

PALERMO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



AGENDA

AUGUST 19, 2022

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PALERMO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

August 12, 2022

Board of Supervisors

Palermo Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Palermo Community Development District will be held on **Friday, August 19, 2022, at 8:30 A.M.** at the offices of **Lennar Homes, LLC, 10481 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966.**

WebEx link and telephone number:

<https://districts.webex.com/districts/j.php?MTID=mad53d9530d74e6e37faafa74e14797a3>

Access Code: **2358 441 7157**, Event password: **Jpward**

Phone: **408-418-9388** and enter the access code **2358 441 7157**.

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll Call.
2. Consideration of Minutes:
 - I. June 17, 2022 – Public Hearing.
3. Consideration of Auditor Proposals for Fiscal years 2022 through 2027.
4. Consideration of **Resolution 2022-11**, a resolution the Board of Supervisors of the Palermo Community Development District designating the Registered Agent; designating the Registered Office; providing for conflicts and invalid provisions; and providing for an effective date.
5. Staff Reports.
 - I. District Attorney.
 - II. District Engineer.
 - III. District Manager.
 - a) Financial Statement for period ending June 30, 2022 (unaudited).
 - b) Financial Statement for Period ending July 31, 2022 (unaudited).
6. Supervisor's Requests and Audience Comments.
7. Adjournment.

The first order of business is the Call to Order & Roll Call.

The second order of business is consideration of the minutes from the June 17, 2022, Regular Meeting.

The third order of business is the consideration of the ranking of the Auditor proposals that were received in response to the District's request for qualifications. There was one proposal received, from the firm Grau & Associates. The required procedure requires the Board to rank the proposals, (non-price-based proposals) based on each firm's qualifications, and I have enclosed an auditor ranking form for your use. The ranking form itself is NOT required, and you may use any procedure that you would like. Once ranked, then staff must negotiate a contract with the number one ranked firm and that proposed agreement will then be brought to the Board.

To shorten the process somewhat, I have enclosed a form of auditor agreement that we will ask the Board to approve, subject only to non-substantive changes that may be needed once we review the agreement with the number one (1) ranked firm.

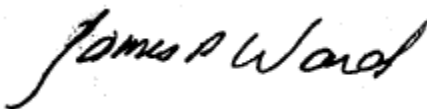
The fourth order of business is the consideration of **Resolution 2022-11**, a resolution the Board of Supervisors of the Palermo Community Development District designating the Registered Agent; designating the Registered Office; providing for conflicts and invalid provisions; and providing for an effective date.

The fifth order of business is the consideration of staff reports by the District Attorney, District Engineer, and District Manager, including Financial Statements for periods ending June 30, 2022 (unaudited) and July 31, 2022 (unaudited).

The sixth order of business is the consideration of Supervisor's Requests and Audience Comments.

If you have any questions and/or comments before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (954) 658-4900.

Sincerely yours,
Palermo Community Development District



James P. Ward
District Manager

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**MINUTES OF MEETING
PALERMO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

10 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Palermo Community Development District was
11 held on Friday, June 17, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., at the offices of Lennar Homes, LLC, 10481 Six Mile Cypress
12 Parkway, Ft. Myers, Florida 33966.

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Present:

15 Scott Edwards	Chairperson
16 Russell Smith	Assistant Secretary
17 Barry Ernst	Assistant Secretary
18 Austin Borsos	Assistant Secretary

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Absent:

21 Dalton Drake	Vice Chairperson
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Also present were:

24 James Ward	District Manager
25 Greg Urbancic	District Attorney
26 Andrew Gill	

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Audience:

29 All resident's names were not included with the minutes. If a resident did not identify
30 themselves or the audio file did not pick up the name, the name was not recorded in these
31 minutes.

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**PORTIONS OF THIS MEETING WERE TRANSCRIBED VERBATIM. ALL VERBATIM PORTIONS
WERE TRANSCRIBED IN *ITALICS*.**

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FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

38 Mr. Andrew Gill called the meeting to order at approximately 8:32 a.m. He indicated all Members of the
39 Board were present at roll call, with the exception of Supervisor Dalton Drake, constituting a quorum.

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SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Notice of Advertisement

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Notice of advertisement of public hearing

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THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Minutes

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March 18, 2022 – Regular Meeting

49 Mr. Gill asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions for the Minutes; hearing none, he
50 called for a motion.
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52 **On MOTION made by Mr. Scott Edwards, seconded by Mr. Barry Ernst,**
53 **and with all in favor, the March 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**
54 **were approved.**

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FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Public Hearing**

PUBLIC HEARING - FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET

I. Public Comment and Testimony

Mr. Gill called for a motion to open the public hearing.

On MOTION made by Mr. Barry Ernst, seconded by Mr. Scott Edwards,
and with all in favor, the public hearing was opened.

Mr. Gill asked if there were any members of the public present with questions or comments regarding the budget; there were none.

II. Board Comment

Mr. Gill asked if there were any Board comments or questions; there were none. He called for a motion to close the public hearing.

On MOTION made by Mr. Barry Ernst, seconded by Mr. Scott Edwards,
and with all in favor, the public hearing was closed.

III. Consideration of Resolution 2022-8, a resolution of the Board adopting the annual appropriation and Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

Mr. Gill noted the budget had not changed since previously approved by the Board. He asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he called for a motion.

On MOTION made by Mr. Scott Edwards, seconded by Mr. Russell Smith, and with all in favor, Resolution 2022-8 was adopted, and the Chair was authorized to sign.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Consideration of Resolution 2022-9**

Consideration of Resolution 2022-9, a resolution of the Board designating date, time, and location for Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisor’s for Fiscal Year 2023

95 Mr. Gill indicated the Board Meetings were set for the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at
 96 Lennar Homes. He asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he called for a motion.
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98 **On MOTION made by Mr. Scott Edwards, seconded by Mr. Barry Ernst,**
 99 **and with all in favor, Resolution 2022-9 was adopted, and the Chair**
 100 **was authorized to sign.**

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103 **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**103 **Consideration of Resolution 2022-10**

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105 **Consideration of Resolution 2022-10, a resolution of the Board of extending the terms of office of all**
 106 **current Supervisors to coincide with the General Election pursuant to section 190.006 of the Florida**
 107 **Statutes**

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109 *Mr. Gill: Florida Statute 190 allows us to extend the term of office for various seats to coincide with the*
 110 *election year. This Resolution does that. Moving forward, Seats 3 and 4, and Seats 1, 2 and 5, would*
 111 *align with even years for election. It extends the term for an additional year.*

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113 *Mr. Ward: Andrew said “allows,” the word is “requires.” The Statute actually requires you to extend the*
 114 *terms to even numbered years.*

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117 **On MOTION made by Mr. Barry Ernst, seconded by Mr. Scott Edwards,**
 118 **and with all in favor, Resolution 2022-10 was adopted, and the Chair**
 119 **was authorized to sign.**

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121 **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**121 **Staff Reports**

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123 **I. District Attorney**

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125 No report.

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127 **II. District Engineer**

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129 **a) Stormwater Reporting Update – in progress**

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131 *Mr. Gill: The District Engineer is finalizing the Stormwater Reporting. He has provided me others*
 132 *for his other Districts earlier this week, so I am confident I will receive it before the deadline of June*
 133 *30 this year.*

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135 **III. District Manager**

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137 **a) Report on Number of Registered Voters as of April 15, 2022**

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138 **b) Financial Statement for period ending March 31, 2022 (unaudited)**

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139 **c) Financial Statement for Period ending April 28, 2022 (unaudited)**

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140 **d) Financial Statement for Period ending May 31, 2022 (unaudited)**

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142 *Mr. Gill: As of April 15, 2022, the number of qualified electors is 54 which is under the 250*
143 *threshold for qualified electors.*

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146 **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Supervisor’s Requests and Audience Comments

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148 Mr. Gill asked if there were any Supervisor’s requests; there were none. He asked if there were any
149 audience comments from audience members present in person, or via audio/video; there were none.

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152 **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Adjournment

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154 Mr. Gill adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 a.m.

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**On MOTION made by Mr. Scott Edwards, seconded by Mr. Barry Ernst,
and with all in favor, the Meeting was adjourned.**

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Palermo Community Development District

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James P. Ward, Secretary

_____ **Scott Edwards, Chairperson**

RESOLUTION 2022-11

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED AGENT; DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Palermo Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within Lee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a registered agent and a registered office for the purposes of accepting any process, notice, or demand required or permitting by law to be served upon the District in accordance with Section 189.014(1), *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Palermo Community Development District desire to appoint James P. Ward as the Registered Agent and designate the offices of JPWard & Associates, LLC, 2301 Northeast 37th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308, as the Registered Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PALERMO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT: James P. Ward is hereby appointed as the Registered Agent.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED OFFICE. The offices of JPWard & Associates, LLC, 2301 Northeast 37th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308 is hereby designated as the Registered Office.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY AND INVALID PROVISIONS. If any one of the covenants, agreements or provisions herein contained shall be held contrary to any express provision of law or contract to the policy of express law, but not expressly prohibited or against public policy, or shall for any reason whatsoever be held invalid, then such covenants, agreements or provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining covenants, agreements or provisions and shall in no way effect the validity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 4. CONFLICT: That all Sections or parts of Sections of any Resolutions, Agreements, or actions of the Board of Supervisors in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of August 2022.

ATTEST:

PALERMO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

James P. Ward, Secretary

Scott Edwards, Chairman

PALERMO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

July 27, 2022

To: Board of Supervisors

From: James P. Ward
District Manager

Subject: Audit Proposal

Attached is a set of the following for the selection of the auditor for Item 3 on the Agenda.

1. Analysis of Auditor Form
2. Fee Structure for Auditors
3. Bidder's List
4. Request for Proposal Master Form
5. Grau and Associates Proposal

Be sure to fill out the audit analysis form before the meeting that will be used for the selection of the auditor.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please let me know.



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District Manager

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Palermo Community Development District

Analysis of Auditor Proposals

Firm Names:

Grau

1. Mandatory Elements

a. The audit firm is independent and licensed to practice in Florida.

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b. The firm has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the firm for the District.

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c. The firm adheres to the instructions in the Request for Proposal on preparing and submitting the proposal.

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d. The firm submitted a copy of its last external quality control review report and the firm has a record of quality audit work.

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e. The firm provides information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years, as well as, an explanation of all pending litigation (including all accounts of Federal indictments)

Y

Legend for Mandatory Elements:

Y = Meets Criteria

N = Does Not Meet Criteria

2. Technical Qualifications:

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Range**

a. Expertise and Experience

(1)The firm's past experience and performance on comparable government engagements.

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(2)The quality of the firm's professional personnel to be assigned to the engagement and the quality of the firm's management support personnel to be available for technical consultation.

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(3)The firm provides information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years, as well as, an explanation of all pending litigation (including all accounts of Federal indictments)

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b. Audit Approach

(1) Adequacy of proposed staffing plan for various segments of the engagement

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(2) Adequacy of sampling techniques

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(3) Adequacy of analytical procedures

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Sub-Total: Technical

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Total Points: Technical

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3. Price:

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Total Points: Price

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Total Points: Technical/Price:

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Palermo Community Development District

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Firm Names:

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b. The firm has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the firm for the District.

