Reporting and insights from the 2026 audit:

McCook Park District

April 30, 2026

Executive summary

We have completed our audit of the financial statements of the McCook Park District (the District) for the year ended April 30, 2026, and have issued our report thereon dated September 14, 2026. This letter presents communications required by our professional standards.

Your audit should provide you with confidence in your financial statements. The audit was performed based on information obtained from meetings with management, data from your systems, knowledge of your District's operating environment and our risk assessment procedures. We strive to provide you clear, concise communication throughout the audit process and of the final results of our audit.

Additionally, we have included information on key risk areas McCook Park District should be aware of in your strategic planning. We are available to discuss these risks as they relate to your organization’s financial stability and future planning.

If you have questions at any point, please connect with us:

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Sincerely,

Baker Tilly US, LLP



Jason Coyle, CPA, Principal

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Responsibilities

Our responsibilities

As your independent auditor, our responsibilities include:

- Planning and performing the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance.
- Assessing the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. Included in that assessment is a consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting.
- Performing appropriate procedures based upon our risk assessment.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management.
- Forming and expressing an opinion based on our audit about whether the financial statements prepared by management, with the oversight of those charged with governance:
    - Are free from material misstatement
    - Present fairly, in all material respects and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- Our audit does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

We are also required to communicate significant matters related to our audit that are relevant to the responsibilities of those charged with governance, including:

- Internal control matters
- Qualitative aspects of the District's accounting practice including policies, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures
- Significant unusual transactions
- Significant difficulties encountered
- Disagreements with management
- Circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditors’ report
- Audit consultations outside the engagement team
- Corrected and uncorrected misstatements
- Other audit findings or issues

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Audit status

Significant changes to the audit plan

There were no significant changes made to either our planned audit strategy or to the significant risks and other areas of emphasis identified during the performance of our risk assessment procedures.

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Audit approach and results

Planned scope and timing

Audit focus

Based on our understanding of the District and environment in which you operate, we focused our audit on the following key areas:

- Key transaction cycles
- Areas with significant estimates

Our areas of audit focus were informed by, among other things, our assessment of materiality. Materiality in the context of our audit was determined based on specific qualitative and quantitative factors combined with our expectations about the District's current year results.

Key areas of focus and significant findings

Significant risks of material misstatement

A significant risk is an identified and assessed risk of material misstatement that, in the auditors' professional judgment, requires special audit consideration. Within our audit, we focused on the following areas below.

Significant risk areas	Testing approach	Conclusion
Management override of controls	Incorporate unpredictability into audit procedures, emphasize professional skepticism and utilize audit team with industry expertise	Procedures identified provided sufficient evidence for our audit opinion
Improper revenue recognition due to fraud	Confirmation or validation of certain revenues supplemented with detailed predictive analytics based on non-financial data and substantive testing of related receivables	Procedures identified provided sufficient evidence for our audit opinion

Other areas of emphasis

We also focused on other areas that did not meet the definition of a significant risk, but were determined to require specific awareness and a unique audit response.

Other areas of emphasis		
Cash and investments	Revenues	General disbursements
Payroll	Capital assets	Long-term debt
Financial reporting and required disclosures	Fund balance/Net position calculations	

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Internal control matters

We considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements. We are not expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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. We identified the following deficiency as a material weakness:

External Financial Reporting

The definition of a material weakness in internal control includes consideration of the year-end financial reporting process. The District's system of controls should be able to accomplish the following:

- Be capable of preparing a complete set of year-end financial statements, including all required disclosures, in such a condition that the auditor is not able to identify material changes as a result of audit procedures. This includes drafting the individual fund statements, making conversion entries, drafting the government-wide statements, capital asset compilation, and preparing note disclosures.

A properly designed system of internal control includes adequate staffing with sufficient training to provide an organization with the ability to process and record transactions and to prepare the annual financial statements as described above. Like most park districts in Illinois the size of the McCook Park District, the District does not maintain an external financial reporting department or function, but relies on its audit firm for this purpose. However, the external auditor is, by definition, external to the District and cannot be a part of the District's internal control structure since management is responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements. This includes drafting the individual fund statements, making conversion entries, drafting the government-wide statements, capital asset compilation, and preparing note disclosures.

