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SHORT NORTH SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FRANKLIN COUNTY Agreed-Upon Procedures For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

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Board of Directors Short North Special Improvement District 21 East 5th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43201

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Short North Special Improvement District, Franklin County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. Based upon this review, we have accepted this report in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Short North Special Improvement District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

June 22, 2018

Short North Special Improvement District Franklin County 21 East 5th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43201

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Directors and the district officers, district members and directors and their designees or proxies, herein governing of the **Short North Special Improvement District** (the District) and the Auditor of State on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Districts cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the District. The District is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District. The District is procedures and balances included in the information provided to us by the District. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report.

Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

Cash

- 1. We recalculated the December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balance recorded in the Statement of Activities to the December 31, 2015 balance in the prior year audited statements. The balances did not agree due to the District not updating their financial statement shell. The beginning balance used was the January 1, 2014 beginning fund balance instead of the correct Retained Earnings balance on the December 31, 2016 Trial Balance.
- 3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2017 and 2016 fund cash balances reported in the Statement of Financial Position. The amounts agreed.
- 4. We observed the year-end bank balance on the financial institution's website. The balance agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balance to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2017 bank reconciliation without exception.

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Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

- 1. We confirmed the tax amounts paid from the City of Columbus to the District during 2017 and 2016, with the City. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
- As required by the Resolution from the City of Columbus, we inspected the General Ledger for 2017 and 2016 to determine whether each year included all four quarterly receipts from the City of Columbus. We observed no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

- 1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Check Register for the year ended December 31, 2017 and ten from the year ended 2016 and determined whether:
 - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
 - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Check Register and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - c. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires these districts to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, in addition to filing extensions granted for extenuating circumstances, allow for refiling complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System for December 31, 2017 and 2016 fiscal year ends included in 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 agreed upon procedure engagements, subsequent to the District's deadline where the initial filing was filed on time but incomplete. Financial information for 2016 was filed on May 23, 2018 which was not within the allotted timeframe.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants attestation standards and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the District's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is to provide assistance in the evaluation of the District's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.

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SHORT NORTH SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

FRANKLIN 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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED AUGUST 2, 2018

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