



**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

Donald W. Rutherford, CEO

March 10, 2022

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Watertown Local Development Corporation, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (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 March 10, 2022, 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 January 6, 2022, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
- 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.

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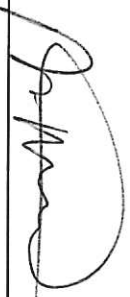
- 5) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 6) Related-party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 7) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 8) We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed, and they have been posted to the Organization's accounts.
- 9) 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, and assessments.
- 10) Significant estimates and material concentrations have been appropriately disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 11) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Organization is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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, 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 Organization from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d) Minutes of the meetings of the governing board 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 Organization and involves:
 - a) Management,
 - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c) 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 Organization's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others.

- 17) We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations 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 in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, and assessments.
- 19) We have disclosed to you the names of all of the Organization's related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions, including any side agreements.
- 20) The Organization 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.
- 21) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us.
- 22) Watertown Local Development Corporation is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any activities of which we are aware that would jeopardize the Organization's tax-exempt status, and all activities subject to tax on unrelated business income or excise or other tax, have been disclosed to you. All required filings with tax authorities are up-to-date.
- 23) In regards to the preparation of the Organization's federal and state information returns and bookkeeping performed by you, we have:
- a) Made all management decisions and performed all management functions.
 - b) Designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
 - c) Evaluated the adequacy of the results of the services performed.
 - d) Accepted responsibility for the results of the services.
- 24) As a part of your audit, you prepared the draft financial statements and related notes. We have designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee your services and have made all management decisions and performed all management functions. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes.
- 25) We understand that as a part of your audit, you prepared adjusting journal entries and acknowledge that we have reviewed and approved those entries and accepted responsibility for them.

Signature:



Signature:



Title: CEO

Title: CFO