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HARRISON TOWNSHIP – CITY OF HARRISON  
JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HAMILTON COUNTY

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Harrison Township – City of Harrison Joint Economic Development District  
Hamilton County  
300 George Street  
Harrison, Ohio 45030

To the Board of Directors:

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

***Unmodified and Adverse Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the Harrison Township – City of Harrison Joint Economic Development District, Hamilton County, Ohio (the District), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for the governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements.

***Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for the governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

***Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, or the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

***Basis for Opinions***

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, 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 opinions.

***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible 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 District'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.

***Auditor's 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 auditor's report that includes our opinions. 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 the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *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 District'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 District'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.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 15, 2024, on our consideration of the District’s internal control over financial reporting and 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 District’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 District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio  
February 15, 2024

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Harrison Township - City of Harrison Joint Economic Development District  
Hamilton County  
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

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	<u>General</u>
Cash Receipts:	
Income Taxes	\$235,013
Contribution from City of Harrison	4,279
Interest	<u>1</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>239,293</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Distribution to Harrison Township	307,434
Administrative Expense	2,275
Collection Fee	7,504
Professional Services Fee	8,630
Liability Insurance	<u>800</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>326,643</u>
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	(87,350)
Fund Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>527,610</u>
Fund Cash Balance, End of Year	<u><u>\$440,260</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

### **Note 1 - Reporting Entity**

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The Harrison Joint Economic Development District (the "District"), Hamilton County, Ohio contract was agreed upon during 2003 under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 715.72 through 715.83. The District is comprised of the City of Harrison and Harrison Township. The District operates under an appointed five member Board of Directors established in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 715.78(A). The City of Harrison and Harrison Township will utilize these District revenues, in part, to construct infrastructure and improvement within the District.

The City and Township shall provide services to assist the District with planning and related activities to facilitate the construction of infrastructure and improvements in the District. In addition, the Board may contract for such services with either of the contracting parties on such terms as the Board and the respective contracting parties may agree. The Board has approved an income tax rate of 1%.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

### **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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#### Basis of Presentation

The District's financial statements consist of a statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balance (regulatory cash basis) for the General Fund.

#### Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the District are presented below:

*General Fund* - accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

#### Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C). This regulatory basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C) permit.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of an interest bearing checking account.

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

*Nonspendable* – the District classifies assets as Nonspendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the District and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

*Restricted* – fund balance is restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions

*Committed* – the Board can commit amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

*Assigned* – fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

*Unassigned* – fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

**Note 3 – Deposits**

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The District maintains an interest bearing checking account for the General Fund. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2022</u>
Demand Deposits	\$440,260

*Deposits* - are Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

**Note 4 – Local Income Tax**

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In August of 2003, the City of Harrison and Harrison Township contracted to create the City of Harrison – Harrison Township Joint Economic Development District (District) for the purpose of facilitating economic development to create jobs and employment opportunities and to improve the economic welfare of the people in the State of Ohio and in the area of the contracting parties through facilitating economic development. The agreement between the City of Harrison and Harrison Township shall be for a period of 99 years, which will automatically renew for another 99 year term unless the agreement is terminated in accordance with the agreement.

In accordance with State law, the District’s Board of Trustees levied a 1% income tax. The income taxes are remitted to the District via the Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA) via the City of Harrison. It is then distributed as follows: RITA collection fees are compensated at 3% of gross collections; the City of Harrison administrative expenses are compensated at 1% of gross collections; the District will set aside for long-term maintenance 0.0001% of gross collections, and the remainder of the taxes are distributed, with 50% distributed to the City of Harrison and the remaining 50% to Harrison Township.

**Note 5 – Contributions to the District**

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The City of Harrison and Harrison Township provided the District with contributions of \$4,279 and \$0, respectively, for professional services and liability insurance during 2022.

**Note 6 – Contractual Commitments**

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The District contracts with Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA) for the collection of the income tax. The Board compensates the RITA for all expenses, including legal fees, incurred in connection with the collection and administration of the income tax. More specifically, RITA receives a fee of 3% of the gross income tax collections for collecting the income tax for the District. The fees paid to RITA totaled \$7,504 for 2022.

**Note 7 – Risk Management**

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The District has obtained errors and omissions liability insurance for the District’s Board of Directors.

