

**City of Lancaster Revitalization and
Improvement Zone Authority
(A Component Unit of the
City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania)**

Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of
City of Lancaster Revitalization and Improvement Zone Authority

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of City of Lancaster Revitalization and Improvement Zone Authority (Authority), a component unit of the City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net position of the Authority as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits 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* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Authority 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.

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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority'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.

Auditors' Responsibilities 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 auditors' 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 Authority'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.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Management has omitted a Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 26, 2024 on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 Authority'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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
March 26, 2024

City of Lancaster Revitalization and Improvement Zone Authority
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Statements of Net Position
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 15,067,382	\$ 11,929,911
Investments	4,176,800	-
Current portion of notes receivable	83,918	42,547
	<u>19,328,100</u>	<u>11,972,458</u>
Total current assets		
Noncurrent Assets		
Notes receivable, net	1,484,387	1,357,772
Restricted cash, debt service reserve fund	-	1,537,079
	<u>1,484,387</u>	<u>2,894,851</u>
Total noncurrent assets		
Total assets		
	<u>\$ 20,812,487</u>	<u>\$ 14,867,309</u>
Liabilities and Net Position		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 31,379	\$ 29,986
Accrued interest	-	8,555
Current portion of long-term debt	-	231,000
	<u>31,379</u>	<u>269,541</u>
Total current liabilities		
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Long-term debt, net	-	33,780
	<u>31,379</u>	<u>303,321</u>
Total liabilities		
Net Position		
Restricted	-	1,537,079
Unrestricted	20,781,108	13,026,909
	<u>20,781,108</u>	<u>14,563,988</u>
Total net position		
Total liabilities and net position		
	<u>\$ 20,812,487</u>	<u>\$ 14,867,309</u>

See notes to financial statements

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Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position
 Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues		
Taxes	\$ 13,006,197	\$ 10,158,424
Application fees	16,975	6,845
Total revenues	<u>13,023,172</u>	<u>10,165,269</u>
Expenses		
Project costs	6,500,662	3,120,566
Professional	550,348	487,612
Administrative	25,801	26,707
Rent	2,300	2,300
Total expenses	<u>7,079,111</u>	<u>3,637,185</u>
Operating income	5,944,061	6,528,084
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense)		
Interest expense	(2,564)	(15,617)
Interest income	275,623	141,442
Total nonoperating revenue, net	<u>273,059</u>	<u>125,825</u>
Changes in net position	6,217,120	6,653,909
Net Position, Beginning	<u>14,563,988</u>	<u>7,910,079</u>
Net Position, Ending	<u>\$ 20,781,108</u>	<u>\$ 14,563,988</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Cash received from taxes, application fees and other revenues	\$ 13,023,172	\$ 10,165,269
Cash received for interest	275,623	141,442
Cash paid to vendors	(7,077,718)	(3,631,931)
Cash paid for interest	<u>(11,119)</u>	<u>(16,571)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>6,209,958</u>	<u>6,658,209</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Advances of notes receivable	(217,731)	(180,030)
Payments received on notes receivable	49,745	-
Purchase of investments	<u>(4,176,800)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(4,344,786)</u>	<u>(180,030)</u>
Cash Flows Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Payments for long-term debt	<u>(264,780)</u>	<u>(222,000)</u>
Increase in cash	1,600,392	6,256,179
Cash and Restricted Cash, Beginning	<u>13,466,990</u>	<u>7,210,811</u>
Cash and Restricted Cash, Ending	<u>\$ 15,067,382</u>	<u>\$ 13,466,990</u>
Cash and Restricted Cash		
Cash	\$ 15,067,382	\$ 11,929,911
Restricted cash	<u>-</u>	<u>1,537,079</u>
	<u>\$ 15,067,382</u>	<u>\$ 13,466,990</u>
Reconciliation of Change in Net Position to		
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Change in net position	\$ 6,217,120	\$ 6,653,909
Adjustments to reconcile change in net position to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts payable	1,393	5,254
Accrued interest	<u>(8,555)</u>	<u>(954)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 6,209,958</u>	<u>\$ 6,658,209</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023

1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

The City of Lancaster Revitalization and Improvement Zone Authority (the Authority) is a component unit of the City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Authority was organized in 2013 by the City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania (the City) under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended and supplemented, by Article XVIII-C of House Bill No. 465, Session of 2013. The Authority's purpose is to acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain, own, finance and lease, industrial, specialized or commercial development projects for purposes of administering, providing financing for and undertaking all other activities related to the City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (the CRIZ) of the City. The CRIZ consists of approximately 130 acres in downtown Lancaster and in selected areas in the remaining parts of the City. Certain qualified state and local tax revenues are provided to the Authority for the repayment of debt service on bonds and loans issued for the acquisition, improvement and development of qualified capital improvements within the CRIZ.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, as amended. The Authority's financial statements include the operations of all organizations for which the Board of Directors exercises oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility is demonstrated by financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. Based on the oversight criteria above, the Authority has been included as a component unit of the City.