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(3) Adequacy of analytical procedures

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Sub-Total: Technical

Total Points: Technical

3. Price:

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Total Points: Price

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**Palermo Community Development District
Audit Fee Proposals**

Firm	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Grau and Associates	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 20,000.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Bidder's List

Request for Proposals – Professional Audit Services For the Fiscal Year's 2022-2026

Mr. Jay Gaines
Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
600 Citrus Avenue
Suite 200
Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950
Phone: 772-461-6120
JGaines@BTEF-CPAS.com

Ms. Linda Dufresne
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385 Stiles Avenue
Orange Park, Florida 32073
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Linda@dufresnepas.com

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951 Yamato Road, Suite 280
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tgraujr@graucpa.com

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Keefe, McCullough & Company
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Bidder's List

**Request for Proposals – Professional Audit Services
For the Fiscal Year's 2022-2026**

Stephen C. Riggs, IV, CPA
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151 Mary Esther Boulevard
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Mary Esther, Florida 32569
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**PALERMO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES
JUNE 22, 2022**

Prepared by:

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**PALERMO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
(Hereinafter called "District")
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

I. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Legal Notice

The Palermo Community Development District is requesting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants, licensed to practice in the State of Florida, to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ending **September 30, 2022** and in the sole and absolute discretion of the District for each fiscal year thereafter through **September 30, 2026**.

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the District to reimburse responding firms for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request.

Sealed technical and dollar cost proposals will be received by the District Manager's office until **5:00 p.m., on July 13, 2022, located at 2301 Northeast 37th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308**. Proposals received after this time will be returned unopened.

The Proposer shall submit a sealed and clearly marked envelope that includes both a pdf file along with seven (7) printed Technical and Dollar Cost Proposals to be marked as follows: **"Palermo Community Development District, Professional Auditing Services Proposal."**

The Technical and Dollar Cost Proposal will be opened in the Office of the District Manager at **5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 13, 2022**.

Proposals submitted will be evaluated by a five (5) member Auditor Selection Committee, ("Selection Committee"). The Audit Selection Committee consists of the five (5) members' of the Board of Supervisor's, who will review submissions.

The District reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and to use, without compensation, any ideas in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the firm of the conditions contained in this request for proposals, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between the District of and the firm selected.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted or to retain all proposals submitted and to use without compensation any ideas in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the firm of all of the conditions contained this Request for Proposal.

B. General Information

During the evaluation process, the Selection Committee and the District reserve the right, where it may serve the District best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from proposers, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions. At the discretion of the District or the Selection Committee, firms submitting proposals may be requested to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation process.

It is anticipated the selection of a firm will be completed no later than September 2022. Following the notification of the selected firm, it is expected a contract will be executed by the end of September 2022.

C. Subcontracting

No subcontracting will be permitted. Any firm who submits a proposal, which contains any subcontracting work, shall be considered non-responsive and the District will not give any further consideration to the proposal.

D. Insurance Requirements

Worker's Compensation – Statutory Limits of Florida Statutes.

Commercial General Liability – Occurrence Form patterned after the current I.S.O. form with no limiting endorsements. Bodily Injury & Property Damage at \$1,000,000 single limit per occurrence

Automobile Liability - \$500,000 each Occurrence Owned/Non-owned/Hired Automobile Included.

The District, its agents and employee's must be named as "ADDITIONAL INSURED" on the insurance Certificate for Commercial General Liability.

Errors and Omissions - \$5,000,000 single limit per occurrence.

Proposer warrants that it is willing and able to obtain insurance coverage, throughout the entire term of the contract and any renewals thereof.

II. NATURE OF SERVICES REQUIRED

A. Scope of Work to be Performed

The District desires the auditor to express an opinion on the fair presentation of its general-purpose financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The District also desires the auditor to express an opinion on the fair presentation of its combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The auditor shall also be responsible for performing certain limited procedures involving required supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board as mandated by generally accepted auditing standards.

B. Auditing Standards to be followed

To meet the requirements of this request for proposals, the audit shall be performed in accordance with the following standards:

- 1) Generally accepting auditing standards as set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- 2) The standards for financial audits set forth in the most current applicable U.S. General Accounting Office's (GAO) Government Auditing Standards.
- 3) The most current applicable provisions of the Federal Single Audit Act of 1984 (as amended).
- 4) The most current applicable provisions of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, Audits of State and Local Governments.
- 5) The most current applicable Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board The most current applicable Statements on Auditing Standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- 6) The most current applicable Government Auditing Standards published by the Comptroller General of the United States.
- 7) The most current applicable Audit and Accounting Guide-Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
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- 9) Applicable Florida Statutes.
- 10) Regulations of the State of Florida Department of Financial Services
- 11) Rules of the Auditor General, State of Florida, Chapter 10-550 (Local Government Audits)
- 12) Any other applicable federal, state, local regulations or professional guidance not specifically listed above as well as any additional requirements which may be adopted by these organizations in the future.

C. Reports to be Issued

Following the completion of the audit of the fiscal year's financial statements, the auditor shall issue:

1. A report on the fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
2. A report on compliance and 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.
3. A Management Letter Report.

In the required report(s) on compliance and internal controls, the auditor shall communicate any reportable conditions found during the audit. A reportable condition shall be defined as a significant deficiency in the design or operation of the internal control structure, which could adversely affect the organization's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in the report. No reportable conditions discovered by the auditors shall be reported to management.

The report on compliance and internal controls shall include all material instances of noncompliance. All nonmaterial instances of noncompliance shall be reported in a separate management letter, which shall be referred to in the report on compliance and internal controls.

Irregularities and illegal acts. Auditors shall be required to make an immediate, written report of all irregularities and illegal acts or indications of illegal acts of which they become aware of, to the Board of Supervisor's, the District Manager and a copy to the District Attorney.

D. Special Considerations

1. The District currently, may prepare one or more official statements in connection with the sale of debt securities, which will contain the general-purpose financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The auditor shall be required, if requested by the financial advisor and/or the underwriter, to issue a "consent and citation of expertise" as the auditor and any necessary "comfort letters."
2. The District retains the right to use any audited financial statements in any Official Statement issued by the District without the express consent of the Auditor.

E. Working Paper Retention and Access to Working Papers

All working papers and reports must be retained, at the auditor's expense, for a minimum of three (3) years, unless the firm is notified in writing by the District of the need to extend the retention period.

THE AUDITOR SHALL PROVIDE A COMPLETE ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE WORKING PAPERS TO THE DISTRICT MANAGER AT THE COMPLETION OF THE AUDIT, PRIOR TO THE FINAL PAYMENT OF THE AUDITING FEES, BY THE DISTRICT.

The electronic copy shall be in Microsoft Word or Excel.

In addition, the firm shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor auditors and allow successor auditors to review working papers relating to matters of continuing accounting significance.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE GOVERNMENT

A. Name and Telephone Number of Contact Persons/Location of Offices

The auditor's principal contact with the District will be James P. Ward, District Manager or a designated representative, who will coordinate the assistance to be provided by the District to the auditor.

B. A copy of the District's Budget for the audit period and the Audited Financial Statements for the prior Fiscal Year is available by contacting the District Manager.

C. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The District prepares its budgets on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

D. Pension Plans - NONE

E. Blended Component Units - NONE

The District is defined, for financial reporting purposes, in conformity with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, Section 2100. Using these criteria, there are no blended component units included in the District financial statements.

F. Joint Ventures - NONE

IV. TIME REQUIREMENTS

A. Date Audit May Commence

The District will have all records ready for audit for by October 15th of each Fiscal Year.

B. Schedule for each Fiscal Year Audit

Each of the following should be completed by the auditor, no later than the dates indicated.

1. Fieldwork

The auditor shall complete all fieldwork by November 30th of each year.

2. Draft Reports

The auditor shall have drafts of the audit report[s] and recommendations to management available for review by December of each year.

C. Date Final Report is Due - 1 business day from Management Approval

The Auditor shall prepare draft financial statements, notes and all required supplementary information.

The final report should be delivered to the **District Manager at 2301 Northeast 37th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308.**

V. ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AUDITOR AND REPORT PREPARATION

A. The District staff and responsible management personnel will be available during the audit to assist the firm by providing information, documentation and explanations. The preparation of confirmations will be the responsibility of District and provided to the auditor to transmit. In addition any required hours of clerical support will be made available to the auditor for the preparation of routine letters and memoranda.

B. Information Solutions (IS) Assistance

The District Manager also be available to provide systems documentation and explanations. The auditor will be provided computer time and limited read only access to the use of the District computer hardware and software.

C. Statements and Schedules to be Prepared by the District.

Statement or Schedule

Bank Confirmations
Construction in Progress
GFA Roll Forward
Contract/Retainage Payable
Accounts Payable
Accounts Receivable
Investments/Accrued Interest Receivable
Operating Transfers
Equity Accounts Detail
Bond Reserve Requirements
Amortization/Depreciation Schedules
Interest Expense
Debt Amortization Schedules

D. Auditor Work Location

All work must be handled at the office of the Auditor and the District will provide all files to the Auditor electronically and the Auditor will be provided limited read only access to the District's electronic system.

E. Report Preparation

Report preparation and editing shall be the responsibility of the auditor and the Auditor shall deliver 1 printed original of the Audited Financial Statements and one (1) electronic file in word and one (1) electronic file in pdf format.

VI. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Technical and Dollar Cost Proposal

1. General Requirements

The purpose of the Technical and Dollar Cost Proposal is to demonstrate the qualifications, competence and capability of the firms seeking to undertake an independent audit of the District in conformity with the requirements of this request for proposals. As such, the substance of proposals will carry more weight than their form or manner of presentation. The Technical and Dollar Cost Proposal should demonstrate the qualifications of the firm and of the particular staff to be assigned to this engagement. It should also specify an audit approach that will meet the request for proposals requirements.

The Technical and Dollar Cost Proposal should address all the points outlined in the request for proposal The Proposal should be prepared simply and

economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the proposer's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the request for proposals.

While additional data may be presented, the following subjects, items Nos. 2 through 10, must be included. They represent the criteria against which the proposal will be evaluated.

2. Independence

The firm should provide an affirmative statement that is independent of the District as defined by generally accepted auditing standards/the most current applicable U.S. General Accounting Office's *Government Auditing Standards*.

The firm also should provide an affirmative statement that it is independent of all of the component units of the District as defined by those same standards.

The firm should also list and describe the firm's professional relationships involving the District for the past five (5) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the proposed audit.

In addition, the firm shall give the District written notice of any professional relationships entered into during the period of this agreement.

3. License to Practice in Florida

An affirmative statement should be included that the firm and all assigned key professional staff are properly registered/licensed to practice in the State of Florida.

4. Firm Qualifications and Experience

The proposer should state the size of the firm, the size of the firm's governmental audit staff, the location of the office from which the work on this engagement is to be performed and the number and nature of the professional staff to be employed in this engagement on a full-time basis and the number and nature of the staff to be so employed on a part-time basis.

The firm is also required to submit a copy of the report on its most recent external quality control review, with a statement whether that quality control review included a review of specific government engagements.

The firm shall also provide information on the results of any federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of its audits during the past three (3) years. In addition, the firm shall provide information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years with state regulatory bodies or professional organizations, as well as,

an explanation of all pending litigation against governmental entities, including all accounts of Federal indictments for any civil or criminal matters for which the firm has been charged. The firm shall also provide information as to any and all litigation or arbitration in Florida within the last three (3) years, in which the firm is or was a Defendant.

5. Partner, Supervisory and Staff Qualifications and Experience

Identify the principal supervisory and management staff, including engagement partners, managers, other supervisors and specialists, who would be assigned to the engagement. Indicate whether each such person is registered or licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Florida. Provide information on the government auditing experience of each person, including information on relevant continuing professional education for the past three (3) years and membership in professional organizations relevant to the performance of this audit.

