

December 26, 2018

City Council  
City of Perris  
Perris, California

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Perris, California (the “City”) for the year ended June 30, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 30, 2018. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Matters

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the City changed accounting policies related to Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* in the 2018 fiscal year. Accordingly, the cumulative effect of the accounting change as of the beginning of the year is reported in the Statement of Activities. The required supplementary information presentation has also been updated to the new requirement. We noted no transactions entered into by the City during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

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 estimates affecting the financial statements were:

Management’s estimate of the fair value of investments is based on information provided by financial institutions. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value of investments in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management’s estimate of capital assets depreciation is based on historical estimates of each capitalized item’s useful life. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the capital assets depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management’s estimate of the net pension liability and related pension deferred outflows and inflows of resources are based on an actuarial valuation and pension contributions made during the year. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the net pension liability and related pension deferred outflows and inflows of resources in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management’s estimate of net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability is based on an actuarial valuation and OPEB contributions made during the year. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the net OPEB liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

The disclosure of the fair value of investments in Notes 2 and 3 to the financial statements represents amounts susceptible to market fluctuation.

The disclosure of capital assets in Note 5 to the financial statements is based on historical information which could differ from actual useful lives of each capitalized item.

The disclosure of the pension plans, net pension liability and related pension deferred outflows and inflows of resources in Note 13 to the financial statements represents management's estimates based on an actuarial valuation and pension contributions made during the year. Actual results could differ depending on the key factors and assumptions used for the actuarial valuation.

The disclosure of other postemployment benefits and the net OPEB liability and related OPEB deferred outflows and inflows of resources in Note 14 to the financial statements represents management's estimated based on an actuarial valuation and OPEB contributions made during the year. Actual results could differ depending on the key factors and assumptions used for the actuarial valuation.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

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

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The following material misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management: transactions relating to accounts receivable, grants receivable, loans receivable, deposits, capital assets and long-term debt.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is 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. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated, December 26, 2018.

#### *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 City'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.

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

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

### Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis, and the required supplementary information section, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the supplementary information section, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the introductory and statistical section, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

As part of the audit, we assisted with the preparation of the financial statements and related notes, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and related notes, GASB 68 net pension liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources calculation, federal and state information returns, and the preparation of the State Controller Reports. However, these services, does not constitute an audit under Government Auditing Standards and are considered nonaudit services. Management has reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for the results of these services.

### Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the City Council and management of the City and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

*Jeaman Ramirez & Smith, Llc.*