Basis of Accounting, Measurement Focus

The accounting and reporting policies of the Authority relating to its proprietary fund type included in the accompanying basic financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to local governments. GAAP for local governments include those principles prescribed by the GASB.

The proprietary fund-type is accounted for on an economic resources measurement focus, using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

The Authority has evaluated subsequent events through March 26, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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2. Cash

The Authority Code, Section 902.1, authorizes investments in U.S. Treasury bills, savings accounts, obligations of the United States or its agencies, and shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Act 72 requires all governmental (public fund) deposits not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to be collateralized by the financial institution.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to them. The Authority does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Authority's total bank deposits were \$15,123,437 and \$13,487,479, respectively. Of this amount, \$250,000 was insured by the FDIC. The remaining bank deposits of \$14,873,437 and \$13,237,479 were exposed to custodial credit risk, as these deposits were not covered by depository insurance. Rather, these deposits were collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution, but not in the Authority's name.

3. Investments and Fair Value Measurements

The Authority measures its investments at fair value on a recurring basis in accordance with GAAP. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The framework that the authoritative guidance established for measuring fair value includes a hierarchy used to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value. The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used in determining valuations into three levels. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 - Fair value is based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the Authority for identical assets or liabilities. These generally provide the most reliable evidence and are used to measure fair value whenever available.

Level 2 - Fair value is based on significant inputs, other than Level 1 inputs, that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the same term of the asset or liability through corroboration with observable market data. Level 2 inputs include quoted market prices in active markets for similar assets, quoted market prices in markets that are not active for identical or similar assets and other observable inputs.

Level 3 - Fair value is based on significant unobservable inputs. Examples of valuation methodologies that would result in Level 3 classification include option pricing models, discounted cash flows and other similar techniques.

The valuation methods for recurring fair value measurements are as follows at December 31, 2023:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents held for investment purposes	\$ 2,246,123	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,246,123
Certificates of deposit	-	1,930,677	-	1,930,677
Total	<u>\$ 2,246,123</u>	<u>\$ 1,930,677</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,176,800</u>

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Valuation Methodologies

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies at December 31, 2023.

Investments: The cash and cash equivalents held for investment purposes carrying amounts approximate fair value because of the short maturity of those financial instruments (Level 1). The certificates of deposit were measured using Level 2 inputs in which cost approximates fair value.

The Authority is required to disclose deposit and investment risks: custodial credit risk, credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk. The following is a description of the Authority's deposit and investments risks.

Custodial Credit Risk

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Authority does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. The Authority investments are held with Fulton Financial Advisors in accounts separate and apart from the assets of the financial institution. Under the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's customer protection rule, customers' securities must be segregated from a financial institution's proprietary securities. The securities are held in central depositories with the record of ownership reflected on a book entry basis. The account is held in the name of the Authority.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Authority's investment in a single issuer. The Authority places no limit on the amount the Authority may invest in any one issuer. As of December 31, 2023, no investment in one issuer exceeds 5% of the Authority's total investments.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of investments will decrease as a result of a change in interest rates. All investments mature within less than one year at December 31, 2023.

Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in the foreign exchange rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. There are currently no investments in securities exchanged in foreign denominations. The Authority does not have a formal policy for foreign currency risk.

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4. Notes Receivable

On February 28, 2019, the Authority entered into a participation agreement with Community First Fund (CFF), by purchasing \$1,500,000 of a \$4,800,000 loan made by CFF to Square Development, L.P. (Square). Under the terms of this participation agreement, interest is paid monthly from CFF beginning March 15, 2019, at 7.0% per annum on the Authority's portion of the outstanding principal using a 360-day year. Monthly principal payments are scheduled to begin in 2020 with a final maturity and balloon payment of remaining outstanding principal due June 15, 2028. CFF is only required to remit payment of interest and principal to the Authority as collected from Square. No collateral is held by the Authority from CFF or Square in regards to this participation agreement. During 2020, the Authority's participation in the loan was reduced to \$1,220,289 with principal payments scheduled to begin in 2022. On January 22, 2021, the parties to this note modified the loan to have a reduced payment period from January 15, 2021, until December 15, 2021, where the interest paid by CFF would be calculated at the reduced rate of 3.88%. All principal and interest in excess of the reduced rate were accrued but were deferred until the conclusion of the reduced payment period, where the deferred principal and interest will be amortized over the remaining term of the note. On June 24, 2022, the parties to this note modified the loan to have an increased principal drawdown and interest payments resumed to the initial rate of 7.25%. The outstanding principal balance of this participation agreement was \$1,222,328 and \$1,259,219 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, with \$39,125 currently due in 2024 and is classified as note receivable on the statements of net position.