Provide as much information as possible regarding the number, qualifications, experience and training, including relevant continuing professional education, of the specific staff to be assigned to this engagement. Indicate how the quality of staff over the term of the agreement will be assured.

Engagement partners, managers, other supervisory staff and specialists may be changed if those personnel leave the firm, are promoted or are assigned to another office. These personnel may also be changed for other reasons with the express prior written permission of the District. However, in either case, the District retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Consultants and firm specialists mentioned in response to this request for proposal can only be changed with the express prior written permission of the District, which retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Other audit personnel may be changed at the discretion of the proposer provided that replacements have substantially the same or better qualifications or experience.

6. Prior Engagements with the District

List separately all engagements within the last five years, ranked on the basis of total staff hours, by type of engagement (i.e., audit, management advisory services, other). Indicate the scope of work, date, engagement partners, total hours, the location of the firm's office from which the engagement was performed, and the name and telephone number of the principal client contact.

7. Similar Engagements With Other Government Entities

For the firm's office that will be assigned responsibility for the audit, list the most significant engagements performed in the last five years that are similar to the engagement described in this request for proposal. These engagements should be ranked on the basis of total staff hours. Indicate the scope of work, date, engagement partners, total hours, and the name and telephone number of the principal client contact.

8. Specific Audit Approach

The proposal should set forth a work plan, including an explanation of the audit methodology to be followed, to perform the services required in Section II of this request for proposal. In developing the work plan, reference should be made to such sources of information as District's budget and related materials, organizational charts, manuals and programs, and financial and other management information systems.

Proposers will be required to provide the following information on their audit approach:

- a. Proposed segmentation of the engagement
- b. Level of staff and number of hours to be assigned to each proposed segment of the engagement
- c. Sample size and the extent to which statistical sampling is to be used in the engagement
- d. Extent of use of EDP software in the engagement
- e. Type and extent of analytical procedures to be used in the engagement
- f. Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of the District's internal control structure
- g. Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work
- h. Approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for purposes of tests of compliance

9. Identification of Anticipated Potential Audit Problems

The proposal should identify and describe any anticipated potential audit problems, the firm's approach to resolving these problems and any special assistance that will be requested from the District .

10. Report Format

The proposal should include sample formats for required reports.

B. Dollar Cost Proposal

1. Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price

The dollar cost proposal should contain all pricing information relative to performing the audit engagement as described in this request for proposal. The total all-inclusive maximum price to be proposal is to contain all direct and indirect costs including all out-of-pocket expenses.

The District will not be responsible for expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the technical proposal or the sealed dollar cost proposal. Such costs should not be included in the proposal.

The first page of the dollar cost proposal should include the following information:

- a. Name of Firm
- b. Certification that the person signing the proposal is entitled to represent the firm, empowered to submit the proposal, and authorized to sign a contract with the District .
- c. A Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price for the Audited Financial Statements for each Fiscal Year.

3. Out-of-pocket Expenses must be included in the Total All-inclusive Maximum Price and Reimbursement Rates

Out-of-pocket expenses for firm personnel (e.g., travel, lodging and subsistence) will be reimbursed at the rates in Florida Statutes.

5. Manner of Payment

Progress payments will be made in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act.

VII. EVALUATION PROCEDURES

A. Review of Proposals

The SELECTION COMMITTEE will evaluate and rank the proposals. Each member of the SELECTION COMMITTEE will evaluate and rank each technical proposal by each of the criteria described in Section VII B below.

After the rankings for the firms have been established, the sealed dollar cost proposal will be opened and will be utilized for the ranking of the firms.

B. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated using three sets of criteria. Firms meeting the mandatory criteria will have their proposals ranked for both technical qualifications. The following represent the principal selection criteria, which will be considered during the evaluation process.

1. Mandatory Elements

- a. The audit firm is independent and licensed to practice in Florida
- b. The firm has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the firm for the District
- c. The firm adheres to the instructions in this request for proposal on preparing and submitting the proposal
- d. The firm submits a copy of its last external quality control review report and the firm has a record of quality audit work

2. Technical Qualifications:

a. Expertise and Experience

- (1) The firm's past experience and performance on comparable government engagements.
- (2) The quality of the firm's professional personnel to be assigned to the engagement and the quality of the firm's management support personnel to be available for technical consultation.
- (3) The firm provides information on the results of any federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of its audits during the past three (3) years. In addition, the firm provides information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years, with

state regulatory bodies or professional organizations, as well as, an explanation of all pending litigation against governmental entities, including all accounts of Federal indictments for any civil or criminal matters for which the firm has been charged. The firm also provides information as to any and all litigation or arbitration in Florida within the last three (3) years, in which the firm is or was a Defendant.

b. Audit Approach

- (1) Adequacy of proposed staffing plan for various segments of the engagement
- (2) Adequacy of sampling techniques
- (3) Adequacy of analytical procedures

Proposals shall be ranked on the basis of their Technical Qualifications by each member of the SELECTION COMMITTEE who will assign each of the top five proposals a number of one (1) through five (5), with one (1) signifying the highest rated proposal and five (5) signifying the lowest rated proposal.

3. Price:

Proposals shall be ranked on the basis of their price by the SELECTION COMMITTEE who will assign each of the top five proposals a number of one (1) through five (5), with one (1) signifying the lowest price and five (5) signifying the highest price.

Upon reconciliation of the weighted scores defined above, the proposal with the lowest average ranking score will be ranked one (1), the proposal with the second lowest average ranking score will be ranked two (2), and so on until all proposals are scored and ranked. The proposal ranked one (1), in the ranking form provided in the attachment (Appendix C), will be recommended by the SELECTION COMMITTEE to the District for award of the contract.

C. Oral Presentations

During the evaluation process, the SELECTION COMMITTEE may, at its discretion, request any one or all firms to make oral presentations. Such presentations will provide firms with an opportunity to answer any questions the SELECTION COMMITTEE may have on a firm's proposal. Not all firms may be asked to make such oral presentations.

D. Right to Reject Proposals

Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the firm of the conditions contained in this request for proposal unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted

and confirmed in the contract between the District and the firm selected. The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

APPENDIX A

SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fee shall include all services, including but not limited to Out-of-Pocket expenses, meals and lodging, transportation, printing and binding, telephone, fax, copies.

Fiscal Year 2022	_____
Fiscal Year 2023	_____
Fiscal Year 2024	_____
Fiscal Year 2025	_____
Fiscal Year 2026	_____
TOTAL ALL YEARS	_____

APPENDIX B

AUDITOR RANKING FORM

INCLUDED AT END OF RFP

APPENDIX C

Agreement for Auditing Services

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
PALERMO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AND

FOR
PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES**

This Agreement, is made and entered into the ___ day of _____, 2022 by and between the Palermo Community Development District , a Florida municipal corporation, (“DISTRICT”), and _____ (“AUDITOR”) for the audit of the DISTRICT’S financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 and for each fiscal year thereafter through September 30, 2026.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT and Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, require that the DISTRICT shall provide annually for an audit of the financial statements of the DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT, undertook a selection process in seeking a firm to perform the required financial audit; and

WHEREAS, proposals were evaluated and ranked by an Auditor Selection Committee; and

WHEREAS, the District has selected the AUDITOR upon the recommendation of the Auditor Selection Committee to audit the DISTRICT’S financial statements for the Fiscal Year ending September 2022 and for each fiscal year thereafter through September 30, 2026, provided that the District Manager renews this Agreement for each subsequent fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, DISTRICT and AUDITOR desire to enter into an Agreement whereby the duties and obligations each to the other are set forth.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN EXPRESSED AND THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF ALL SUCH COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. SCOPE OF AUDIT

1.1 The audit must meet the requirements identified in the Request for Proposals for Professional Auditing Services dated _____, ("RFP") is attached hereto and made a part hereof, as Exhibit "A," and the AUDITOR'S Technical Proposal and the Sealed Dollar Cost Proposal are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "B." AUDITOR shall perform the scope of work, issue reports, comply with the Special Considerations and follow the auditing standards, as described in Exhibit "A," Section II, Nature of Services Required.

1.2 AUDITOR shall be required to make an immediate written report of all irregularities and illegal acts or indications of illegal acts of which they become aware of, to the District Manager and the District Attorney.

1.3 AUDITOR agrees that certain books and records may be made available prior to the time when others may be made available, and certain funds may be audited and such audit for those funds completed prior to the time that other funds are so audited and completed. It is contemplated that those funds audited separately and reported separately will be completed and the audit report furnished as soon as possible. In any event, the final audit report shall be furnished to the DISTRICT no later than January 31st of each fiscal year. The DISTRICT agrees that all records, documentation, and information requested in connection with the audit will be made available, that all material information will be disclosed, and that the AUDITOR will have the full cooperation of the DISTRICT and the District's agents. As required by generally accepted auditing standards, the AUDITOR will make specific inquiries of the DISTRICT about the representations embodied in the financial statements, the effectiveness of the internal control structure, the DISTRICT'S compliance with certain laws and regulations, and obtain a representation letter from the DISTRICT about these matters. The responses to the AUDITOR'S inquiries, the written representations and the results of audit tests comprise the evidential matter that will be relied upon in forming an opinion on the financial statements.

1.4 AUDITOR agrees and acknowledges that AUDITOR is prohibited from exempting provisions in the RFP or in this Agreement in any of AUDITOR'S reports prepared pursuant to this Agreement.

1.5 AUDITOR agrees and acknowledges that District Attorney shall review and approve of the litigation section of the Audited Financial Statements prior to its publication.

1.6 AUDITOR agrees and acknowledges that upon execution of this Agreement, AUDITOR shall provide in writing, to the District Manager, AUDITOR'S contact person, who shall be responsible for the DISTRICT'S audit.

SECTION 2. TERM

2.1 The term of this Agreement shall begin on the date it is fully executed by both parties and shall extend to the completion and delivery to the DISTRICT of the audited financial statements for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026, subject to the termination provisions contained herein.

2.2 The DISTRICT'S fiscal year is from October 1 through September 30. The audit field work should be substantially completed no later than November 30th of each fiscal year and the financial statements and the final signed report delivered to the DISTRICT by January 15th of each fiscal year. Time shall be deemed to be of the essence in performing the duties obligations and responsibilities required by this Agreement, however these dates may be changed each year by the District and AUDITOR. AUDITOR shall comply with all dates as described in Exhibit "A" and with the time schedules for subsequent audit years.

SECTION 3. COMPENSATION

3.1 DISTRICT agrees to pay AUDITOR, the agreed to amount, as set forth in Exhibits "A", which amount shall be accepted by AUDITOR as full compensation for all such work, which shall include provisions for out-of-pocket expenses. It is acknowledged and agreed by AUDITOR that these amounts are the maximum payable and constitute a limitation upon DISTRICT'S obligation to compensate AUDITOR for its services related to this Agreement. This maximum amount, however, does not constitute a limitation of any sort, upon AUDITOR'S obligation to perform all items of work required by or which can be reasonably inferred from the Scope of Services.

3.2. AUDITOR may submit an invoice for compensation, developed and agreed upon by the District Manager and AUDITOR, no more often than on a monthly basis, but only after the services for which the invoices are submitted have been completed. An original invoice plus one copy are due within fifteen (15) days of the end of the month except the final invoice which must be received no later than sixty (60) days after this Agreement expires. Invoices shall designate the nature of the services performed and shall also show a summary of fees and expenses with accrual of the total and credits for portions paid previously, and shall allocate the billing costs to the appropriate fund or combination of funds. Each statement shall show the proportion of the guaranteed maximum payment that has been expended through previous billings.

