WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT





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February 1, 2024

Board of Supervisors

Wentworth Estates Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Wentworth Estates Community Development District will be held on **Thursday, February 8, 2024,** at **8:30 A.M.** at the **Treviso Bay Clubhouse, 9800 Treviso Bay Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34113.**

The following WebEx link and telephone number are provided to join/watch the meeting: https://districts.webex.com/districts/j.php?MTID=m660b4bd52365659e11070965744fe088 Access Code: 2341 896 9276, Event password: Jpward

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Agenda

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call.
- 2. Acceptance of the Resignation of Ms. Joanne Lekas from Seat 3 effective January 12, 2024, whose term is set to expire November 2024.
 - a) Appointment of individual to fill Seat 3.
 - b) Oath of Office.
 - c) Guide to the Sunshine Law and Code of Ethics for Public Employees.
 - d) Sample of E-filed Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests.
- 3. Consideration of **Resolution 2024-1**, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors re-designating the officers of the Wentworth Estates Community Development District.
- 4. Consideration of Minutes:
 - I. May 11, 2023 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting
- 5. Consideration of the Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2023.

- 6. Consideration of **Resolution 2024-2**, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Wentworth Estates Community Development District Affirming, Stating and Establishing the District's adoption of an Electronic Records Policy and a Policy on the Use of Electronic Signatures; addressing severability, conflicts and an effective date.
- 7. Staff Reports.
 - I. District Attorney.
 - II. District Engineer.
 - III. District Asset Manager.
 - a) Operations Report January 1, 2024.
 - b) Operations Report February 1, 2024.
 - IV. District Manager.
 - a) Florida Law changes to Form 1 Filings.
 - b) Important Board Meeting Dates for Balance of Fiscal Year 2024.
 - i. March 14, 2024 Proposed FY 2025 Budget, setting Public Hearing date.
 - ii. June 10 June 14, 2024 Candidate Qualifying period (Seats 3, 4 & 5)
 - c) Financial Statements for period ending November 30, 2023 (unaudited).
 - d) Financial Statements for period ending December 31, 2023 (unaudited).
- 8. Supervisor's Requests and Audience Comments.
- 9. Announcement of Next Meeting March 14, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- 10. Adjournment.

The first order of business is to call the meeting to order and conduct the roll call.

The second order of business is administrative in nature and is to accept the resignation of Ms. Joanne Lekas from Seat 3, whose term expires November 2024. Ms. Lekas's resignation is effective as of the date of the resignation, which was January 12, 2024.

The next item deals with the replacement of Ms. Lekas. The District's Charter, Chapter 190 F.S. provides the mechanism for which to replace any members who have resigned. Essentially, the remaining members, by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors have the sole responsibility for filling the unexpired term of office of the resigning member. Once the Board appoints an individual to fill the seat, I will take the opportunity to swear that individual into office.

The newly appointed Board Member must file a Form 1 -Statement of Financial Interests, which must be filed with the Florida State Commission on Ethics within thirty (30) days of being seated on this Board.

Additionally, if any of the newly appointed Board member currently sits as a member of any other Community Development District Board, they must amend their current Form 1 – Statement of Financial Interests to now include the Wentworth Estates Community Development District. The amended form must be filed with the Florida State Commission on Ethics within thirty (30) days of being seated on this Board of Supervisors.

The third order of business is consideration of **Resolution 2024-1**, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors which re-designates the Officers of the District.

The current Officers of the District are as follows:

Chairperson	Joe Newcomb
Vice Chairperson	Robert Cody
Secretary/Treasurer	James Ward
Assistant Secretary	Andrew Gasworth
Assistant Secretary	VACANT
Assistant Secretary	Steve Barger

The fourth order of business is consideration of the May 11, 2023, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes.

The fifth order of business is the consideration and acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2023, which ended September 30, 2023. Mr. Ben Steets, Audit Partner with Grau & Associates, will join the meeting to fully review the audit with the Board. The Board will be asked to approve the Audit for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023.

The sixth order of business is the consideration of **Resolution 2024-2**, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Wentworth Estates Community Development District Affirming, Stating and Establishing the District's adoption of an Electronic Records Policy and a Policy on the use of Electronic Signatures; addressing severability, conflicts and an effective date.

The District is required to adopt policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Records Management laws for governmental agencies, including CDD's, and to designate a Records Management Liaison Officer (RMLO) that is responsible for the records management systems implemented by the District.