The Authority created the Small Business Financial Assistance Program to provide business loans for new and existing small businesses within the City of Lancaster's City Revitalization and Improvement Zone. The Authority entered into the following loan agreements during 2023 and 2022:

On December 15, 2022, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with Sun & Moon Realty for \$100,000 to relocate and expand their restaurant facilities. Under the terms of this agreement, interest is paid monthly beginning February 2023 at 4.0% per annum. Monthly principal payments are scheduled to begin in May 2023 with a final maturity date of April 2038. The outstanding principal balance at December 31, 2023 is \$96,710 with \$5,102 currently due in 2024 and is classified as note receivable on the statements of net position.

On December 30, 2022, the Authority entered into an agreement with Babylon Kebab Grill, LLC for \$58,700 for leasehold improvements. Under the terms of this agreement, interest is paid monthly beginning February 2023 at 4.0% per annum. Monthly principal payments are scheduled to begin in August 2023 with a final maturity date of May 2029. Babylon Kebab Grill, LLC only drew down \$48,917 at December 31, 2023. The outstanding principal at December 31, 2023 is \$46,372 with \$6,283 currently due in 2024 and is classified as note receivable on the statements of net position.

On January 10, 2023, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with Drift Spa Lancaster, LLC for \$57,509 to undertake leasehold improvements and purchase and install new equipment. Under the terms of this agreement, interest is paid monthly beginning February 2023 at 4.0% per annum. Monthly principal payments are scheduled to begin in May 2023 with a final maturity date of April 2028. The outstanding principal balance at December 31, 2023 is \$50,518 with \$10,888 currently due in 2024 and is classified as note receivable on the statements of net position.

On May 31, 2023, the Authority entered into an agreement with Lancaster Cigar, LLC for \$100,000 for leasehold improvements. Under the terms of this agreement, interest is paid monthly beginning September 2023 at 4.75% per annum. Monthly principal payments are scheduled to begin in January 2024 with a final maturity date of December 2038. Lancaster Cigar, LLC only drew down \$39,918 at December 31, 2023. The outstanding principal at December 31, 2023 is \$38,918 with \$1,823 currently due in 2024 and is classified as note receivable on the statements of net position.

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On August 8, 2023, the Authority entered into an agreement with Rendezvous Bistro, LLC for \$97,150 for leasehold improvements. Under the terms of this agreement, interest is paid monthly beginning September 2023 at 4.75% per annum. Monthly principal payments are scheduled to begin in January 2024 with a final maturity date of September 2028. The outstanding principal balance at December 31, 2023 is \$97,150 with \$18,680 currently due in 2024 and is classified as note receivable on the statements of net position.

On December 7, 2023, the Authority entered into an agreement with Shree Vibhuti, Inc for \$78,192 for leasehold improvements. Under the terms of this agreement, interest is paid monthly beginning February 2024 at 4.75% per annum. Monthly principal payments are scheduled to begin in August 2024 with a final maturity date of December 2026. Shree Vibhuti, Inc only drew down \$16,309 at December 31, 2023. The outstanding principal at December 31, 2023 is \$16,309 with \$2,017 currently due in 2024 and is classified as note receivable on the statements of net position.

Interest earned on the notes receivable was \$124,190 during 2023 and \$24,724 during 2022.

5. Tax Revenue

The Authority receives revenue through state and local taxes. Currently, there are seven eligible state taxes, and two out of four eligible local taxes are used to calculate revenue which is received from the State.

6. Long-Term Debt, Direct Borrowing

On March 15, 2020, the Authority issued a \$5,500,000 Tax Revenue Note, Series of 2020 (the 2020 Note) supplementing and amending an existing Trust Indenture between the Authority and Fulton Bank, N.A. The 2020 Note is available on a draw down basis through and including December 15, 2024, to be applied to the Authority's Small Business Program. An initial draw of \$486,780 was made to fund a debt service reserve fund of \$436,780 and pay issuance costs of \$50,000. The 2020 Note interest rate was 3.89%. Interest only is due semiannually through June 15, 2022. Beginning December 15, 2022, principal and interest is due semiannually through maturity on December 15, 2040. The Authority paid off the note early in January 2023.

Long-term debt from direct borrowings consists of the following at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
\$5,500,000, Tax Revenue Note, Series of 2020, interest rate at 3.89%, repaid in January 2023, secured by a pledge of the Authority's revenues.	\$ -	\$ 264,780

The following is a summary of long-term debt from direct borrowings:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Long-term debt at December 31:	\$ -	\$ 264,780
Current portion	-	231,000
Long-term debt, net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 33,780</u>

Interest expense on this note was \$2,564 in 2023 and \$15,617 in 2022.

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7. New Accounting Pronouncements

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has approved the following:

Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*

Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - an Amendment to GASB Statement No. 62*

Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*

Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*

Authority management is in the process of evaluating these standards. When they become effective, application of these standards may restate portions of these financial statements.

**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***

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of
City of Lancaster Revitalization and Improvement Zone Authority

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of City of Lancaster Revitalization and Improvement Zone Authority (the Authority), which comprise the Authority's statement of net position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and change in net position, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 26, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's 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 Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 a 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its 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. 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. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Baker Tilly US, LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
March 26, 2024