3.3. DISTRICT shall pay AUDITOR within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of AUDITOR'S proper statement. To be deemed proper, all invoices must comply with the requirements set forth in this Agreement and must be submitted on the form and pursuant to instructions prescribed by the District Manager. AUDITOR shall provide a complete copy of the working papers to DISTRICT at the completion of the audit, prior to the final payment of the auditing fees by the DISTRICT. DISTRICT shall withhold ten percent (10%) from each billing pending delivery of the AUDITOR'S final reports. Additionally, payment may be withheld by the District Manager, for failure of AUDITOR to comply with a term, condition or requirement of this Agreement.

3.4 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, District Manager, may withhold, in whole or in part, payment (in addition to the ten percent (10%) described above) to the extent necessary to protect itself from loss on account of inadequate or defective work which has not been remedied or resolved in a manner satisfactory to District Manager. The amount withheld shall not be subject to payment of interest by DISTRICT.

3.5 Payment shall be made to AUDITOR at:

3.6 AUDITOR agrees to keep such records and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries as to personnel hours charged and any expenses for which AUDITOR receives reimbursement for a period of at least three years after completion of the work provided for in this Agreement. Such books and records shall be available at all reasonable times for examination and audit by DISTRICT.

3.7 If it should become necessary for DISTRICT to request AUDITOR to render any additional services to either supplement the services described in the RFP or to perform additional work as a result of the specific recommendations included in any report issued pursuant to this Agreement, such additional work shall be performed only if set forth in an addendum to this Agreement. Any such additional work agreed to by both parties shall be performed at the same rate in the schedule of fees and expenses included in the sealed dollar cost bid, or if in subsequent fiscal years, at the agreed upon schedule.

SECTION 4. TERMINATION

4.1 This Agreement may be terminated by the District for any reason upon not less than ten (10) days written notice to Auditor in accordance with the Notices section of this Agreement.

4.4 In the event this Agreement is terminated, AUDITOR shall be paid for any services performed to the date the Agreement is terminated; however, upon being notified of DISTRICT'S election to terminate, AUDITOR shall refrain from performing further services or incurring additional expenses under the terms of this Agreement. AUDITOR acknowledges and agrees that Ten Dollars (\$10.00) of the compensation to be paid by DISTRICT, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged by AUDITOR, is given as specific consideration to AUDITOR for DISTRICT'S right to terminate this Agreement for convenience.

4.5 In the event this Agreement is terminated, any compensation payable by DISTRICT shall be withheld until all documents are provided to DISTRICT pursuant to Section 7.2 of this Agreement.

SECTION 5. INDEMNIFICATION

AUDITOR shall at all times hereafter indemnify, hold harmless and, at District's option, pay for an attorney selected by the District, after consultation with AUDITOR, to defend DISTRICT, its officers, agents servants, and employees against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, and expenditures of any kind, including attorney fees, court costs, and expenses, caused by negligent act or omission of AUDITOR, its employees, agents, servants, or officers, or accruing, resulting from, or related to the subject matter of this Agreement including, without limitation, any and all claims, demands or causes of action of any nature whatsoever resulting from injuries or damages sustained by any person or property. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement. To the extent considered necessary by the District Manager and the District Attorney, any sums due AUDITOR under this Agreement may be retained by DISTRICT until all of DISTRICT'S claims for indemnification pursuant to this Agreement have been settled or otherwise resolved; and any amount withheld shall not be subject to payment of interest by DISTRICT.

SECTION 6. INSURANCE

6.1 In order to insure the indemnification obligation contained above, AUDITOR shall, as a minimum, provide, pay for, and maintain in force at all times during the term of this Agreement, the

insurance coverages and any renewals thereof, as required by the Request for Qualifications.

6.2 AUDITOR shall furnish to the District Manager, Certificates of Insurance or endorsements evidencing the insurance coverages specified by the DISTRICT, and DISTRICT shall approve such certificates prior to beginning performance of work under this Agreement.

6.3 Coverage is not to cease and is to remain in force (subject to cancellation notice) until all performance required of AUDITOR is completed. All policies must be endorsed to provide DISTRICT with at least thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation and/or material changes. If any of the insurance coverages will expire prior to the completion of the work, copies of renewal policies shall be furnished at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of their expiration.

SECTION 7. MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 Copies of Report. AUDITOR agrees to furnish DISTRICT with copies of the Audited Financial Statements identified in the Request for Proposals.

7.2 Ownership Of Documents. Unless otherwise provided by law, any and all reports, surveys, and other data and documents provided or created in connection with this Agreement are and shall remain the property of DISTRICT. In the event of termination of this Agreement, any reports photographs surveys and other data and documents prepared by AUDITOR, whether finished or unfinished, shall become the property of DISTRICT and shall be delivered by AUDITOR to the District Manager within seven (7) days of termination of this Agreement by either party. Any compensation due to AUDITOR shall be withheld until all documents are received as provided herein.

7.3 Audit And Inspection Rights And Retention Of Records. DISTRICT shall have the right to audit the books, records and accounts of AUDITOR that are related to this Project. AUDITOR shall keep such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries related to the Project.

AUDITOR shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times for examination and audit by DISTRICT, all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this Agreement for the required retention period of the Florida Public Records Act (Chapter 119, Fla. Stat.), if applicable, or, if the Florida Public Records Act is not applicable, for a minimum period of three (3) years after termination of this Agreement, unless AUDITOR is notified in writing by DISTRICT of the need to extend the retention period. Such retention of such records and documents shall be at AUDITOR'S expense. If any audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the retention period or three (3) years, whichever is longer, the books, records, and accounts shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings. If the Florida Public Records Act is determined by DISTRICT to be applicable to AUDITOR'S records, AUDITOR shall comply with all requirements thereof; however, no confidentiality or non-disclosure requirement of either federal or state law shall be violated by AUDITOR. Any incomplete or incorrect entry in such books, records, and accounts shall be a basis for DISTRICT'S disallowance and recovery of any payment upon such entry.

In addition, AUDITOR shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor auditors and allow successor auditors to review working papers relating to matters of continuing accounting significance.

In addition, AUDITOR shall provide a complete copy of all working papers to the DISTRICT, prior to final payment by the DISTRICT, in accordance with the RFP for AUDITOR services.

AUDITOR shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local equal employment laws and shall not engage in or commit any discriminatory practice against any person based on race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation or any other factor which cannot be lawfully used as a basis for service delivery.

7.4 Policy Of Non-Discrimination. AUDITOR shall not discriminate against any person in its operations, activities or delivery of services under this Agreement.

AUDITOR shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local equal employment laws.

7.5 Public Entity Crime Act. AUDITOR represents that the execution of this Agreement will not violate the Public Entity Crime Act (Section 287.133, Florida Statutes), which essentially provides that a person or affiliate who is a contractor, consultant or other provider and who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a Public Entity Crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to DISTRICT, may not submit a bid on a contract with DISTRICT for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to DISTRICT, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with DISTRICT, and may not transact any business with DISTRICT in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for category two purchases for a period of thirty six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Violation of this section shall result in termination of this Agreement and recovery of all monies paid hereto, and may result in debarment from DISTRICT'S competitive procurement activities.

In addition to the foregoing. AUDITOR further represents that there has been no determination, based on an audit, that it committed an act defined by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, as a "public entity crime" and that it has not been formally charged with committing an act defined as a "public entity crime" regardless of the amount of money involved or whether AUDITOR has been placed on the convicted vendor list.

7.6 Independent Contractor. AUDITOR is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Services provided by AUDITOR pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the supervision of AUDITOR. In providing such services, neither AUDITOR nor its agents shall act as officers, employees or agents of the DISTRICT. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security and health insurance, employee benefits, purchasing policies and other similar administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this Agreement shall be those of AUDITOR. This Agreement shall not constitute or make the parties a partnership or joint venture.

7.7 Third Party Beneficiaries. Neither AUDITOR nor DISTRICT intends to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. Therefore, the parties agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against either of them based upon this Agreement the parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create any rights or obligations in any third person or entity under this Agreement.

7.8 Notices. Whenever either party desires to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by certified United States Mail postage prepaid return receipt requested or by hand delivery with a request for a written receipt of acknowledgment of delivery, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified. The place for giving notice shall remain the same as set

forth herein until changed in writing in the manner provided in this section for the present, the parties designate the following:

As to District:

Palermo Community Development District
2301 Northeast 37th Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308
Attention: James P. Ward, District Manager

With a Copy to:

Coleman, Yovanovich & Koester, P.A.
4001 Tamiami Trail N, Suite 300
Naples, Florida 34103
Attention: Mr. Greg Urbancic, District Attorney

As to Auditor:

7.9 Assignment And Performance. Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein shall be assigned, transferred, or encumbered by either party. In addition, AUDITOR shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement.

AUDITOR represents that all persons delivering the services required by this Agreement have the knowledge and skills, either by training, experience, education, or a combination thereof, to adequately and competently perform the duties, obligations, and services set forth in Exhibit "F" and to provide and perform such services to DISTRICT'S satisfaction for the agreed compensation.

AUDITOR shall perform its duties, obligations and services under this Agreement in a skillful and respectable manner. The quality of AUDITOR'S performance and all interim and final product(s) provided to or on behalf of DISTRICT shall be comparable to the best local and national standards.

7.10 Conflicts. Neither AUDITOR nor its employees shall have or hold any continuing or frequently recurring employment or contractual relationship that is substantially antagonistic or incompatible with AUDITOR'S loyal and conscientious exercise of judgment related to its performance under this Agreement.

AUDITOR agrees that none of its officers or employees shall, during the term of this Agreement, serve as an expert witness against DISTRICT in any legal or administrative proceeding in which he or she is not a party, unless compelled by court process. Further, AUDITOR agrees that such persons shall not give sworn testimony or issue a report or writing, as an expression of his or her expert opinion, which is adverse or prejudicial to the interests of DISTRICT in connection with any such pending or threatened legal or administrative proceeding. The limitations of this section shall not preclude AUDITOR or any

other persons from representing themselves in any action or in any administrative or legal proceeding.

In the event AUDITOR is permitted to utilize subcontractors to perform any services required by this Agreement, AUDITOR agrees to prohibit such subcontractors, by written contract, from having any conflicts within the meaning of this section.

7.11 Contingency Fee. AUDITOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for AUDITOR, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for AUDITOR, any fee, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For a breach or violation of this provision, DISTRICT shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability at its discretion or to deduct from the Agreement price or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, percentage, gift or consideration.

7.12 Materiality And Waiver Of Breach. DISTRICT and AUDITOR agree that each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof.

DISTRICT'S failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement. A waiver of any breach of a provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement.

7.13 Compliance With Laws. AUDITOR shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities, and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

7.14 Severance. In the event a portion of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be effective unless DISTRICT or AUDITOR elects to terminate this Agreement. An election to terminate this Agreement based upon this provision shall be made within seven (7) days after the finding by the court becomes final.

7.15 Joint Preparation. The parties acknowledge that they have sought and received whatever competent advice and counsel as was necessary for them to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein and that the preparation of this Agreement has been their joint effort. The language agreed to expresses their mutual intent and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

7.16 Priority Of Provisions. If there is a conflict or inconsistency between any term, statement, requirement, or provision of any exhibit attached hereto, any document or events referred to herein, or any document incorporated into this Agreement by reference and a term, statement, requirement, or provision of this Agreement, the term, statement, requirement, or provision contained in Articles 1 through 7 of this Agreement shall prevail and be given effect.