Harrison Township - City of Harrison Joint Economic Development District  
Hamilton County  
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>General</u>
Cash Receipts:	
Income Taxes	\$478,419
Contribution from Harrison Township	9,000
Contribution from City of Harrison	5,286
Interest	<u>1</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>492,706</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Administrative Expense	4,634
Collection Fee	14,975
Professional Services Fee	8,248
Auditor Fees	1,550
Liability Insurance	<u>800</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>30,207</u>
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	462,499
Fund Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>65,111</u>
Fund Cash Balance, End of Year	<u><u>\$527,610</u></u>

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**Note 5 – Contributions to the District**

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The City of Harrison and Harrison Township provide the District with contributions of \$5,286 and \$9,000, respectively, for professional services, audit fees, and liability insurance during 2021.

**Note 6 – Contractual Commitments**

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The District contracts with Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA) for the collection of the income tax. The Board compensates the RITA for all expenses, including legal fees, incurred in connection with the collection and administration of the income tax. More specifically, RITA receives a fee of 3% of the gross income tax collections for collecting the income tax for the District. The fees paid to RITA totaled \$14,975 for 2021.

**Note 7 – Risk Management**

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The District has obtained errors and omissions liability insurance for the District’s Board of Directors.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Harrison Township - City of Harrison Joint Economic Development District  
Hamilton County  
300 George Street  
Harrison, Ohio 45030

To the Board of Directors:

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 cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for the governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements of the Harrison Township - City of Harrison Joint Economic Development District, Hamilton County, (the District) and have issued our report thereon dated February 15, 2024, wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

### ***Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness and a significant deficiency.

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 District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2022-001 to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2022-002 to be a significant deficiency.

***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant 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*.

***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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

February 15, 2024

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP – CITY OF HARRISON  
JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2022-001**

**Material Weakness – Financial Reporting**

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, *Terms of Engagement*, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16.

Due to deficiencies in the District’s internal controls over financial reporting, the following conditions related to the District’s financial statements and accounting records were identified:

- Beginning Fund Balance was understated by \$60,238 in 2021.
- Distributions to Harrison Township was overstated by \$229,405 in 2021 and understated by \$194,817 in 2022.

The financial statements have been adjusted for these errors.

The District did not have procedures in place for effective monitoring of the District’s financial activity, and the accuracy of accounting and financial reporting. It is important that the District Board take an active role in monitoring the posting and reporting of such activity. Failure to accurately post and monitor financial activity increases the risk that errors, theft, and fraud could occur and not be detected in a timely manner.

Due care should be exercised when posting entries to the financial records and financial statement preparation. The District officials should review the chart of accounts to assure that items are being posted to the proper account codes and funds, and update control procedures for review of financial activity so that errors can be detected and corrected in a timely manner.

**Officials’ Response:**

We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding.

**FINDING NUMBER 2022-002**

**Significant Deficiency – Fraud Risk Assessment**

Auditing standards from the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA) outlined in AU-C 240, *Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit*, discuss the responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud, which lies with the District’s management and those charged with governance. AU-C 240.04 further indicates, “It is important that management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, places a strong emphasis on fraud prevention, which may reduce opportunities for fraud to take place, and fraud deterrence, which could persuade individuals not to commit fraud because of the likelihood of detection and punishment. This involves a commitment to creating a culture of honesty and ethical behavior, which can be reinforced by active oversight by those charged with governance.” Additionally, as communicated in the engagement letter, management and those charged with governance are not only responsible to design and implement programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, but also to report to us fraud of which they are aware.

**FINDING NUMBER 2021-002  
(Continued)**

Due to an insufficient Fraud Risk Assessment Questionnaire response from four Board members, and the lack of related assurances, an additional fraud risk exists at the District. We identified the fraud risk of a lack of communication, implementation, support, or enforcement of the District's values or ethical standards by management. Failure by officials to be knowledgeable regarding fraud risks and the system of internal control reduces the effectiveness of the control environment.

In order to mitigate the fraud risk identified above, the District officials should draft, approve, implement, and monitor internal control policies which:

- Clearly communicate the District's values and ethical standards, as well as any related disciplinary actions;
- Provide an understanding of the District's programs, policies or controls so officials may actively engage in the District's fraud risk assessment process.
- Encourage training attendance on governmental fraud risks and on internal control operations that help mitigate fraud risks.

**Officials' Response:**

We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding.

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**HARRISON TOWNSHIP - CITY OF HARRISON JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HAMILTON 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.



**Certified for Release 3/21/2024**

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