Florida's Records Management Program is a cooperative effort between the Division of Library and Information Services/Bureau of Archives and Records Management and State and Local Government Agencies throughout the State of Florida. The goal of Florida's Records Management Program is to provide professional assistance to State and Local Government Agencies in managing the records and information required to conduct the business of government. Our society generates and processes information on an unprecedented scale, intensified by rapidly advancing technology and complicated by quickly evolving principles of law governing the legality and admissibility of records created or maintained by this technology. Local governmental agencies must adhere to mandatory standards. One such mandatory standard is Rule 1B-26.003, Florida Administrative Code, Electronic Recordkeeping. This Rule provides standards for the creation, utilization, maintenance, retention, preservation, storage and disposition of electronic records.

According to the Florida Department of State/Division of Library and Information Services, there are no current notices for Rules Changes for Records Management. However, past notices posted have been:

June 28, 2023 - Records Retention Scheduling and Disposition, Rule 1B-24.003: Adopted Rule April 6, 2023 - Records Retention Scheduling and Disposition, Rule 1B-24.003: Notice of Proposed Rule December 27, 2022 - Records Retention Scheduling and Disposition: 1B-24.003: Notice of Development of Rulemaking

Additional records information, as well as the above references, can be found at the Florida Department of State/Division of Library and Information Services website using the following link: https://dos.fl.gov/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/

The seventh order of business is the consideration of are Staff Reports by the District Attorney, District Engineer, and the District Manager. The District Manager shall report on the Financial Statements (unaudited) for the periods ending November 30, 2023, and December 31, 2023.

The remainder of the agenda is standard in nature. In the meantime, if you have any questions and/or comments before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by phoning (954) 658-4900.

Sincerely,

Wentworth Estates Community Development District

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James P. Ward District Manager

The Fiscal Year 2024 schedule is as follows:

February 8, 2024	March 14, 2024
April 11, 2024	May 9, 2024
June 13, 2024	July 11, 2024
August 8, 2024	September 12, 2024

Cori Dissinger

From: Sent: To: Subject: James Ward Thursday, January 11, 2024 9:18 AM Cori Dissinger; Katherine Selchan FW: Tendering my resignation

Committed to Excellence James P. Ward Chief Operating Officer

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-----Original Message-----From: Joanne Lekas <joannelekas@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 9:00 AM To: James Ward <jimward@jpwardassociates.com> Subject: Tendering my resignation

Good Morning Jim,

I am regretfully tendering my resignation from the CDD Board at Treviso effective Friday, January 12, 2024. I will be moving from Treviso Bay in Mid March.

My email and phone number will remain the same. It has been a pleasure serving on the Board and working with you. Appreciate all you do for Treviso Bay.

Thank you, Joanne Lekas

OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

I, ______, a citizen of the State of Florida and of the United States of America, and being an officer of the Wentworth Estates Community Development District and a recipient of public funds as such officer, do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Florida, and will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties devolving upon me as a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Wentworth Estates Community Development District, Collier County, Florida.

Signature

Printed Name:_____

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF COLLIER

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NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA

Print Name:_____

My Commission Expires:_____

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS



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I. HISTORY OF FLORIDA'S ETHICS LAWS

Florida has been a leader among the states in establishing ethics standards for public officials and recognizing the right of citizens to protect the public trust against abuse. Our state Constitution was revised in 1968 to require a code of ethics, prescribed by law, for all state employees and nonjudicial officers prohibiting conflict between public duty and private interests.

Florida's first successful constitutional initiative resulted in the adoption of the Sunshine Amendment in 1976, providing additional constitutional guarantees concerning ethics in government. In the area of enforcement, the Sunshine Amendment requires that there be an independent commission (the Commission on Ethics) to investigate complaints concerning breaches of public trust by public officers and employees other than judges.

The Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees is found in Chapter 112 (Part III) of the Florida Statutes. Foremost among the goals of the Code is to promote the public interest and maintain the respect of the people for their government. The Code is also intended to ensure that public officials conduct themselves independently and impartially, not using their offices for private gain other than compensation provided by law. While seeking to protect the integrity of government, the Code also seeks to avoid the creation of unnecessary barriers to public service.

Criminal penalties, which initially applied to violations of the Code, were eliminated in 1974 in favor of administrative enforcement. The Legislature created the Commission on Ethics that year "to serve as guardian of the standards of conduct" for public officials, state and local. Five of the Commission's nine members are appointed by the Governor, and two each are appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives. No more than five Commission members may be members of the same political party, and none may be lobbyists, or hold any public employment during their two-year terms of office. A chair is selected from among the members to serve a one-year term and may not succeed himself or herself.