7.17 Applicable Law And Venue. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any controversies or legal problems arising out of this Agreement and any action involving the enforcement or interpretation of any rights

hereunder shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the courts in Lee County, Florida.

7.18 Amendments. No modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Agreement.

7.19 Drug-Free Workplace. AUDITOR shall maintain a Drug Free Workplace.

7.20 Prior Agreements. This Agreement and its attachments constitute the entire agreement between AUDITOR and DISTRICT, and this document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written. It is further agreed that no modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless set forth in writing in accordance with Section 7.18 above.

7.21 Incorporation By Reference. The truth and accuracy of each "Whereas" clause set forth above is acknowledged by the parties. The attached Exhibits "A" and "B" are incorporated hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

7.22 Multiple Originals. This Agreement may be fully executed in FIVE (5) copies by all parties each of which, bearing original signatures, shall have the force and effect of an original document.

7.23 Headings. Headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered in any interpretation of this Agreement.

7.24 Binding Authority. Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

7.25 Survival Of Provisions. Any terms or conditions of this Agreement that require acts beyond the date of its termination shall survive the termination of this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect unless and until the terms of conditions are completed, and shall be fully enforceable by either party.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND _____ FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature: the District signing by and through its Chairman, authorized to execute same by action on the ____ day of _____, 2022; and _____ authorized to execute same, through its _____.

PALERMO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

ATTEST:

By: _____
Scott Edwards, Chairman

James P. Ward, Secretary

____ day of _____, 2022

WITNESS:

AUDITOR

Print Name

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Print Name

____ day of _____, 2022



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Proposal to Provide Financial Auditing Services:

PALERMO

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Proposal Due: July 20, 2022
5:00PM

Submitted to:

Palermo
Community Development District
c/o District Manager
2301 Northeast 37th Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

Submitted by:

Antonio J. Grau, Partner
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July 20, 2022

Palermo Community Development District
c/o District Manager
2301 Northeast 37th Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

Re: Request for Proposal for Professional Auditing Services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, with an option for four (4) additional annual renewals.

Grau & Associates (Grau) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Palermo Community Development District's (the "District") Request for Proposal (RFP), and we look forward to working with you on your audit. We are an energetic and robust team of knowledgeable professionals and are a recognized leader of providing services to Community Development Districts. As one of Florida's few firms to primarily focus on government, we are especially equipped to provide you an effective and efficient audit.

Special district audits are at the core of our practice: **we have a total of 360 clients, 329 or 91% of which are special districts.** We know the specifics of the professional services and work products needed to meet your RFP requirements like no other firm. With this level of experience, we are able to increase efficiency, to provide immediate and continued savings, and to minimize disturbances to client operations.

Why Grau & Associates:

Knowledgeable Audit Team

Grau is proud that the personnel we assign to your audit are some of the most seasoned auditors in the field. Our staff performs governmental engagements year round. When not working on your audit, your team is refining their audit approach for next year's audit. Our engagement partners have decades of experience and take a hands-on approach to our assignments, which all ensures a smoother process for you.

Servicing your Individual Needs

Our clients enjoy personalized service designed to satisfy their unique needs and requirements. Throughout the process of our audit, you will find that we welcome working with you to resolve any issues as swiftly and easily as possible. In addition, due to Grau's very low turnover rate for our industry, you also won't have to worry about retraining your auditors from year to year.

Developing Relationships

We strive to foster mutually beneficial relationships with our clients. We stay in touch year-round, updating, collaborating and assisting you in implementing new legislation, rules and standards that affect your organization. We are also available as a sounding board and assist with technical questions.

Maintaining an Impeccable Reputation

We have never been involved in any litigation, proceeding or received any disciplinary action. Additionally, we have never been charged with, or convicted of, a public entity crime of any sort. We are financially stable and have never been involved in any bankruptcy proceedings.

Complying With Standards

Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and any other applicable federal, state and local regulations. We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.

This proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer for 90 days. We certify this proposal is made without previous understanding, agreement or connection either with any previous firms or corporations offering a proposal for the same items. We also certify our proposal is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action, and was prepared in good faith. Only the person(s), company or parties interested in the project as principals are named in the proposal. Grau has no existing or potential conflicts and anticipates no conflicts during the engagement. Our Federal I.D. number is 20-2067322.

We would be happy to answer any questions or to provide any additional information. We are genuinely excited about the prospect of serving you and establishing a long-term relationship. Please do not hesitate to call or email either of our Partners, Antonio J. Grau, CPA (tgrau@graucpa.com) or Racquel McIntosh, CPA (rmcintosh@graucpa.com) at 561.994.9299. We thank you for considering our firm's qualifications and experience.

Very truly yours,
Grau & Associates



Antonio J. Grau

Independence



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Grau & Associates affirms we meet the independence requirements of the Standards for Audit of Governmental Organization Programs, Activities and Functions published by the U.S. General Accounting Office, Governmental Auditing Standards (GAS) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Laws and Rules of Florida Board of Accountancy or any subsequent amendments or superseding revisions. As defined by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the U.S. General Accounting Office's Government Auditing Standards, Grau & Associates, their partners and employees are independent of the District.

Grau & Associates has not had professional relationships involving the District since its inception; furthermore, we shall give the District written notice of any professional relationships entered into during the period of this agreement, which could pose a potential conflict of interest.

License to Practice in Florida



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Grau & Associates is a properly registered/licensed State of Florida professional corporation. All assigned supervisory professional staff are properly registered/licensed to practice in the State of Florida.

Firm Qualifications and Experience



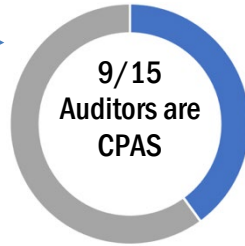
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Grau's Focus and Experience

Our Team



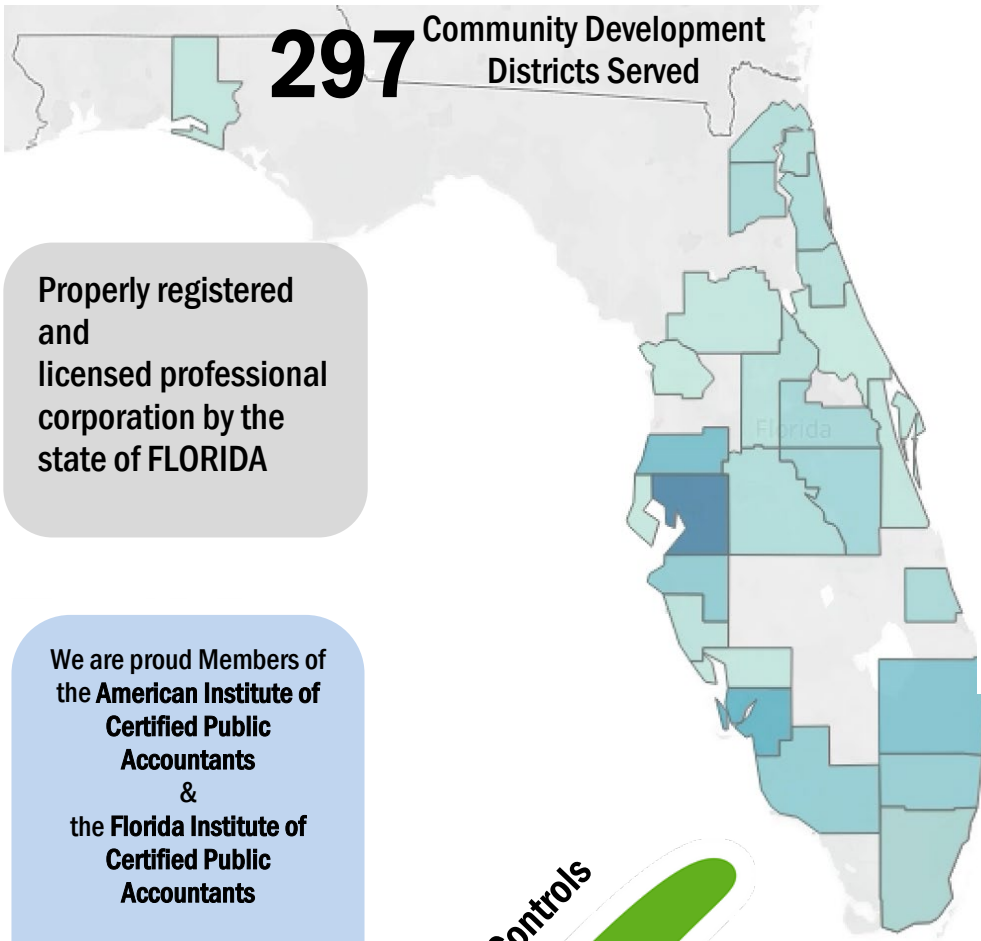
3 Partners
10 Professional Staff
2 Administrative Professionals



2005

Year founded

Services Provided



Properly registered and licensed professional corporation by the state of FLORIDA

We are proud Members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants & the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants



- ⇒ External quality review program: consistently receives a pass
- ⇒ Internal: ongoing monitoring to maintain quality



AICPA | FICPA | GFOA | FASD | FGFOA

Firm Overview

Grau & Associates is a professionally licensed local corporation in Florida certified by the State of Florida as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE). We are a Certified Public Accounting firm providing comprehensive financial and compliance auditing, attestation and accounting, and other management consulting services.

Office Location & Staff

Your audit will be performed out of our headquarters located at 951 Yamato Road, Suite 280, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. We have a total of 15 employees, including 2 Partners, 13 professionals and 2 administrative professionals. The numbers of professional staff by employee classification are as follows:

Employee Classification	Government Auditors	No. of C.P.A.s
Partners	3	3
Managers	2	2
Advisory Consultant	1	1
Supervisor / Seniors	3	2
Staff Accountants	4	1
Total	13	9

Results of State and Federal Reviews

During the last three (3) years, all state and federal reviews of the firm's reports and working papers have been accepted without change or revision to issued reports.

Disciplinary Action

During the last three (3) years, Grau & Associates has not been involved in any disciplinary action from any state or federal regulatory body or professional organizations.

Litigation Status

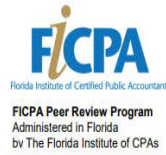
There is no current or pending litigation or proceeding. Additionally, during the last three (3) years, Grau & Associates has not been involved in any litigation or proceeding where a court or administrative agency has ruled against the firm in any manner related to its professional activities.

Most Recent External Peer Review

Grau participates in an external quality review program requiring an on-site independent examination of our auditing practice. Grau has consistently received a pass rating on the quality of our audit practice. Our peer review included **mostly government engagements**. A copy of the report on the firm's most recent quality review can be found below.



Gregory, Sharer & Stuart, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants



Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

November 15, 2019

To the Partners of Grau & Associates
And the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of CPAs

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Grau & Associates (the firm) in effect for the year ended June 30, 2019. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards* including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act and an audit of an employee benefit plan.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Grau & Associates in effect for the year ended June 30, 2019, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)*, or *fail*. Grau & Associates has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

Gregory, Sharer & Stuart, P.A.

