

**CITY OF CARLOS
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May 1, 2025

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the City of Carlos, (the City) which comprise the respective financial position of each major fund as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows for the year then ended, and the disclosures (collectively, the "financial statements"), for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor, the Regulatory Basis of Accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of May 1, 2025, 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 letter dated November 25, 2024, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Regulatory Basis of Accounting.
- 2) The primary government financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with the Regulatory Basis of Accounting and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government.
- 3) We acknowledge 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.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 6) Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the Regulatory Basis of Accounting.
- 7) Adjustments or disclosures have been made for all events, including instances of noncompliance, subsequent to the date of the financial statements that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.
- 8) We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed, and they have been posted to the accounts.
- 9) The effects of uncorrected misstatements listed below are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.
 - \$890 understatement of Water Fund – Charges for Services
 - \$424 understatement of Sewer Fund – Charges for Services
- 10) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the Regulatory Basis of Accounting.
- 11) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the City is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

Information Provided

- 12) 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 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 City from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d) Minutes of the meetings of the City Council or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 13) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 14) 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.
- 15) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the City and involves:
 - Management,
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 16) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the City's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 17) We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 18) 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, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 19) We have disclosed to you the identity of the City's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Government—specific

- 20) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 21) We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 22) We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 23) We have identified to you any investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated with respect to the period under audit.
- 24) The City has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, and fund balance or net position.
- 25) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts, and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 26) We have identified and disclosed to you all instances of identified and suspected fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 27) There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
- 28) As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and related notes, the state reporting form, the trial balance for use during the audit that was limited to formatting information into a working trial balance based on management's chart of accounts and booking journal entries we approve and maintaining the depreciation schedule. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes, state reporting form, trial balance, journal entries and depreciation schedule.

- 29) The City 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.
- 30) The City has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 31) The financial statements include all component units, appropriately present major equity interests in legally separate organizations and joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
- 32) The financial statements include all fiduciary activities required by GASBS No. 84, as amended.
- 33) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities in accordance with GASBS No. 34, as amended.
- 34) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASBS Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 35) Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and classifications of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 36) Investments, derivative instruments, and land and other real estate held by endowments are properly valued.
- 37) Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
- 38) Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- 39) Deposits and investment securities and derivative instruments are properly classified as to risk and are properly disclosed.
- 40) Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated or amortized.
- 41) We have appropriately disclosed the City's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
- 42) We are following our established accounting policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available. That policy determines the fund balance classification for financial reporting purposes.
- 43) With respect to the budgetary comparison schedule – regulatory basis (general fund), budgetary comparison schedule – regulatory basis (fire fund), schedule of indebtedness, schedule of accounts receivable, and schedule of accounts payable:
 - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting this supplementary information in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting, and we believe this supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting. The methods of measurement and presentation of this supplementary information have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
 - b. If this supplementary information is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.

Management

Governance

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

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