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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District, Inc.
Hamilton County
1203 Walnut Street, 4th Floor
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District Inc., Hamilton County, Ohio (the District's) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, 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, 2024 and 2023, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District.

The Board of Trustees and the officers, members and directors and their designees or proxies, herein governing of the District, have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing 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, 2024 and 2023, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the 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.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

Cash and Investments

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balance recorded in the 2023 general ledger report to the December 31, 2022 net assets balance on the 2022 financial statements filed by the District in the Hinkle System and documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2024 beginning fund balance recorded in the 2024 general ledger report to the December 31, 2023 net assets balance reported on the 2023 financial statements filed by the District in the Hinkle System and in the 2023 general ledger report. We found no exceptions.

3. We agreed the 2024 and 2023 bank reconciliation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 to the total fund cash balances reported in the 2024 and 2023 general ledger reports and the financial statements filed by the District in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2024 bank account balances with the District's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amount appearing in the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation without exception.

Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We confirmed the special assessment amounts paid from the City of Cincinnati to the District during 2024 and 2023, with the City. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the general ledger report for 2024 and 2023 to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the spreadsheet ledger for 2024 and 2023 to determine whether these receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior engagement disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2022.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the 2024 and 2023 general ledger report for evidence of debt issued during 2024 or 2023 or debt payment activity during 2024 or 2023. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2024 or 2023.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. From the check register, we re-footed checks recorded as General Fund disbursements for *general and administrative*. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected ten disbursements from the check register for the year ended December 31, 2024 and ten from the year ended December 31, 2023, 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 general ledger report 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.

Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the District's public records policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any completed or denied public records requests or public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the District had a records retention schedule and determined that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no

exceptions.

4. We inspected written evidence that the public records policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code §149.43(E)(2).
5. We inspected the District's policy manual and determined the public records policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 149.43(E)(2).
6. The District does not have a physical building and therefore could not display a poster describing the District's public records policy as required by the Ohio Rev. Code §149.43(E)(2).
7. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any applications for records disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any elected officials subject to the Public Records Training requirements during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(1) and 109.43(B).
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the District notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
 - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting;
 - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner;
 - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period; and
 - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.
11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
 - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
 - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G).
 - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found that an executive session was held on January 11, 2024 but the District did not state the reason for entering into executive session.

Compliance – Bylaws

1. As required by Section 8 of the Bylaws, we reviewed the Board of Trustees to determine if it had nine board members, consisting of: the City Manager of the City of Cincinnati or a designee of the City Manager who is an employee of the City of Cincinnati involved with its planning or economic development functions; a person appointed by the City Council of the City of Cincinnati; a representative of the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners, as long as it owns property in the District which is subject to assessment; and the remaining six (6) individuals shall be Members who shall be elected by the Members. In the event Hamilton County does not own property in the District subject to assessment, the Trustee position shall be filled by any property owner in the District, other than the City of Cincinnati, who is elected by the Members. Per review of the District's website, these requirements are met.

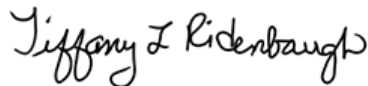
Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 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, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the District filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, 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.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.

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September 25, 2025

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DOWNTOWN CINCINNATI IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.

HAMILTON COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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