While this is defined as a material weakness by accounting standards, it may not be practical or cost beneficial for the District to mitigate this weakness. New accounting literature continues to be added at an astonishing pace and comes from a variety of sources. Employing an individual who remains current on the ever changing accounting and reporting standards can add significant financial cost to your internal control process. As such, the District may choose to accept this risk as most districts in this state have done.

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. We identified the following deficiency as a significant deficiency:

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Segregation of Duties

A cornerstone of effective internal control is the existence of policies to support segregation of duties; this involves separation of the initiation, execution, approval and recording responsibilities for transactions. Due to the relatively small size of the District's staff, we noted that there are several deficiencies related to proper segregation of duties. These include:

- **Payroll Segregation of Duties**
  Within smaller organizations such as McCook Park District, it is difficult to divide the internal control responsibilities among the Park District staff adequately. In an ideal situation, the District would segregate the duties of authorization, bookkeeping, and custody. During our review of your internal control procedures, we noted the person preparing payroll has the ability to create a new employee in the payroll system, change pay rates, and process payroll checks. The Board's detailed review of direct deposits and manual signature on payroll checks helps mitigate certain risks created by the lack of proper segregation of duties. We recommend that the Board compare the check amounts processed (whether through paper check or direct deposit) to supporting documentation of payroll records to ensure all amounts paid are authorized. Documentation of this approval should be retained.

- **Accounts Payable Controls**
  During our review of your internal control procedures for accounts payable, we noted the following items that collectively result in a significant deficiency in internal controls:

  - Persons processing accounts payable should be separate from those ordering and receiving goods and paying the bills. These duties should be segregated to prevent an employee from using District funds to make fraudulent purchases.
  - The District should also consider implementing an appropriate system for the review and approval of new vendors added to the system.

  The Board's required manual signature on all accounts payable checks helps mitigate certain risks created by the lack of proper segregation of duties.

The recommendations noted above are not unusual for park districts of your size, but management should continue to be aware of these conditions and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from a control perspective. As these procedural controls do not exist, you should rely more heavily on your direct knowledge of the District's operations and day to day contact with employees to control and safeguard assets. This may continue to be an acceptable method for you to use for many years to come. The purpose of this portion of our comments is to meet our professional responsibility of communicating possible material weaknesses to you and to keep you aware of the importance of having good people and maintaining close contact with them and the operation of the District.

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Required communications

Qualitative aspect of accounting practices

- Accounting policies: Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we have advised management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing accounting policies was not changed during 2026. We noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which accounting policies are controversial or for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus or diversity in practice.
- Accounting estimates: Accounting estimates, including fair value 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, the degree of subjectivity involved in their development and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The following estimates are of most significance to the financial statements:

Estimate	Management's process to determine	Baker Tilly's conclusions regarding reasonableness
Depreciation/Amortization	Evaluate estimated useful life of the asset and original acquisition value	Reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole

  There have been no significant changes made by management to either the processes used to develop the particularly sensitive accounting estimates, or to the significant assumptions used to develop the estimates, noted above.

- Financial statement disclosures: The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.

Significant unusual transactions

There have been no significant transactions that are outside the normal course of business for the District or that otherwise appear to be unusual due to their timing, size or nature.

Significant difficulties encountered during the audit

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

Disagreements with management

Professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter 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.

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Audit report

There have been no departures from the auditors' standard report.

Audit consultations outside the engagement team

We encountered no difficult or contentious matters for which we consulted outside of the engagement team.

Uncorrected misstatements and corrected misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no misstatements identified.

Other audit findings or issues

We encountered no other audit findings or issues that require communication at this time.

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 District'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 information in documents containing audited basic financial statements

The District's audited financial statements are "general purpose" financial statements. General purpose financial statements consist of the basic financial statements that can be used by a broad group of people for a broad range of activities. Once we have issued our audit report, we have no further obligation to update our report for events occurring subsequent to the date of our report. The District can use the audited financial statements in other client prepare documents, such as official statements related to the issuance of debt, without our acknowledgement. Unless we have been engaged to perform services in connection with any subsequent transaction requiring the inclusion of our audit report, as well as to issue an auditors' acknowledgment letter, we have neither read the document nor performed subsequent event procedures in order to determine whether or not our report remains appropriate.

Management's consultations with other accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing or accounting matters.

Written communications between management and Baker Tilly

The attachments include copies of other material written communications, including a copy of the management representation letter.

