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**CITY OF WORTHINGTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
CORPORATION (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF
WORTHINGTON, OHIO)**

FRANKLIN COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the City of Worthington Community Improvement Corporation, Franklin County, prepared by Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co., for the audit period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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 City of Worthington Community Improvement Corporation is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

July 11, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
City of Worthington Community Improvement Corporation
Worthington, Ohio:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Worthington Community Improvement Corporation (the "Corporation"), a component unit of the City of Worthington, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Corporation, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Corporation, 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 opinion.

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 Corporation'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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. 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 and *Government*

Auditing Standards 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 and *Government Auditing Standards*, 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 Corporation'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 Corporation'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion, 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 16, 2023 on our consideration of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Columbus, Ohio
June 16, 2023

CITY OF WORTHINGTON
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Management's Discussion and Analysis - Unaudited
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

The management's discussion and analysis of the City of Worthington Community Improvement Corporation's (CIC) financial performance provides an overall review of the CIC's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2022. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the CIC's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the CIC's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2022 are as follows:

- Total net position as of December 31, 2022 was \$1,050,663.
- The CIC received \$33,097 in rental payments and interest.
- Additional improvements were made to real estate held for development.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of various financial statements and notes to those statements as well as the management's discussion and analysis. The basic financial statements include the *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position*. These statements provide information about the financial activities of the CIC.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis - Unaudited
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CIC

The following table provides a comparison of the CIC's net position at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$85,538	\$174,531
Prepaid Expenses	427	386
Lease Receivable	111,981	0
Real Estate Held for Development	975,955	893,955
Total Assets	<u>1,173,901</u>	<u>1,068,872</u>
Liabilities:		
Other Liabilities	<u>26,639</u>	<u>25,034</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>26,639</u>	<u>25,034</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Leases	<u>96,599</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>96,599</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Position		
Unrestricted	<u>1,050,663</u>	<u>1,043,838</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$1,050,663</u>	<u>\$1,043,838</u>

Net Position can serve as a useful indicator of an entity's financial health. As of December 31, 2022, the CIC's net position totaled \$1,050,663. The CIC does not maintain any debt.

Changes in Net Position – The following table provides a comparison of the changes in net position for 2022 and 2021:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Operating Revenues:		
City Contributions	\$0	\$475,000
Rental Income	27,600	11,000
Interest Income	5,497	0
Total Operating Revenues	<u>33,097</u>	<u>486,000</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Professional Fees and Contract Fees	5,360	12,884
Property Taxes	26,639	24,065
Total Operating Expenses	<u>31,999</u>	<u>36,949</u>
Operating Income	1,098	449,051
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):		
Investment Income	5,384	178
Other Non-Operating Revenue	343	0
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>5,727</u>	<u>178</u>
Change in Net Position	6,825	449,229
Beginning Net Position	<u>1,043,838</u>	<u>594,609</u>
Ending Net Position	<u>\$1,050,663</u>	<u>\$1,043,838</u>

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Management's Discussion and Analysis - Unaudited
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

REAL ESTATE HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

At the end of 2022 the CIC had \$975,955 of real estate held for development. The following table shows 2022 and 2021 balances:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Real Estate Held for Development	<u>\$975,955</u>	<u>\$893,955</u>	<u>\$82,000</u>
Totals	<u><u>\$975,955</u></u>	<u><u>\$893,955</u></u>	<u><u>\$82,000</u></u>

Additional information on the real estate held by the CIC can be found in Note 4.

DEBT

The CIC has no debt.

CURRENT FINANCIAL RELATED ACTIVITIES

The CIC is sponsored by the City of Worthington. The CIC is primarily reliant upon city contributions for its funding.

The CIC was formed to serve the community in revitalization and enhancement efforts to improve properties and the business environment by advancing, encouraging and promoting industrial, commercial and civic development. The CIC was formed in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 1724.02 and shall have the powers as defined.

During 2016, the City Council of the City of Worthington approved Ordinances 08-2016 and 37-2016 authorizing the CIC to enter into lease agreements with Sew to Speak, LLC and COhatch Worthington, LLC for portions of the Kilbourne Memorial Library Building, located at 752 High Street, Worthington, Ohio. The City of Worthington maintains the ownership of the property located at 752 High Street, Worthington, Ohio with the CIC administering the lease agreements.

CONTACT FOR CIC'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our clients and creditors with a general overview of the CIC's finances and to show the CIC's accountability for the money it receives. Should you have questions regarding this report or need additional financial information for the CIC, please contact Scott F. Bartter, City of Worthington Finance Director, 6550 North High Street, Worthington, OH 43085.

