

Board of Directors and Management Caring for Denver Foundation Denver, Colorado

As part of our audit of the financial statements of the Caring for Denver Foundation (the Foundation) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, we wish to communicate the following to you.

## AUDIT SCOPE AND RESULTS

## <u>Auditor's Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United</u> <u>States of America</u>

An audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America is designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about the financial statements. In performing auditing procedures, we establish scopes of audit tests in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. Our engagement does not include a detailed audit of every transaction. Our engagement letter more specifically describes our responsibilities.

These standards require communication of significant matters related to the financial statement audit that are relevant to the responsibilities of those charged with governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. Such matters are communicated in the remainder of this letter or have previously been communicated during other phases of the audit. The standards do not require the auditor to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to be communicated with those charged with governance.

An audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities. Our engagement letter more specifically describes your responsibilities.

## **Qualitative Aspects of Significant Accounting Policies and Practices**

#### Significant Accounting Policies

The Foundation's significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 of the audited financial statements.



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# Alternative Accounting Treatments

• No matters are reportable

## Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of financial statement preparation by management, based on its judgments. The following areas involve significant estimates for which we are prepared to discuss management's estimation process and our procedures for testing the reasonableness of those estimates:

- Classification of contributions and net assets with and without donor restrictions
- Functional allocation of expenses

## Financial Statement Disclosures

The following areas involve particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures for which we are prepared to discuss the issues involved and related judgments made in formulating those disclosures:

- Nature of relationship with the City
- Liquidity and availability

## Audit Adjustments

• No matters are reportable

## Auditor's Judgments About the Quality of the Foundation's Accounting Principles

• No matters are reportable

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## **Other Material Communications**

Listed below are other material communications between management and us related to the audit:

- Management representation letter (attached)
- We orally communicated to management other deficiencies in internal control identified during our audit that are not considered material weaknesses or significant deficiencies

#### INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Caring for Denver Foundation (the Foundation) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our audit procedures 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 Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

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 Foundation's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or 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. Board of Directors and Management Caring for Denver Foundation Page 4

We observed the following matter that we consider to be a deficiency.

#### **Deficiency**

During 2019, only one member of the contract accountant's team was responsible for preparing the bank reconciliation. Given the number and magnitude of accounting entries that generally result from a monthly bank reconciliation, we recommend as a best practice, that there always be a second individual involved in the process in order to serve in a final review capacity. While not subject to our audit procedures, it is our understanding that management and the contract accountant's team have incorporated an additional level of review beginning in March 2020 and thereafter.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of Management and the Board of Directors and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

BKD,LLP

March 16, 2020



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**BKD, LLP** Certified Public Accountants 1801 California St. Suite 2900 Denver, Colorado 80202

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of our financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, operations and compliance, and preventing and detecting fraud.

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.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following:

- 1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of our engagement letter dated October 28, 2019 for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 2. 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.
- 3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 4. We have reviewed and approved a draft of the financial statements and related notes referred to above, which you prepared in connection with your audit of our



financial statements. We acknowledge that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements and related notes.

- 5. 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 entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - (d) All minutes of directors' meetings held through the date of this letter.
  - (e) All significant contracts and grants.
- 6. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 7. We have informed you of all current risks of a material amount that are not adequately prevented or detected by Organization procedures with respect to:
  - (a) Misappropriation of assets.
  - (b) Misrepresented or misstated assets, liabilities or net assets.
- 8. We understand the potential penalties for failure to disclose reportable tax transactions to the taxing authorities and have fully disclosed to BKD any and all known reportable tax transactions.
- 9. We have no knowledge of any known or suspected:
  - (a) Fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets involving management or employees who have significant roles in internal control.
  - (b) Fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets involving others that could have a material effect on the financial statements.



- 10. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Organization received in communications from employees, customers, regulators, suppliers or others.
- 11. 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.
- 12. We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We understand that the term <u>related party</u> refers to an affiliate; management, and members of their immediate families, subsidiaries accounted for by the equity method; and any other party with which the Organization may deal if the Organization can significantly influence, or be influenced by, the management or operating policies of the other. The term <u>affiliate</u> refers to a party that directly or indirectly controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Organization.
- 13. Except as reflected in the financial statements, there are no:
  - (a) Plans or intentions that may materially affect carrying values or classifications of assets and liabilities.
  - (b) Material transactions omitted or improperly recorded in the financial records.
  - (c) Material gain/loss contingencies requiring accrual or disclosure, including those arising from environmental remediation obligations.
  - (d) Events occurring subsequent to the statement of financial position date through the date of this letter requiring adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.
  - (e) Agreements to purchase assets previously sold.
  - (f) Restrictions on cash balances or compensating balance agreements.
  - (g) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Organization is contingently liable.
- 14. We have disclosed to you all known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
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- 15. We have no reason to believe the Organization owes any penalties or payments under the Employer Shared Responsibility Provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act nor have we received any correspondence from the IRS or other agencies indicating such payments may be due.
- 16. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation or claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the consolidated financial statements. We have not sought or received attorney's services related to pending or threatened litigation or claims during or subsequent to the audit period. Also, we are not aware of any litigation or claims, pending or threatened, for which legal counsel should be sought.
- 17. Adequate provisions and allowances have been accrued for any material losses from:
  - (a) Uncollectible receivables, including pledges.
  - (b) Purchase commitments in excess of normal requirements or above prevailing market prices.
- 18. Except as disclosed in the financial statements, the Organization has:
  - (a) Satisfactory title to all recorded assets, and they are not subject to any liens, pledges or other encumbrances.
  - (b) Complied with all aspects of contractual and grant agreements, for which noncompliance would materially affect the financial statements.
- 19. The financial statements disclose all significant estimates and material concentrations known to us. Significant estimates are estimates at the statement of financial position date which could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to volumes of business, revenues, available sources of supply, or markets for which events <u>could</u> occur which would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 20. The fair values of financial and nonfinancial assets and liabilities, if any, recognized in the financial statements or disclosed in the notes thereto are reasonable estimates based on the methods and assumptions used. The methods and significant assumptions used result in measurements of fair value appropriate for financial statement recognition and disclosure purposes and have been applied consistently



from period to period, taking into account any changes in circumstances. The significant assumptions appropriately reflect market participant assumptions.

- 21. We have not been designated as a potentially responsible party (PRP or equivalent status) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or other cognizant regulatory agency with authority to enforce environmental laws and regulations.
- 22. With respect to any nonattest services you have provided us during the year, including drafting the financial statements and related notes:
  - (a) We have designated a qualified management-level individual to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the nonattest services.
  - (b) We have established and monitored the performance of the nonattest services to ensure that they meet our objectives.
  - (c) We have made any and all decisions involving management functions with respect to the nonattest services and accept full responsibility for such decisions.
  - (d) We have evaluated the adequacy of the services performed and any findings that resulted.
- 23. We are an organization exempt from income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of state law and, except as disclosed in the financial statements, there are no activities that would jeopardize our tax-exempt status or subject us to income tax on unrelated business income or excise tax on prohibited transactions and events.
- 24. We have identified to you any activities conducted having both fund raising and program or management and general components (joint activities) and have allocated the costs of any joint activities in accordance with the provisions of FASB ASC 958-720-45.
- 25. We have evaluated whether there are conditions or events known or reasonably knowable, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern within one year of the date of this letter without consideration of potential mitigating effects of management's plans not yet fully implemented and concluded substantial doubt does not exist.



Lorez Meinhold, Executive Director

Laura Jorstad, Contract Accountant