February 20, 2020

Antonio Grau
Grau & Associates
951 Yamato Rd Ste 280
Boca Raton, FL 33431-1809

Dear Antonio Grau:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on February 20, 2020, the Florida Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is December 31, 2022. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
FICPA Peer Review Committee

Peer Review Team
FICPA Peer Review Committee
paul@ficpa.org
800-342-3197 ext. 251

Florida Institute of CPAs

cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114

Review Number: 571202

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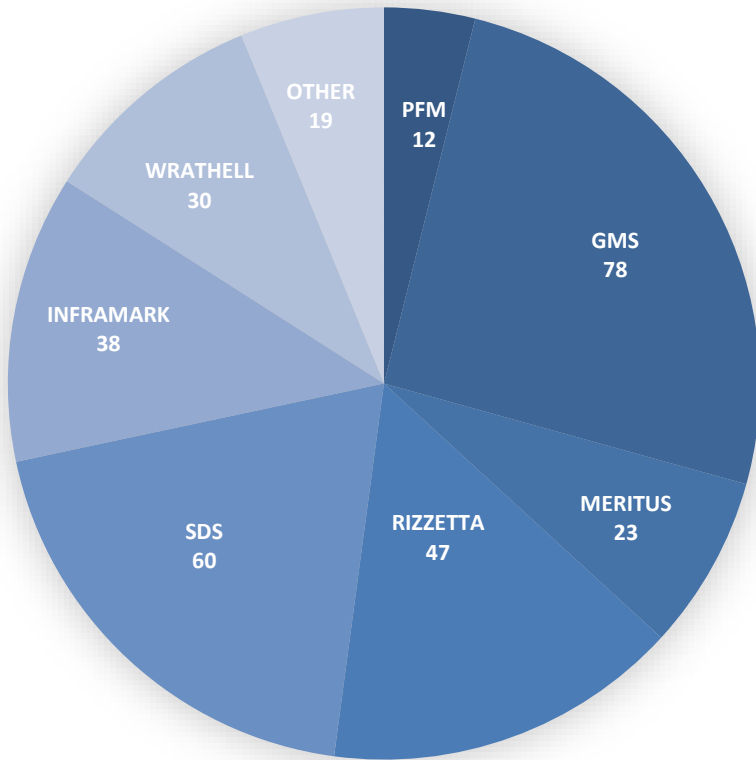
In addition to scheduled Peer Reviews, our firm continually monitors performance to ensure the highest quality of services. An Audit Partner is responsible for monitoring quality control of all appropriate engagements.

Partner, Supervisory and Staff Qualifications and Experience



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GRAU AND ASSOCIATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPERIENCE BY MANAGEMENT COMPANY



Profile Briefs:

Antonio J GRAU, CPA (Partner)

*Years Performing Audits: 30+
CPE (last 3 years): Government Accounting, Auditing: 40 hours; Accounting, Auditing and Other: 54 hours
Professional Memberships: AICPA, FICPA, FGFOA, GFOA*

Racquel McIntosh, CPA (Partner)

*Years Performing Audits: 14+
CPE (last 3 years): Government Accounting, Auditing: 73 hours; Accounting, Auditing and Other: 76 hours
Professional Memberships: AICPA, FICPA, FGFOA, FASD*

“Here at Grau & Associates, staying up to date with the current technological landscape is one of our top priorities. Not only does it provide a more positive experience for our clients, but it also allows us to perform a more effective and efficient audit. With every changing technology available and utilized by our clients, we are constantly innovating our audit process.”

- Tony Grau

“Quality audits and exceptional client service are at the heart of every decision we make. Our clients trust us to deliver a quality audit, adhering to high standards and assisting them with improvements for their organization.”

-Racquel McIntosh



Antonio 'Tony' J. Grau, CPA Partner

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Experience

For over 30 years, Tony has been providing audit, accounting and consulting services to the firm's governmental, non-profit, employee benefit, overhead and arbitrage clients. He provides guidance to clients regarding complex accounting issues, internal controls and operations.

As a member of the Government Finance Officers Association Special Review Committee, Tony participated in the review process for awarding the GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. Tony was also the review team leader for the Quality Review of the Office of Management Audits of School Board of Miami-Dade County. Tony received the AICPA advanced level certificate for governmental single audits.

Education

University of South Florida (1983)
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration

Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including:

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| Bayside Improvement Community Development District | St. Lucie West Services District |
| Dunes Community Development District | Ave Maria Stewardship Community District |
| Fishhawk Community Development District (I, II, IV) | Rivers Edge II Community Development District |
| Grand Bay at Doral Community Development District | Bartram Park Community Development District |
| Heritage Harbor North Community Development District | Bay Laurel Center Community Development District |
| | |
| Boca Raton Airport Authority | |
| Greater Naples Fire Rescue District | |
| Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District | |
| Lake Worth Drainage District | |
| South Indian River Water Control | |

Professional Associations/Memberships

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| American Institute of Certified Public Accountants | Florida Government Finance Officers Association |
| Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants | Government Finance Officers Association Member |
| City of Boca Raton Financial Advisory Board Member | |

Professional Education (over the last three years)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Government Accounting and Auditing	40
Accounting, Auditing and Other	54
Total Hours	94 (includes of 8 hours of Ethics CPE)



Racquel C. McIntosh, CPA

Partner

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Experience

Racquel has been providing government audit, accounting and advisory services to our clients for over 14 years. She serves as the firm’s quality control partner; in this capacity she closely monitors engagement quality ensuring standards are followed and maintained throughout the audit.

Racquel develops in-house training seminars on current government auditing, accounting, and legislative topics and also provides seminars for various government organizations. In addition, she assists clients with implementing new accounting software, legislation, and standards.

Education

Florida Atlantic University (2004)
Master of Accounting
Florida Atlantic University (2003)
Bachelor of Arts:
Finance, Accounting

Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including:
Carlton Lakes Community Development District
Golden Lakes Community Development District
Rivercrest Community Development District
South Fork III Community Development District
TPOST Community Development District

Westchase Community Development District
Monterra Community Development District
Palm Coast Park Community Development District
Long Leaf Community Development District
Watergrass Community Development District

East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities
Indian Trail Improvement District
Pinellas Park Water Management District
Ranger Drainage District
South Trail Fire Protection and Rescue Service District

Professional Associations/ Memberships

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
FICPA State & Local Government Committee
FGFOA Palm Beach Chapter

Professional Education (over the last three years)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Government Accounting and Auditing	73
Accounting, Auditing and Other	76
Total Hours	<u>149</u> <small>(includes of 8 hours of Ethics CPE)</small>

Prior Engagements with the District



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Grau & Associates has not had prior engagements with the District since its inception.

Similar Engagements with other Government Entities



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We have included three references of government engagements that require compliance with laws and regulations, follow fund accounting, and have financing requirements, which we believe are similar to the District.

Dunes Community Development District

Scope of Work	Financial audit
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau
Dates	Annually since 1998
Total Hours	56
Client Contact	Darrin Mossing, Finance Director 475 W. Town Place, Suite 114 St. Augustine, Florida 32092 904-940-5850

Two Creeks Community Development District

Scope of Work	Financial audit
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau
Dates	Annually since 2007
Total Hours	36
Client Contact	William Rizzetta, President 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200 Tampa, Florida 33614 813-933-5571

Journey's End Community Development District

Scope of Work	Financial audit
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau
Dates	Annually since 2004
Total Hours	20
Client Contact	Todd Wodraska, Vice President 2501 A Burns Road Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 561-630-4922

Specific Audit Approach



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Grau's Understanding of Work Product / Scope of Services:

We recognize the District is an important entity and we are confident our firm is eminently qualified to meet the challenges of this engagement and deliver quality audit services. ***You would be a valued client of our firm and we pledge to commit all firm resources to provide the level and quality of services (as described below) which not only meet the requirements set forth in the RFP but will exceed those expectations.*** Grau & Associates fully understands the scope of professional services and work products requested. Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, *Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and any other applicable Federal, State or Local regulations. **We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.**

A. Proposed segmentation of the engagement

Our approach to the audit engagement is a risk-based approach which integrates the best of traditional auditing techniques and a total systems concept to enable the team to conduct a more efficient and effective audit. The audit will be conducted in three phases, which are as follows:



Phase I - Preliminary Planning

A thorough understanding of your organization, service objectives and operating environment is essential for the development of an audit plan and for an efficient, cost-effective audit. During this phase, we will meet with appropriate personnel to obtain and document our understanding of your operations and service objectives and, at the same time, give you the opportunity to express your expectations with respect to the services that we will provide. Our work effort will be coordinated so that there will be minimal disruption to your staff.

During this phase we will perform the following activities:

- » Review the regulatory, statutory and compliance requirements. This will include a review of applicable federal and state statutes, resolutions, bond documents, contracts, and other agreements;
- » Read minutes of meetings;
- » Review major sources of information such as budgets, organization charts, procedures, manuals, financial systems, and management information systems;
- » Obtain an understanding of fraud detection and prevention systems;
- » Obtain and document an understanding of internal control, including knowledge about the design of relevant policies, procedures, and records, and whether they have been placed in operation;
- » Assess risk and determine what controls we are to rely upon and what tests we are going to perform and perform test of controls;
- » Develop audit programs to incorporate the consideration of financial statement assertions, specific audit objectives, and appropriate audit procedures to achieve the specified objectives;
- » Discuss and resolve any accounting, auditing and reporting matters which have been identified.

Phase II - Execution of Audit Plan

The audit team will complete a major portion of transaction testing and audit requirements during this phase. The procedures performed during this period will enable us to identify any matter that may impact the completion of our work or require the attention of management. Tasks to be performed in Phase II include, but are not limited to the following:

- » Apply analytical procedures to further assist in the determination of the nature, timing, and extent of auditing procedures used to obtain evidential matter for specific account balances or classes of transactions;
- » Perform tests of account balances and transactions through sampling, vouching, confirmation and other analytical procedures; and
- » Perform tests of compliance.

Phase III - Completion and Delivery

In this phase of the audit, we will complete the tasks related to year-end balances and financial reporting. All reports will be reviewed with management before issuance, and the partners will be available to meet and discuss our report and address any questions. Tasks to be performed in Phase III include, but are not limited to the following:

- » Perform final analytical procedures;
- » Review information and make inquiries for subsequent events; and
- » Meeting with Management to discuss preparation of draft financial statements and any potential findings or recommendations.

You should expect more from your accounting firm than a signature in your annual financial report. Our concept of truly responsive professional service emphasizes taking an active interest in the issues of concern to our clients and serving as an effective resource in dealing with those issues. In following this approach, we not only audit financial information with hindsight but also consider the foresight you apply in managing operations.

Application of this approach in developing our management letter is particularly important given the increasing financial pressures and public scrutiny facing today's public officials. We will prepare the management letter at the completion of our final procedures.

In preparing this management letter, we will initially review any draft comments or recommendations with management. In addition, we will take necessary steps to ensure that matters are communicated to those charged with governance.

In addition to communicating any recommendations, we will also communicate the following, if any:

- » Significant audit adjustments;
- » Significant deficiencies or material weaknesses;
- » Disagreements with management; and
- » Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

Our findings will contain a statement of condition describing the situation and the area that needs strengthening, what should be corrected and why. Our suggestions will withstand the basic tests of corrective action:

Is the recommendation cost effective?

Is the recommendation the simplest to effectuate in order to correct a problem?

Is the recommendation at the heart of the problem and not just correcting a symptomatic matter?

Is the corrective action taking into account why the deficiency occurred?

To assure full agreement with facts and circumstances, we will fully discuss each item with Management prior to the final exit conference. This policy means there will be no "surprises" in the management letter and fosters a professional, cooperative atmosphere.

