

City of Phoenix Deferred Compensation Board
City of Phoenix Deferred Compensation Plan – Section 457 and
City of Phoenix Defined Contribution Plan – Section 401(a)
Phoenix, Arizona

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Phoenix - Section 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan and the Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan (the Plans) for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated October 31, 2023. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit in our Scope of Work dated May 17, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant audit findings or issues *Qualitative aspects of accounting practices*

Accounting policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Plans are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2022.

Accounting estimates

Accounting 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 and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements is related to the valuation of the City of Phoenix Stable Income Fund (the Fund). The Fund includes investments in guaranteed investment contracts. The Fund is valued at contract value as estimated by the Morley Financial Services, Inc. The contract value is guaranteed through a related contract with a separate provider. The credited interest rates are reset periodically according to terms set forth in the contract and are actuarially determined. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate of the Fund in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial statement disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures. The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Significant unusual transactions

We identified no significant unusual transactions.

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Difficulties encountered in performing the audits

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

Uncorrected misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audits, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management did not identify and we did not notify them of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements.

Disagreements with management

For purposes of this communication, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during our audit.

Management representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 31, 2023.

Management consultations with other independent accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the entity's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Significant issues discussed with management prior to engagement

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to engagement as the entity's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our engagement.

Required supplementary information

With respect to the required supplementary information (RSI) accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the RSI, including whether the RSI has been measured and presented in accordance with prescribed guidelines, whether the methods of measurement and preparation have been changed from the prior period and the reasons for any such changes, and whether there were any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the RSI. We compared the RSI for consistency with management's responses to the foregoing inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge obtained during the audits of the basic financial statements. Because these limited procedures do not provide sufficient evidence, we did not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the City of Phoenix Deferred Compensation Board and management of Plans and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

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Austin, Texas October 31, 2023 October 31, 2023

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audits of the financial statements of the City of Phoenix 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and the City of Phoenix 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan (the Plans), which comprise the respective financial positions of the Plans as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to misstatements that are material. Misstatements, including omissions, 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.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of October 31, 2023, 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 agreement dated May 17, 2023, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 2. We acknowledge and have fulfilled 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.
- 3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 4. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 5. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- No 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 financial statements.
- 7. We have not identified or been notified of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements.

- 8. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 9. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the entity is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 10. Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims against debtors for transactions arising on or before the financial statement date and have been reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
- 11. The methods and significant assumptions used to determine fair values of financial instruments are as follows: Fixed earnings investments are presented at contract value which approximates fair value. Variable earnings investments are based on published quotations or the net asset value reported by the investments provider. The methods and significant assumptions used result in a measure of fair value appropriate for financial statement measurement and disclosure purposes.
- 12. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.
- 13. We believe the plan and trust established under the plan are qualified under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code, and we intend to continue them as a qualified plan and trust.
- 14. We are not aware of any present legislative intentions to terminate the plans.

Information Provided

- 1. 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 records (including information obtained from within and outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers), 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. Complete minutes of the meetings of the governing board and related committees, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 2. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 3. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 4. 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 when the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 5. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 6. We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations and provisions of contracts or abuse whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments, or unasserted claims or assessments, that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 8. There are no other material liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 9. We have disclosed to you the identity of all the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware, including any side agreements.
- 10. The entity 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, except as made known to you and disclosed in the financial statements.
- 11. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts applicable to the entity; and we have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts 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.
- 12. The entity has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 13. We have followed all applicable laws and regulations in adopting, approving, and amending budgets.
- 14. Investments are properly valued.
- 15. The values of non-readily marketable investments represent good faith estimates of fair value. The methods and significant assumptions used result in a measure of fair value appropriate for financial measurement and disclosure purposes.
- 16. Deposits and investment securities are properly classified as to risk and are properly valued and disclosed.
- 17. We have obtained the service auditor's report from our third-party administrator, Nationwide Retirement Solutions. We have reviewed such report, including the complementary user controls. We

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have implemented the relevant user controls, and they were in operation for the year ended December 31, 2022.

- 18. We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
- 19. We understand that you prepared the trial balance for use during the audit and that your preparation of the trial balance was limited to formatting information into a working trial balance based on management's chart of accounts.
- 20. As part of your audit, you prepared the draft financial statements and related notes. We have designated an individual who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to understand and oversee your services; have made all management judgments and decisions; and have assumed all management responsibilities. We have evaluated the adequacy and results of the service. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements, related notes, and supplementary information. We have also ensured that the entity's data and records are complete and received sufficient information to oversee the service.

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Signature	O COUCC	Title: Retirement Programs Administrator

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