by the District reduces 5% to a minimum of 25% at age + service = 70	100% for age+service at least equal to 85. For each reduction of one in age+service, the percent paid by the District reduces 5% to a minimum of 25% at age + service = 70
District Cap	Highest Medicare Risk Plan	Highest Medicare Risk Plan	Highest Medicare Risk Plan

^{*}Post-65 benefits are paid at 100% as long as the minimum age and length of service is met.

Plan membership: At June 30, 2022, Plan membership in the retiree benefit plan consisted of the following:

Inactive Plan members receiving benefits	438
Inactive employees/dependents entitled	
to but not yet receiving benefits	-
Active employees	267
	<u>705</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2021, the District signed an irrevocable trust (the "Trust") agreement. The District appointed a Board of Authority with authority to make decisions on behalf of the District with respect to the *Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust Program*. Benefit Trust Company was appointed as the custodian and trustee to administer the *Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust*.

The Board of Authority is comprised of the following seven positions: Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services, Vice President, Administrative Services, College President, Administrative Association Representative, SEIU Representative, Faculty Association Representative, and Retiree Representative. Board members are appointed by resolution of the governing body of the District.

<u>Plan Termination</u>: In the event of Plan termination, the net position of the Trust would be allocated as prescribed in the Trust documents, generally to pay in the order indicated below:

- District's remaining retiree medical benefit liabilities.
- Reasonable expenses of administering the Trust.

Any assets remaining in the Trust after paying off the above liabilities shall revert back to the District.

^{**}Employees hired on or after 1/1/2013 are no longer eligible for District-paid health benefits.

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>Contributions</u>: The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by the District and the District's bargaining units. The required contribution is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements with an additional amount to prefund benefits as determined annually.

<u>Investment Options</u>: Benefit Trust Company (BTC), the Asset Custodian, maintains the Trust's investments in various mutual funds. Funds allocated to the Asset Custodian are invested according to the investment policy statement developed and approved by the Board of Authority.

<u>Investment Valuation</u>: Investments are reported at fair value based upon market prices, when available, or estimates of fair value, and unrealized and realized gains and losses are included in the Statement of Change in Trust Net Position.

Net OPEB Liability of the Trust: The components of the net OPEB liability of the Trust at June 30, 2022, were as follows:

Total OPEB Liability Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 138,928,707 <u>3,968,443</u>
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 134,960,264</u>
Fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	2.9%

<u>Actuarial Assumptions:</u> Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimations are made about the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculation.

June 30, 2022

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

June 30, 2022:

Valuation date June 30, 2022

Census date The census was provided by the District as of June 2022.

Actuarial cost method Entry age actuarial cost method

Inflation rate 2.75%

Investment rate of return / Discount rate 6.35%

Healthcare cost trend rate 4.00%

Payroll increase 2.75%

Participation rates 100% for certificated and classified employees.

Mortality For certificated employees the 2020 CalSTRS mortality tables

were used.

For classified employees the 2017 CalPERS active mortality for

miscellaneous employees were used.

Spouse prevalence To the extent not provided and when needed to calculate benefit

liabilities, 80% of retirees assumed to be married at retirement. At

retirement, the percentage married is adjusted to reflect

mortality.

Spouse ages To the extent spouse dates of birth are not provided and when

needed to calculate benefit liabilities, female spouse assumed to

be three years younger than male.

Turnover For certificated employees the 2020 CalSTRS termination rates

were used.

For classified employees the 2017 CalPERS termination rates

for school employees were used.

Service requirement For certificated employees 100% at 20 years of service.

For classified employees 100% at 20 years of service.

For management 100% at 12 years of service.

Retirement rates For certificated employees the 2020 CalSTRS retirement rates

were used.

For classified employees the 2017 CalPERS retirement rates for

school employees were used.

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>Plan Investments</u>: At June 30, 2022 the plan discount rate of 6.35% was determined using the following asset allocation and assumed rate of return:

	Percentage of	Rate of
	<u>Portfolio</u>	Return*
Asset Class		
Fixed Income	39.0%	4.25%
Equities - domestic	30.0%	7.25%
Equities - international	25.5%	7.25%
Real estate investment trusts	5.5%	7.25%

^{*}Geometric average

Rolling periods of time for all asset classes in combination were used to appropriately reflect correlation between asset classes. This means that the average returns for any asset class do not necessarily reflect the averages over time individually but reflect the return for the asset class for the portfolio average. Additionally, the historic 24-year real rates of return for each asset class along with the assumed long-term inflation assumption was used to set the discount rate. The investment return was offset by assumed investment expenses of 25 basis points. It was further assumed that contributions to the plan would be sufficient to fully fund the obligation over a period not to exceed 22 years.

Money-weighted rate of return on OPEB retiree benefit plan investments was (22.6)% for the year ended June 30, 2022.

<u>Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to assumptions</u>: The following presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rates of the retiree benefit plan. The schedule also shows what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percent lower and 1 percent higher:

	Discount Rate	Valuation	Discount Rate
	1% Lower	Discount Rate	1% Higher
	(<u>5.35%)</u>	(6.35%)	(7.35%)
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 151,034,36 <u>3</u>	\$ 134,960,264	\$ 121,440,732

The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the healthcare cost trend rate of 4.0 percent. The schedule also shows what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is 1 percent lower (3.0 percent) and 1 percent higher (5.0 percent):

	Healthcare		Healthcare
	Cost Trend Rate	Healthcare	Cost Trend Rate
	1% Lower <u>(3.0%)</u>	Cost Trend Rate (4.0%)	1% Higher (5.0%)
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 119,804,379</u>	<u>\$ 134,960,264</u>	<u>\$ 153,192,160</u>

(Continued)

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS

The fair values of the Trust's individual investments at June 30, 2022, are as follows:

Mutual funds – fixed income Mutual funds – domestic equity	\$ 1,662,1 1,500,7	-
Mutual funds – international equity Mutual funds – real estate	453,6 351,7	
Total investments	<u>\$ 3,968,4</u>	43

During the year ended June 30, 2022, The Trusts' investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year) had the following net return:

Dividends and other income Realized losses Unrealized losses Investment fees	\$	303,025 (81,583) (1,213,164) (39,835)
Total return, net	<u>\$</u>	(1,031,557)

<u>Custodial Credit Risk</u>: The California Government Code requires California banks and savings and loan associations to secure the Trust's deposits by pledging government securities as collateral. The market value of pledged securities must equal 110 percent of an agency's deposits. California law also allows financial institutions to secure an agency's deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150 percent of an agency's total deposits and collateral is considered to be held in the name of the Trust.