Communications

We emphasize a continuous, year-round dialogue between the District and our management team. We typically begin our audit process with an entrance conference before the onsite fieldwork begins. We regularly communicate through personal telephone calls and electronic mail throughout the audit and on a regular basis. Our clients have the ability to transmit information to us on our secure client portal with the ability to assign different staff with separate log on and viewing capability. This further facilitates efficiency as all assigned users receive electronic mail notification as soon as new information has been posted into the portal. We strive to continue to keep an open line of communication through the fieldwork and ending with an exit conference.

B. Level of staff and number of hours to be assigned to each proposed segment of the engagement

	Partners	Seniors	Total
Preliminary Planning	2	4	6
Perform Audit Plan	-	20	20
Completion and Delivery	4	4	8
Total	6	28	34

C. Sample size and the extent to which statistical sampling is to be used in the engagement

Our sampling procedures performed during the audit engagement will be identified during the planning stage of the audit and will be coordinated with other audit procedures to ensure a timely and efficient audit.

Audit Sampling: Grau uses a nonstatistical approach to sampling and follows the guidance of the AICPA on the use of sampling in governmental audit engagements. In applying these AIPCA pronouncements, we would first consider the effectiveness of alternative approaches before concluding that sampling is necessary. Our professional judgment will be used to determine what areas sampling is deemed appropriate and includes assessing inherent risk, control risk, and combined audit risk.

D. Extent of use of EDP software in the engagement

Automated Workpapers

Our firm utilizes ProSystem fx Engagement electronic software, which allows us to conduct a true paperless audit.

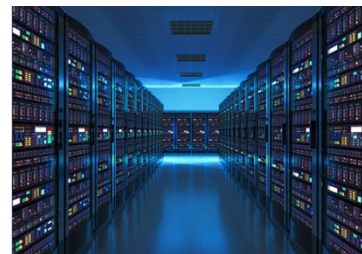
Communications

Our clients are able to transmit information to us on our secure client portal with the ability to assign different staff with separate log on and viewing capability.

This further facilitates efficiency as all assigned users receive electronic mail notification as soon as new information has been posted into the portal.

Accounting Research

We utilize Accounting Research Manager by Wolters Kluwers, which is a comprehensive online database providing leading industry guidance on analytical accounting and auditing. It includes full publications from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, Emerging Issues Task Force, GAO, AICPA and International Accounting Standards Board. In addition, Accounting Research Manager provides intelligent links to the original source documents.



E. Type and extent of Analytical Procedures to be used in the engagement

Understanding financial relationships is crucial to planning and evaluating the results of analytical procedures and requires knowledge of the District. The full extent to which analytical procedures are utilized is based upon the auditor's professional judgment and the overall risk assessment results. Analytical procedures are required in the planning and overall review stages of the audit, and will be used in the following areas:

Audit Planning

Analytical procedures provide great insight in our planning. These analyses can enhance our understanding of transactions and events that have occurred during the year under audit. Analytical procedures in the planning phase are also performed to identify any unusual and unexpected relationship that may warrant further investigation. For example, rate changes have a direct relationship with revenue. As such, if assessment rates increase, we would expect that revenues would also increase.

Fieldwork

Analytical procedures are used as effective substantive tests in certain circumstances. For example, using the millage adopted by Commission to recalculate taxes levied or comparing actual current year results to the adopted budget and prior year amounts. During the course of our year end fieldwork we utilize analytical procedures to support the results of our other audit procedures.

Overall Review

Analytical procedures used at the conclusion of the audit are designed to assess the conclusions reached and evaluate the overall financial statement presentation. For example, we will review the financial statements and compare the numbers to prior year and see if variances make sense based upon the work performed. We would determine if sufficient work was done in a particular area. Any variances would need to be substantiated.

F. Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of the District's internal control structure

Control activities are procedures and policies that help ensure that management's directives are being carried out and the District's objectives are being met.

We want to ensure that controls are appropriately designed before we perform any tests of controls for reliance in the audit. Our steps in Phase I will determine how well the controls are designed and which ones we may be able to place reliance on for the audit. After making that determination, those controls are tested for operating effectiveness. The results of this evaluation will influence the nature, timing and extent of our substantive audit procedures.

This approach ensures that we achieve maximum efficiency and provides valuable feedback to management regarding the effectiveness of controls being relied upon throughout the year. See Phase I for details.

We will document our understanding using memos, checklists, flowcharts, District manuals, etc., and store all information electronically.

G. Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work

Due to the special nature of governments, the traditional audit scope has been broadened to encompass determination of what laws and regulations have a direct and material impact on the financial statements. Identifying applicable laws and regulations is fundamental to fulfilling the responsibility of understanding their effects. We will obtain this knowledge from various sources including:

- Review of federal and state laws
- Review of contracts
- Inquires of management and staff
- Review of resolutions and policies
- Review of grant agreements
- Review of debt covenants
- Review of prior financial statements
- Review of internal controls over compliance

H. Approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for purposes of tests of compliance

Once significant laws and regulations that affect the District are identified, we will design compliance procedures to provide reasonable assurance that your financial statements are free of material misstatements resulting from violations of these laws and regulations. In addition, tests will be performed to attain a low level of risk as required by the Uniform Guidance.

Tests of compliance with laws and regulations will be incorporated with samples selected for tests of transactions and controls, when practical. Additional samples are sometimes necessary to test specific laws and regulations as well as for testing federal and state awards. We will work with District staff, as well as our analysis of the District's internal control structure, to ensure completeness of our population.

Identification of Anticipated Potential Audit Problems



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Grau & Associates is aware of the uniqueness of the District and will address issues in their early stages. We do not anticipate any potential audit problems. We want to help you solve problems before they become critical and this is why we will be involved throughout the entire year, at no extra cost, providing assistance in current and new issues.

Report Format



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors
XXX Community Development District
XXX County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, of XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The information for compliance with FL Statute 218.39 (3) (c) is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information for compliance with FL Statute 218.39 (3) (c) has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated xxx, 20xx, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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.

XXXX, 20xx

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Supervisors
XXX Community Development District
XXX County, Florida

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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our opinion thereon dated XXXX, 20xx.

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) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions 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.

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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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 agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

XXXX, 20xx

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE
REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES, REQUIRED BY
RULE 10.556(10) OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

To the Board of Supervisors
XXX Community Development District
XXX County, Florida

We have examined XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida's ("District") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, in accordance with Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. Management is responsible for District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced in Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the District complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, management, and the Board of Supervisors of XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

XXXX, 20xx

**MANAGEMENT LETTER PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF
THE AUDITOR GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

To the Board of Supervisors
XXX Community Development District
XXX County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated XXXX, 20xx.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated XXXX, 20xx, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Purpose of this Letter

The purpose of this letter is to comment on those matters required by Chapter 10.550 of the Rules of the Auditor General for the State of Florida. Accordingly, in connection with our audit of the financial statements of the District, as described in the first paragraph, we report the following:

- I. Current year findings and recommendations.**
- II. Status of prior year findings and recommendations.**
- III. Compliance with the Provisions of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, as applicable, management, and the Board of Supervisors of XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to thank XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida and the personnel associated with it, for the opportunity to be of service to them in this endeavor as well as future engagements, and the courtesies extended to us.

XXXX, 20xx

REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

I. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

II. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

III. COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Unless otherwise required to be reported in the auditor's report on compliance and internal controls, the management letter shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. A statement as to whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Not applicable. First year Audit.

2. Any recommendations to improve the local governmental entity's financial management.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

3. Noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

4. The name or official title and legal authority of the District are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

5. The District has not met one or more of the financial emergency conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

6. We applied financial condition assessment procedures and no deteriorating financial conditions were noted as of September 30, 2022. It is management's responsibility to monitor financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

7. Management has provided the specific information required by Section 218.39(3)(c) in the Other Information section of the financial statements on page xx.

Cost of Services



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Grau & Associates - Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price

Our proposed all-inclusive fees for the financial audit for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022-2026 are as follows:

<u>Year Ended September 30,</u>	<u>Fee</u>
2022	\$3,800
2023	\$3,900
2024	\$4,000
2025	\$4,100
2026	<u>\$4,200</u>
TOTAL (2022-2026)	<u>\$20,000</u>

The above fees are based on the assumption that the District maintains its current level of operations. Should conditions change or Bonds are issued the fees would be adjusted accordingly upon approval from all parties concerned.

We certify that Antonio J. Grau is entitled to represent the firm, empowered to submit the proposal, and authorized to sign a contract with the District.

Supplemental Information



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PARTIAL LIST OF CLIENTS

SPECIAL DISTRICTS	Governmental Audit	Single Audit	Current Client	Year End
Boca Raton Airport Authority	✓	✓	✓	9/30
Captain's Key Dependent District	✓		✓	9/30
Central Broward Water Control District	✓		✓	9/30
Collier Mosquito Control District	✓		✓	9/30
Coquina Water Control District	✓		✓	9/30
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility	✓			9/30
Florida Green Finance Authority	✓			9/30
Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District	✓		✓	9/30
Greater Naples Fire Control and Rescue District	✓	✓	✓	9/30
Green Corridor P.A.C.E. District	✓		✓	9/30
Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District	✓		✓	9/30
Indian River Mosquito Control District	✓			9/30
Indian Trail Improvement District	✓		✓	9/30
Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District	✓	✓	✓	9/30
Lake Padgett Estates Independent District	✓		✓	9/30
Lake Worth Drainage District	✓		✓	9/30
Lealman Special Fire Control District	✓		✓	9/30
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District	✓			9/30
Old Plantation Control District	✓		✓	9/30
Pal Mar Water Control District	✓		✓	9/30
Pinellas Park Water Management District	✓		✓	9/30
Pine Tree Water Control District (Broward)	✓		✓	9/30
Pinetree Water Control District (Wellington)	✓			9/30
Ranger Drainage District	✓	✓	✓	9/30
Renaissance Improvement District	✓		✓	9/30
San Carlos Park Fire Protection and Rescue Service District	✓		✓	9/30
Sanibel Fire and Rescue District	✓		✓	9/30
South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board	✓		✓	9/30
South-Dade Venture Development District	✓		✓	9/30
South Indian River Water Control District	✓	✓	✓	9/30
South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District	✓		✓	9/30
Spring Lake Improvement District	✓		✓	9/30
St. Lucie West Services District	✓		✓	9/30
Sunshine Water Control District	✓		✓	9/30
West Villages Improvement District	✓		✓	9/30
Various Community Development Districts (297)	✓		✓	9/30
TOTAL	333	5	328	

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

CONSULTING / MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

Grau & Associates also provide a broad range of other management consulting services. Our expertise has been consistently utilized by Governmental and Non-Profit entities throughout Florida. Examples of engagements performed are as follows:

- Accounting systems
- Development of budgets
- Organizational structures
- Financing alternatives
- IT Auditing
- Fixed asset records
- Cost reimbursement
- Indirect cost allocation
- Grant administration and compliance

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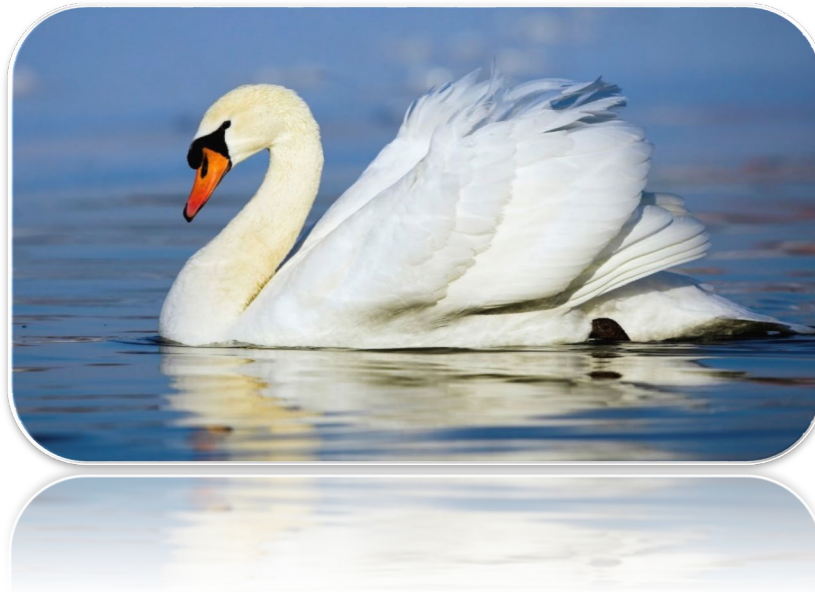
The federal government has imposed complex rules to restrict the use of tax-exempt financing. Their principal purpose is to eliminate any significant arbitrage incentives in a tax-exempt issue. We have determined the applicability of these requirements and performed the rebate calculations for more than 150 bond issues, including both fixed and variable rate bonds.