CITY OF WORTHINGTON
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2022

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 85,538
Lease Receivable - Current	27,798
Prepaid Expenses	<u>427</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>113,763</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Lease Receivable	84,183
Real Estate Held for Development	<u>975,955</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,173,901</u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Property Taxes Payable	<u>26,639</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>26,639</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Leases	<u>96,599</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>96,599</u>
Net Position	
Unrestricted	<u>1,050,663</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,050,663</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF WORTHINGTON
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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

Operating Revenues:	
Rental Income	\$ 27,600
Interest Income	5,497
Total Operating Revenues	<u>33,097</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Professional Fees and Contract Fees	5,360
Property Taxes	26,639
Total Operating Expenses	<u>31,999</u>
Operating Income	1,098
Non-Operating Revenues:	
Investment Income	5,384
Other Non-Operating Revenue	343
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>5,727</u>
Change in Net Position	6,825
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>1,043,838</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u>\$ 1,050,663</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF WORTHINGTON
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>	
Cash Received from Rent and Interest	\$17,715
Cash Received from Other Sources	343
Cash Payments for Fees and Taxes	(31,435)
Cash Payments for Real Estate Improvements	(81,000)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u>(94,377)</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</u>	
Cash Received from Investment Income	<u>5,384</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>5,384</u>
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(88,993)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>174,531</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u><u>\$85,538</u></u>
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash</u>	
<u>Used by Operating Activities:</u>	
Operating Income	\$1,098
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to	
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Non-Operating Revenue	343
Changes in Assets, Liabilities, and Deferred Inflows:	
Increase in Prepaid Expenses	(41)
Increase in Real Estate Held for Development	(82,000)
Decrease in Lease Receivable	12,218
Increase in Property Taxes Payable	1,605
Decrease in Deferred Inflows of Resources	(27,600)
Total Adjustments	<u>(95,475)</u>
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u><u>(\$94,377)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF WORTHINGTON
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORTING ENTITY

The City of Worthington Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) was formed pursuant to passage of City of Worthington Ordinance 13-2006, passed April 3, 2006 and incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under Title XVII, Chapters 1702 and 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code for the purpose of advancing, encouraging and promoting the industrial, economic, commercial and civic development of the City of Worthington and its environment. The CIC is designated by the City of Worthington as its agency for the industrial, commercial, distribution and research development in the City of Worthington, in order to promote health, safety, morals and general welfare of the residents of the City of Worthington.

The CIC Board of Directors is comprised of ten members. Not less than two-fifths (2/5) of the membership of the governing board of the CIC shall be appointed or elected officers of the City of Worthington.

The City of Worthington (the “City”) is a charter municipal corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio. In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *“The Financial Reporting Entity,”* as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *“Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units”* and GASB Statement No. 61, *“The Financial Reporting Entity; Omnibus,”* the City’s primary government and basic financial statements include component units which are defined as legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a voting majority of the organization’s board and either 1) the City’s ability to impose its will over the organization, or 2) the possibility that the organization will provide a financial benefit or impose a financial burden to the City. The CIC is a legally separate entity and is reported by the City as a discretely presented component unit in the City’s basic financial statements. The CIC does not have any component units and does not include any other organizations in its presentation. The CIC’s management believes these basic financial statements present all activities for which the CIC is financially accountable.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These basic financial statements of the CIC have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

CITY OF WORTHINGTON
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Basis of Accounting

The basic financial statements of the CIC are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with GAAP.

B. Basis of Presentation

The CIC's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and a statement of cash flows.

The CIC distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally resulted from providing services in connection with the CIC's principal ongoing operation. The principal operating revenues of the CIC are contributions from the City and rental income. Operating expenses for the CIC include professional fees, service contract fees, and property taxes. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

C. Federal Income Tax

The City of Worthington Community Improvement Corporation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, all cash in the CIC's checking account is considered to be cash and cash equivalents. All monies received by the CIC are deposited in a demand deposit account.

E. Capital Assets and Depreciation

The City of Worthington Community Improvement Corporation did not maintain any capital assets in 2022. However, the CIC maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000 for future capital assets. Any equipment the CIC may obtain will be depreciated using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life as applicable.

CITY OF WORTHINGTON
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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Accrued Liabilities

At December 31, 2022 the CIC reported an accrued liability for tax year 2022 property taxes to be paid in 2023.

G. Prepayments

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2022, are recorded as prepaid expenses using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

H. Lease Receivable

Lease receivables are measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease term, reduced by any provision for estimated uncollectible amounts. Deferred inflows of resources related to lease receivables are recorded initially as equal to the amount of the initial measurement of the lease receivable and subsequently recognized as revenue in a systematic and rational manner over the term of the lease.

I. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. Net position invested in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The CIC has no restricted net position.

J. Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

K. Real Estate Held for Development

Property acquired is not used by the CIC in its operations but is being held for development. The property held for development is reported at cost and depreciation is not recognized. The balance is reported as a noncurrent asset, as the CIC does not intend to distribute the property in the subsequent year.