<u>Credit Risk</u>: The Trust's investment policy requires all fixed income investments to be of investment grade quality or higher at purchase; that is, at the time of purchases, rated no lower than "BBB" by Standard and Poor's. The Trust Board, at their discretion, may impose a higher standard on an individual investment manager basis as circumstances or investment objectives dictate. At June 30, 2022, the Trust investments consisted of open-end mutual funds, therefore there are no credit ratings to disclose.

The OPEB Trust investments consisted of open-end mutual funds, therefore, there are no significant interest rate risk related to the investments held, as there are no maturities related to the mutual funds held.

<u>Fair Value of Financial Instruments</u>: The following methods and assumptions were used by the Trust to estimate the fair value of its financial instruments at June 30, 2022.

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS (Continued)

<u>Fair Value Hierarchy</u>: Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a company's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

<u>Assets Recorded at Fair Value</u>: The following table presents information about the District's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2022:

	<u>Total</u>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Investments:					
Mutual funds – fixed income	\$ 1,662,197	\$ 1,662,197	\$	- \$	-
Mutual funds – domestic equity	1,500,797	1,500,797		-	-
Mutual funds – international equity	453,670	453,670		-	-
Mutual funds – real estate	351,779	351,779		<u>-</u>	
Total	\$ 3,968,443	\$ 3,968,443	\$	- \$	

Mutual funds were valued at closing prices from securities exchanges and are classified as Level 1 investments.

There were no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at June 30, 2022.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The investment policy of the District contains no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer beyond what is stipulated by the California Government code. There were none of the District investments (other than U.S. Treasuries, mutual funds and external investment pools, which are exempt from this disclosure) in any one issuer that represented five percent or more of the total investments as of June 30, 2022.



CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RETIREMENT FUTURIS PUBLIC ENTITY INVESTMENT TRUST REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION For the year ended June 30, 2022

I. SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

For the Year Ended June 30

Last 10 Fiscal Years

Total OPEB liability	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Service cost Interest Actuarial experience Change in assumptions Benefit payments	\$ 6,133,912 7,014,048 - - (6,920,426)	\$ 6,302,595 6,679,330 - 3,210,649 (7,197,243)	\$ 7,015,022 7,003,476 (9,564,601) 54,219,712 (7,377,725)	\$ 7,226,236 5,533,260 - (107,392,262) (7,355,717)	\$ 2,504,290 9,332,529 (14,753,674) - (7,742,506)
Net change in total OPEB liability	6,227,534	8,995,331	51,295,884	(101,988,483)	(10,659,361)
Total OPEB liability, beginning of year	185,057,802	191,285,336	200,280,667	251,576,551	149,588,068
Total OPEB liability, end of year	\$191,285,336	\$200,280,667	\$251,576,551	\$149,588,068	\$138,928,707
Plan fiduciary net position* Employer contributions Actual investment income Administrative expense Benefits payment				\$ 1,000,000 - - -	\$ 11,742,506 (991,722) (39,835) (7,742,506)
Change in plan fiduciary net position				1,000,000	2,968,443
Fiduciary trust net position, beginning of year				-	1,000,000
Fiduciary trust net position, end of year				\$ 1,000,000	\$ 3,968,443
Net OPEB liability, ending	\$191,285,336	\$200,280,667	\$251,576,551	\$148,588,068	\$134,960,264
Covered employee payroll	\$ 44,154,167	\$ 35,128,792	\$ 36,770,553	\$ 36,660,167	\$ 35,220,791
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	433.22%	570.13%	684.18%	408.04%	394.45%
Discount rate	3.80%	3.50%	2.20%	6.35%	6.35%

^{*} During the year ended June 30, 2021 the District signed an irrevocable trust (the "Trust") agreement. Prior to 2021, there was no fiduciary net position.

This is a 10-year schedule, however the information in this schedule is not required to be presented retrospectively.

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RETIREMENT FUTURIS PUBLIC ENTITY INVESTMENT TRUST REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION For the year ended June 30, 2022

II. SCHEDULE OF MONEY-WEIGHTED RATE OF RETURN OF OPEB PLAN INVESTMENTS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan Investments*	0.0%	(22.6)%

^{*} During the year ended June 30, 2021 the District signed an irrevocable trust (the "Trust") agreement. Prior to 2021, there was no fiduciary net position.

This is a 10-year schedule, however the information in this schedule is not required to be presented retrospectively.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Board of Trustees Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Retirement Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust Dublin, California

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the accompanying financial statements of Chabot-Las Positas Community College Retirement Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust (the "Trust"), a fiduciary fund of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2022. Our report included an emphasis of matter stating that the financial statements present only the District's Trust and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District, as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended. Our opinion was not modified with respect to this matter.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over the Trust's 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 District's internal control over the Trust's financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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 of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's Trust financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of the Trust's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit; and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance for the Trust. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance for the Trust. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Crowe LLP

Crowe LLP

Sacramento, California December 5, 2022