Compliance with laws and regulations

We did not identify any non-compliance with laws and regulations during our audit.

Fraud

We did not identify any known or suspected fraud during our audit.

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Going concern

Pursuant to professional standards, we are required to communicate to you, when applicable, certain matters relating to our evaluation of the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time but no less than 12 months from the date of the financial statements, including the effects on the financial statements and the adequacy of the related disclosures, and the effects on the auditors' report. No such matters or conditions have come to our attention during our engagement.

Independence

We are not aware of any relationships between Baker Tilly and the District that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

Related parties

We did not have any significant findings or issues arise during the audit in connection with the District's related parties.

Other matters

We were not engaged to report on the other information, which accompanies 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 it.

Nonattest services

The following nonattest services were provided by Baker Tilly:

- Financial statement preparation
- Compiled regulatory reports
- Bookkeeping, cash transactions and other transactional accounting assistance
- Property, plant, and equipment depreciation record maintenance assistance services

In addition, we prepared GASB No. 34 conversion entries which are summarized in the “Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position” and the “Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities” in the financial statements.

None of these nonattest services constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including *Government Auditing Standards*.

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Management representation letter

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September 14, 2026

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Dear Baker Tilly US, LLP:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the McCook Park District as of April 30, 2026 and for the year then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the McCook Park District and the respective changes in financial position in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the previously mentioned financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting. We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining internal control over financial reporting, and preventing and detecting fraud.

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 the 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, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated June 9, 2026, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. GAAP.

2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting. We have engaged you to advise us in fulfilling that responsibility. The financial statements include all properly classified funds of the primary government required by the modified cash basis of accounting to be included in the financial reporting entity.

3) We acknowledge our responsibility 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.

4) We acknowledge that we have included all informative disclosures that are appropriate for the modified cash basis used to prepare our financial statements. These include:

   i. A description of the modified cash basis, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and how the framework differs from GAAP,

   ii. Additional disclosures beyond those specifically required that may be necessary to achieve fair presentation.

5) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.

6) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, if any, are reasonable in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. GAAP.

7) There are no estimates that may be subject to a material change in the near term that have not been properly disclosed in the financial statements. We understand that near term means the period within one year of the date of the financial statements.

8) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which the modified cash basis of accounting requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. No other events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the financial statement date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.

9) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

10) There are no known or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements. There are no unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

11) We have informed you of all instances where we utilized Generative Artificial Intelligence in our financial reporting processes to:

   a) Initiate, authorize, process, record, or report transactions

   b) Create accounting records or supporting information that is utilized in the audit; or

   c) Prepare financial statements and the related notes.

Information Provided

12) 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 financial records and related data, documentation, and other matters.

   b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.

c) Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

d) Minutes of the meetings of Board of Commissioners or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.

13) We have disclosed to you results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

14) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity 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.

15) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, or others.

16) We have no knowledge of known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

17) There are no related parties or related party relationships and transactions, including side agreements, of which we are aware.

Other

18) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.

19) We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.

20) We have identified to you any previous financial audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.

21) The McCook Park District 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 or fund balance or net position.

22) We are responsible for compliance with federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits, debt contracts, and IRS arbitrage regulations; and we have identified and disclosed to you all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.

23) There are no:

a) Violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, federal, state, and local laws or 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, except those already disclosed in the financial statement, if any.

b) Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by the modified cash basis of accounting.

c) Nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances that were not properly authorized and approved.

d) Rates being charged to customers other than the rates as authorized by the applicable authoritative body.

e) Violations of restrictions placed on revenues as a result of bond resolution covenants such as revenue distribution or debt service funding.

24) As part of your audit, you assisted with the preparation of the financial statements. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those non-audit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within 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.

25) We have made all management decisions and performed all management functions in relation to the nonattest services provided by Baker Tilly US, LLP or Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP, as identified in the engagement letter or an addendum to the engagement letter. We have designated Marcus Larson, an employee with suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to oversee the services received. Furthermore, we have established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring activities related to the nonattest services provided by Baker Tilly US, LLP or Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP, and we have evaluated and accepted responsibility for the adequacy and results of the nonattest services received.

The nonattest services provided by Baker Tilly US, LLP or Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP, are listed below.

a) Financial statement preparation

b) Compiled regulatory reports

c) Bookkeeping, cash transactions and other transactional accounting assistance

d) Property, plant, and equipment depreciation record maintenance assistance services

None of these nonattest services constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including *Government Auditing Standards*.

