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Independent Auditor's Report

Audit Committee
City and County of Denver, Colorado
Denver, Colorado

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City and County of Denver (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Caring for Denver Foundation, Denver Convention Center Hotel Authority, Denver Urban Renewal Authority, National Western Center Authority, Cherry Creek North Business Improvement District (BID) No.1, Colfax BID, Denver Preschool Program, Inc., Downtown Denver BID, RiNo BID, or the Denver College Success Corporation, all of which are included as discretely presented components units, which represent 92.11 percent of total assets and deferred outflows of resources, 86.59 percent of total revenues, and 24.11 percent of net position (deficit) of the aggregate discretely presented component units as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021. Those statements were audited by other auditors, whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion on the aggregate discretely presented component units, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Caring for Denver Foundation, Denver Convention Center Hotel Authority, Denver Urban Renewal Authority, National Western Center Authority, Cherry Creek North BID No.1, Colfax BID, Denver Preschool Program, Inc., Downtown Denver BID, RiNo BID, or the Denver College Success Corporation, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Additionally, we did not audit the financial statements of the Denver 14th Street General Improvement District (GID), Gateway Village GID, or RiNo GID which are included as blended component units, Denver Employee Retirement Plan, a fiduciary component unit and the Deferred Compensation Plan Trust Fund, a fiduciary fund of the City, which represent 53.10 percent of total assets, 21.97 percent of total revenues and 73.87 percent of net position/fund balance of the aggregate remaining fund information as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors, whose reports have been furnished to us and our opinion on the aggregate remaining fund information, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Denver 14th Street GID, Gateway Village GID, RiNo GID, Denver Employee Retirement Plan and the Deferred Compensation Plan Trust Fund, is based solely on the reports of

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the other auditors. We also did not audit the financial statements of the Wastewater Management Enterprise Fund or the Denver Airport System Enterprise Fund, which are major enterprise funds of the City, and represent 99.26 percent, 97.69 percent and 98.12 percent, respectively, of the total assets, total revenues and net position of the business-type activities as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors, whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion on the business-type activities, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Wastewater Management Enterprise Fund and the Denver Airport System Enterprise Fund, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City 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 opinions.

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 City'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.

Auditor's 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 auditor's report that includes our opinions. 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 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, 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 City'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 City'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.

Other Matters

Prior Period Financial Information

The financial statements of the City as of December 31, 2020 (not presented herein), were audited by other auditors whose report dated June 25, 2021, expressed unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information. The report of the other auditors stated that the 2020 General Fund financial information was subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2020 basic financial statements and certain additional auditing procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare those basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS and, in their opinion, was fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison, pension and other postemployment information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements.



We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The 2021 combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the 2021 combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual comprehensive financial report. The other information comprises the introduction section and statistical section listed in the table of contents, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

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Denver, Colorado
June 29, 2022