73 Current
Arbitrage
Calculations

We look forward to providing **Palermo Community Development District with our resources and experience to accomplish not only those minimum requirements set forth in your Request for Proposal, but to exceed those expectations!**

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PALERMO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - JUNE 2022

FISCAL YEAR 2022

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Palermo Community Development District

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**Palermo Community Development District
Balance Sheet
for the Period Ending June 30, 2022**

	Governmental Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Account Groups		
		General Long Term Debt	General Fixed Assets	
Assets				
Cash and Investments				
General Fund - Invested Cash	\$ 37,988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,988
Debt Service Fund				
Interest Account			-	\$ -
Sinking Account			-	\$ -
Reserve Account				\$ -
Revenue Account			-	\$ -
Capitalized Interest			-	\$ -
Prepayment Account			-	\$ -
Construction Account				\$ -
Cost of Issuance Account				\$ -
Due from Other Funds				
General Fund	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Fund(s)	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-
Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	-
Amount Available in Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-
Amount to be Provided by Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 37,988</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 37,988</u>

**Palermo Community Development District
Balance Sheet
for the Period Ending June 30, 2022**

	Governmental Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Account Groups		
		General Long Term Debt	General Fixed Assets	
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable & Payroll Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to Fiscal Agent				
Due to Other Funds	-			-
General Fund	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Fund(s)	-	-	-	-
Due to Developer				-
Bonds Payable				
Current Portion		-	-	
Long Term			-	
Unamortized Prem/Discount on Bds Pyb		-		-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund Equity and Other Credits				
Investment in General Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance				
Restricted				
Beginning: October 1, 2021 (Unaudited)	-	-	-	-
Results from Current Operations	-	-	-	-
Unassigned				
Beginning: October 1, 2021 (Unaudited)	16,151	-	-	16,151
Results from Current Operations	21,838	-	-	21,838
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	<u>\$ 37,988</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 37,988</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	<u>\$ 37,988</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 37,988</u>

Palermo Community Development District
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Through June 30, 2022

Description	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue and Other Sources												
Carryforward	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Interest												
Interest - General Checking	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessment Revenue												
Special Assessments - On-Roll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessments - Off-Roll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Developer Contribution	23,975	-	-	-	-	23,975	23,975	-	-	71,925	95,900	75%
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	\$ 23,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,975	\$ 23,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,925	\$ 95,900	N/A
Expenditures and Other Uses												
Legislative												
Board of Supervisor's Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Executive												
Professional Management	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	30,000	40,000	N/A
Financial and Administrative												
Audit Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Accounting Services	3,200	-	800	1,333	1,333	1,333	1,333	1,333	1,333	12,000	16,000	N/A
Assessment Roll Preparation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	N/A
Arbitrage Rebate Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Other Contractual Services												
Legal Advertising	268	-	480	-	-	-	-	-	523	1,271	5,000	N/A
Trustee Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,500	N/A
Dissemination Agent Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Property Appraiser Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Bank Service Fees	24	24	22	23	23	20	19	18	16	189	400	N/A
Travel and Per Diem												
Travel and Per Diem	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Communications & Freight Services												
Postage, Freight & Messenger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	N/A
Rentals and Leases												
Miscellaneous Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Website Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	N/A
Insurance	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,500	N/A

Prepared by:

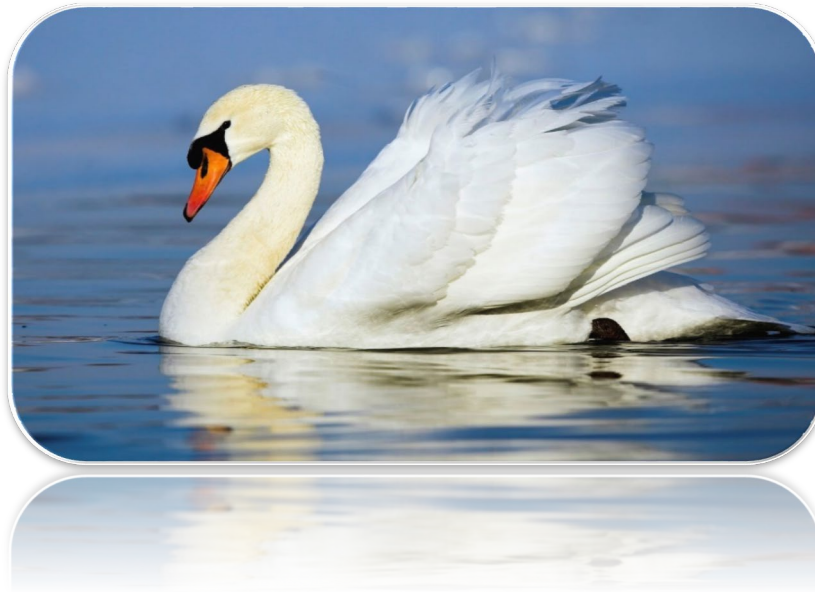
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Unaudited

Palermo Community Development District
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Through June 30, 2022

Description	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Printing & Binding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	N/A
Subscription & Memberships	175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175	-	N/A
Legal Services												
Legal - General Counsel	-	-	1,278	-	-	-	175	-	-	1,453	10,000	N/A
Other General Government Services												
Engineering Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	N/A
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Other Fees and Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Discounts/Collection Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-Total:	12,000	3,357	5,914	4,690	4,690	4,686	4,860	4,685	5,205	50,087	95,900	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,357	\$ 5,914	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,686	\$ 4,860	\$ 4,685	\$ 5,205	\$ 50,087	\$ 95,900	N/A
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	11,975	(3,357)	(5,914)	(4,690)	(4,690)	19,289	19,115	(4,685)	(5,205)	21,838	-	
Fund Balance - Beginning	16,151	28,126	24,769	18,855	14,165	9,475	28,764	47,878	43,194	16,151	-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 28,126	\$ 24,769	\$ 18,855	\$ 14,165	\$ 9,475	\$ 28,764	\$ 47,878	\$ 43,194	\$ 37,988	37,988	\$ -	

PALERMO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - JULY 2022

FISCAL YEAR 2022

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**Palermo Community Development District
Balance Sheet
for the Period Ending July 31, 2022**

	Governmental Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Account Groups		
		General Long Term Debt	General Fixed Assets	
Assets				
Cash and Investments				
General Fund - Invested Cash	\$ 32,768	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,768
Debt Service Fund				
Interest Account			-	\$ -
Sinking Account			-	\$ -
Reserve Account				\$ -
Revenue Account			-	\$ -
Capitalized Interest			-	\$ -
Prepayment Account			-	\$ -
Construction Account				\$ -
Cost of Issuance Account				\$ -
Due from Other Funds				
General Fund	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Fund(s)	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-
Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	-
Amount Available in Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-
Amount to be Provided by Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 32,768	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,768

**Palermo Community Development District
Balance Sheet
for the Period Ending July 31, 2022**

	Governmental Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Account Groups		
		General Long Term Debt	General Fixed Assets	
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable & Payroll Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to Fiscal Agent				
Due to Other Funds	-			-
General Fund	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Fund(s)	-	-	-	-
Due to Developer	\$ 16,151			16,151
Bonds Payable				
Current Portion		-	-	
Long Term			-	
Unamortized Prem/Discount on Bds Pyb		-		-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 16,151</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,151</u>
Fund Equity and Other Credits				
Investment in General Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance				
Restricted				
Beginning: October 1, 2021 (Unaudited)	-	-	-	-
Results from Current Operations	-	-	-	-
Unassigned				
Beginning: October 1, 2021 (Unaudited)	-	-	-	-
Results from Current Operations	16,618	-	-	16,618
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	<u>\$ 16,618</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,618</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	<u>\$ 32,768</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 32,768</u>

Palermo Community Development District
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Through July 31, 2022

Description	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue and Other Sources													
Carryforward	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Interest													
Interest - General Checking	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessment Revenue													
Special Assessments - On-Roll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessments - Off-Roll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Developer Contribution	23,975	-	-	-	-	23,975	23,975	-	-	-	71,925	95,900	75%
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	\$ 23,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,975	\$ 23,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,925	\$ 95,900	N/A
Expenditures and Other Uses													
Legislative													
Board of Supervisor's Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Executive													
Professional Management	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333	33,333	40,000	N/A
Financial and Administrative													
Audit Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Accounting Services	3,200	-	800	1,333	1,333	1,333	1,333	1,333	1,333	1,333	13,333	16,000	N/A
Assessment Roll Preparation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	N/A
Arbitrage Rebate Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Other Contractual Services													
Legal Advertising	268	-	480	-	-	-	-	-	523	523	1,794	5,000	N/A
Trustee Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,500	N/A
Dissemination Agent Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Property Appraiser Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Bank Service Fees	24	24	22	23	23	20	19	18	16	16	205	400	N/A
Travel and Per Diem													
Communications & Freight Services													
Postage, Freight & Messenger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14	50	N/A
Rentals and Leases													
Miscellaneous Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Website Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	N/A
Insurance	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,500	N/A
Printing & Binding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	N/A
Subscription & Memberships	175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175	-	N/A

Palermo Community Development District
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Through July 31, 2022

Description	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Legal Services													
Legal - General Counsel	-	-	1,278	-	-	-	175	-	-	-	1,453	10,000	N/A
Other General Government Services													
Engineering Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	N/A
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Other Fees and Charges													
Discounts/Collection Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Sub-Total:	12,000	3,357	5,914	4,690	4,690	4,686	4,860	4,685	5,205	5,220	55,307	95,900	N/A
 Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	 \$ 12,000	 \$ 3,357	 \$ 5,914	 \$ 4,690	 \$ 4,690	 \$ 4,686	 \$ 4,860	 \$ 4,685	 \$ 5,205	 \$ 5,220	 \$ 55,307	 \$ 95,900	N/A
 Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	 11,975	 (3,357)	 (5,914)	 (4,690)	 (4,690)	 19,289	 19,115	 (4,685)	 (5,205)	 (5,220)	 16,618	 -	
Fund Balance - Beginning	-	11,975	8,618	2,704	(1,985)	(6,675)	12,613	31,728	27,043	21,838	-	-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 11,975	\$ 8,618	\$ 2,704	\$ (1,985)	\$ (6,675)	\$ 12,613	\$ 31,728	\$ 27,043	\$ 21,838	\$ 16,618	16,618	\$ -	