26) The McCook Park District 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.

27) The McCook Park District has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statement in the event of noncompliance.

28) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.

29) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34 and No. 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.

30) Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and components of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.

31) The McCook Park District has no derivative financial instruments such as contracts that could be assigned to someone else or net settled, interest rate swaps, collars or caps.

32) 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.

33) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues and general revenues.

34) Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.

35) Deposits and investments are properly classified, valued, and disclosed (including risk disclosures, collateralization agreements, valuation methods, and key inputs, as applicable).

36) Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated/amortized. Any known impairments have been recorded and disclosed.

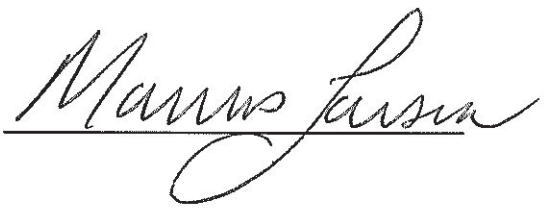
37) Tax-exempt bonds issued have retained their tax-exempt status.

38) We have appropriately disclosed the McCook Park District'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 are available and have determined that net position were properly recognized under the policy. We have also disclosed our policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available.

39) We have evaluated and considered all potential tax abatements and believe all material tax abatements have been properly reported and disclosed.

Sincerely,

McCook Park District

Signed: 

Two-way audit communications

As part of our audit of your financial statements, we are providing communications to you throughout the audit process. Auditing requirements provide for two-way communication and are important in assisting the auditor and you with more information relevant to the audit.

As this past audit is concluded, we use what we have learned to begin the planning process for next year's audit. It is important that you understand the following points about the scope and timing of our next audit:

a. We address the significant risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, through our detailed audit procedures.

b. We will obtain an understanding of the five components of internal control sufficient to assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to error or fraud, and to design the nature, timing and extent of further audit procedures. We will obtain a sufficient understanding by performing risk assessment procedures to evaluate the design of controls relevant to an audit of financial statements and to determine whether they have been implemented. We will use such knowledge to:

    Identify types of potential misstatements.

    Consider factors that affect the risks of material misstatement.

    Design tests of controls, when applicable, and substantive procedures.

c. We will not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or compliance with laws, regulations and provisions of contracts or grant programs.

d. The concept of materiality recognizes that some matters, either individually or in the aggregate, are important for fair presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles while other matters are not important. In performing the audit, we are concerned with matters that, either individually or in the aggregate, could be material to the financial statements. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that material misstatements, whether caused by errors or fraud, are detected.

Our audit will be performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are very interested in your views regarding certain matters. Those matters are listed here:

a. We typically will communicate with your top level of management unless you tell us otherwise.

b. We understand that the governing board has the responsibility to oversee the strategic direction of your organization, as well as the overall accountability of the entity. Management has the responsibility for achieving the objectives of the entity.

c. We need to know your views about your organization's objectives and strategies, and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.

d. We anticipate that the District will receive an unmodified opinion on its financial statements.

e. Which matters do you consider warrant particular attention during the audit, and are there any areas where you request additional procedures to be undertaken?

f. Have you had any significant communications with regulators or grantor agencies?

g. Are there other matters that you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements?

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Also, is there anything that we need to know about the attitudes, awareness and actions of the governing body concerning:

a. The entity’s internal control and its importance in the entity, including how those charged with governance oversee the effectiveness of internal control?

b. The detection or the possibility of fraud?

We also need to know if you have taken actions in response to developments in financial reporting, laws, accounting standards, governance practices, or other related matters, or in response to previous communications with us.

With regard to the timing of our audit, here is some general information. Our final financial fieldwork is scheduled in July to best coincide with your readiness and report deadlines. After fieldwork, we wrap up our financial audit procedures at our office and may issue drafts of our report for your review. Final copies of our report and other communications are issued after approval by your staff. This is typically 6-12 weeks after final fieldwork, but may vary depending on a number of factors.

Keep in mind that while this communication may assist us with planning the scope and timing of the audit, it does not change the auditors' sole responsibility to determine the overall audit strategy and the audit plan, including the nature, timing and extent of procedures necessary to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence.

We realize that you may have questions on what this all means, or wish to provide other feedback. We welcome the opportunity to hear from you.

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