CITY OF WORTHINGTON
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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS

As of December 31, 2022, the carrying amount and bank balance of the CIC’s deposits was in the amount of \$85,538. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, “Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosure”, as of December 31, 2022, the entire bank balance was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. There are no significant statutory restrictions regarding the deposit and investment of funds held by the not-for-profit corporation.

NOTE 4 – REAL ESTATE HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

Summary of changes in real estate held for development at December 31, 2022:

<i>Historical Cost:</i> Class	December 31, 2021	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2022
Real Estate Held for Development	\$893,955	\$82,000	\$0	\$975,955
Total Cost	\$893,955	\$82,000	\$0	\$975,955

In August 2018 the CIC purchased the property at 145 East Wilson Bridge Road. In February 2019 the CIC purchased the property at 127 East Wilson Bridge Road. In January 2021 the CIC purchased the properties at 133 and 139 East Wilson Bridge Road. Additional property purchases in the East Wilson Bridge Road corridor are expected, with the intent to develop this property into commercial space.

NOTE 5 – LITIGATION

The CIC is not involved in any material litigation as either plaintiff or defendant.

NOTE 6 – CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, OHIO

The CIC received no contributions from the City of Worthington in 2022.

NOTE 7 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The CIC is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The CIC carries general liability and Directors and Officers insurance coverage.

NOTE 8 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The CIC did not maintain any accounts receivable activity during the year 2022.

CITY OF WORTHINGTON
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

NOTE 9 – LEASES

During 2016, the CIC entered into two lease agreements, one with Sew to Speak, LLC and the other with COhatch Worthington, LLC. Both agreements were written noting the CIC as "Landlord" of a portion of the building known as The James Kilbourne Memorial Library Building at 752 High Street, Worthington, Ohio (the "Kilbourne Building") and the lessees as "Tenants". The agreements also note the "Owner" of the building is the City of Worthington.

The lease with COhatch, LLC was constructed with verbiage for possible rent abatements. The lease stated that if the Tenant performed significant improvements, approved by the Landlord, the first ten years of rent may be abated. The Tenant performed improvements in the amount of approximately \$660,000 in 2016; therefore, the amount of valued rent per the agreement of \$510,000 will be abated for the ten-year period. No rent was charged or received by the CIC in 2022.

The lease with Sew to Speak, LLC is a net lease agreement in which rent can be reduced by Landlord pre-approved Tenant space improvements. In 2016, the CIC approved approximately \$180,000 of renovations performed by Sew to Speak, LLC; therefore, per the agreement, no rent was charged or received by the CIC prior to 2022. In 2022, Sew to Speak, LLC began making monthly lease payments. The initial term of the lease agreement is 10 years. During 2022, the CIC received lease revenue payments of \$27,600, and interest revenue of \$5,497.

A summary of future lease payments to be received by the CIC, including lease revenue and interest payments as of December 31, 2022, follows:

Years	Lease Revenue	Interest	Total
2023	\$27,798	\$4,996	\$32,794
2024	31,920	3,489	35,409
2025	34,282	1,839	36,121
2026	17,981	263	18,244
Totals	<u>\$111,981</u>	<u>\$10,587</u>	<u>\$122,568</u>

NOTE 10 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

For 2022, the CIC implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, "Leases." GASB Statement No. 87 establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for leases.

The implementation of this Standard resulted in a restatement of beginning of year balances for lease receivables and deferred inflows, but had no effect on beginning of year net position.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Board of Directors
City of Worthington Community Improvement Corporation
City of Worthington, Ohio:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the City of Worthington Community Improvement Corporation (the "Corporation"), a component unit of the City of Worthington, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 16, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2022-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Corporation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Corporation's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Corporation's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Corporation's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Corporation's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Columbus, Ohio
June 16, 2023

Section I – Financial Statement Findings

2022-001 Financial Reporting

During the course of our audit, we identified misstatements in the financial statements that were not initially identified by the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting. A deficiency in internal control exists when the design of operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. In this case, the internal controls over the preparation and review of the Corporation's financial statements did not operate as designed. The Corporation contracts with a third-party consultant to prepare its year-end financial statements. While the Corporation may rely on the consultant to provide technical assistance and financial statement preparation, it is still the responsibility of the Corporation to review the financials prepared by the consultant for errors and omissions.

An audit adjustment was necessary to correct the lease receivable, lease revenue, and interest revenue amounts.

We recommend the Corporation enhance its internal controls over financial reporting with steps such as management's review of conversion documentation for completeness and accuracy and improved communication with hired consultants to ensure the preparation of complete, accurate and reliable financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management of the CIC agrees with the audit adjustment and will implement stronger controls over the GAAP financials in the future.

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WORTHINGTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

FRANKLIN 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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