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BERKSHIRE TOWNSHIP-CITY OF DELAWARE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
DELAWARE COUNTY

DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Berkshire Township-City of Delaware Joint Economic Development District  
Delaware County  
One South Sandusky Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

To the Board of Trustees:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of the Berkshire Township-City of Delaware Joint Economic Development District, Delaware County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the District prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the District does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

***Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

***Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances of the Berkshire Township-City of Delaware Joint Economic Development District, Delaware County, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 15, 2017, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on 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.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

May 15, 2017

Berkshire Township-City Of Delaware  
 Joint Economic Development District  
 Delaware County, Ohio  
 Statement Of Receipts, Disbursements, And  
 Changes In Fund Balances (Cash Basis)  
 Governmental Fund Type  
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2016

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	<u>General</u>
<b>Cash Receipts</b>	
Income Taxes	\$ 145,399
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>145,399</u>
 <b>Cash Disbursements</b>	
Operating Expenses	
Surety Bond	110
Tax Collection and Fiscal Services Fee	4,592
Berkshire Township Disbursement	65,441
City of Delaware Disbursement	<u>43,627</u>
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>113,770</u>
 <i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	31,629
 <i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>2,151</u>
 <b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	
Committed	32,414
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>1,366</u>
 <i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$ 33,780</u></u>

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	<u>General</u>
<b>Cash Receipts</b>	
Income Taxes	\$ 2,151
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>2,151</u>
 <b>Cash Disbursements</b>	
Operating Expenses	
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>0</u>
 <i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	2,151
 <i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>0</u>
 <b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	
Committed	2,129
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>22</u>
 <i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 2,151</u>



**Berkshire Township – City of Delaware  
Joint Economic Development District  
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***Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies***

**A. Description of the Entity**

The Berkshire Township-City of Delaware Joint Economic Development District, Delaware County, Ohio [the District] contract was entered into as of November 1, 2014 under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Sections 715.72 through 715.81. The District is comprised of Berkshire Township and the City of Delaware. The District operates under an appointed five-member Board of Trustees established in accordance with said Ohio Revised Code Sections. The District was formed for the purpose of facilitating economic development to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities and to improve the economic welfare of the people in the State and in the areas of the City and the Township. Pursuant to the Code Sections, the Board adopted a resolution to levy an income tax in the District to be equal to the City's rate, currently 1.85 percent, effective June 25, 2015.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

**B. Accounting Basis**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The District recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

**C. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of an interest bearing checking account.

**D. Fund Accounting**

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District has the following fund:

*General Fund*

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources.

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**E. Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

1. Non-spendable

The District classifies assets as *non-spendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

2. Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

3. Committed

The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

4. Assigned

*Assigned* fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds, other than the General Fund, report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the General Fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the District's Board or a District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

5. Unassigned

*Unassigned* fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first, followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts, when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

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**NOTE 2: CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

The District maintains a non-interest bearing checking account. Funds held by the City of Delaware as Fiscal Agent for the District are maintained in a bank account of the City. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District Deposits	\$ 1,038	\$ 0
City of Delaware Deposits	<u>32,742</u>	<u>2,151</u>
Demand Deposits	<u>\$ 33,780</u>	<u>\$ 2,151</u>

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**NOTE 3: LOCAL INCOME TAX**

The District levies a municipal income tax of 1.85 percent on substantially all earned income arising from employment of business activities within the District. Employers within the District withhold income tax on employee compensation and remit the tax to the District via the City of Delaware. Quarterly, the funds are distributed as follows: The City of Delaware administrative expenses are allocated 4 percent of gross taxes received, the District receives 1 percent. Of the net remaining receipts, the Township receives 60 percent and the City receives 40 percent.

**NOTE 4: RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Commercial Insurance** – The District has elected to not procure commercial insurance for comprehensive property and general liabilities as the District has no physical assets nor does the Board perform any operation or provide any direct service that would subject the District to property loss or liability claims.

**Surety Bonds** – In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, the District maintains surety bonds all Board members and officers.

**NOTE 5: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The District is not aware of any related party transactions.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Berkshire Township-City of Delaware Joint Economic Development District  
Delaware County  
One South Sandusky Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of the Berkshire Township-City of Delaware Joint Economic Development District, Delaware County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 15, 2017 wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the District's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

May 15, 2017



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**BERKSHIRE TOWNSHIP CITY OF DELAWARE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
DELAWARE COUNTY**

## **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MAY 30, 2017**