In 2018, Florida's Constitutional Revision Commission proposed, and the voters adopted, changes to Article II, Section 8. The earliest of the changes will take effect December 31, 2020, and will prohibit officials from abusing their position to obtain a disproportionate benefit for themselves

or their spouse, child, or employer, or for a business with which the official contracts or is an officer, partner, director, sole proprietor, or in which the official owns an interest. Other changes made to the Constitution place restrictions on lobbying by certain officeholders and employees, and put additional limits on lobbying by former public officers and employees. These changes will become effective December 31, 2022.

II. ROLE OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In addition to its constitutional duties regarding the investigation of complaints, the Commission:

- Renders advisory opinions to public officials;
- Prescribes forms for public disclosure;
- Prepares mailing lists of public officials subject to financial disclosure for use by Supervisors of Elections and the Commission in distributing forms and notifying delinquent filers;
- Makes recommendations to disciplinary officials when appropriate for violations of ethics and disclosure laws, since it does not impose penalties;
- Administers the Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Law;
- Maintains financial disclosure filings of constitutional officers and state officers and employees; and,
- Administers automatic fines for public officers and employees who fail to timely file required annual financial disclosure.

III. THE ETHICS LAWS

The ethics laws generally consist of two types of provisions, those prohibiting certain actions or conduct and those requiring that certain disclosures be made to the public. The following descriptions of these laws have been simplified in an effort to provide notice of their requirements. Therefore, we suggest that you also review the wording of the actual law. Citations to the appropriate laws are in brackets. The laws summarized below apply generally to all public officers and employees, state and local, including members of advisory bodies. The principal exception to this broad coverage is the exclusion of judges, as they fall within the jurisdiction of the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Public Service Commission (PSC) members and employees, as well as members of the PSC Nominating Council, are subject to additional ethics standards that are enforced by the Commission on Ethics under Chapter 350, Florida Statutes. Further, members of the governing boards of charter schools are subject to some of the provisions of the Code of Ethics [Sec. 1002.33(26), Fla. Stat.], as are the officers, directors, chief executive officers and some employees of business entities that serve as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision. [Sec. 112.3136, Fla. Stat.].

A. PROHIBITED ACTIONS OR CONDUCT

1. Solicitation and Acceptance of Gifts

Public officers, employees, local government attorneys, and candidates are prohibited from soliciting or accepting anything of value, such as a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, that is based on an understanding that their vote, official action, or judgment would be influenced by such gift. [Sec. 112.313(2), Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file financial disclosure FORM 1 or FORM 6 (see Part III F of this brochure), and state procurement employees, are prohibited from **soliciting** any gift from a political committee, lobbyist who has lobbied the official or his or her agency within the past 12 months, or the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist or from a vendor doing business with the official's agency. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and state procurement employees are prohibited from directly or indirectly **accepting** a gift worth more than \$100 from such a lobbyist, from a partner, firm, employer, or principal of the lobbyist, or from a political committee or vendor doing business with their agency. [Sec.112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat., no Executive Branch lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no Executive Branch agency official who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Typically, this would include gifts valued at less than \$100 that formerly were permitted under Section 112.3148, Fla. Stat. Similar rules apply to members and employees of the Legislature. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.]

Also, persons required to file Form 1 or Form 6, and state procurement employees and members of their immediate families, are prohibited from accepting any gift from a political committee. [Sec. 112.31485, Fla. Stat.]

2. Unauthorized Compensation

Public officers or employees, local government attorneys, and their spouses and minor children are prohibited from accepting any compensation, payment, or thing of value when they know, or with the exercise of reasonable care should know, that it is given to influence a vote or other official action. [Sec. 112.313(4), Fla. Stat.]

3. Misuse of Public Position

Public officers and employees, and local government attorneys are prohibited from corruptly using or attempting to use their official positions or the resources thereof to obtain a special privilege or benefit for themselves or others. [Sec. 112.313(6), Fla. Stat.]

4. Abuse of Public Position

Public officers and employees are prohibited from abusing their public positions in order to obtain a disproportionate benefit for themselves or certain others. [Article II, Section 8(h), Florida Constitution.]

5. Disclosure or Use of Certain Information

Public officers and employees and local government attorneys are prohibited from disclosing or using information not available to the public and obtained by reason of their public position, for the personal benefit of themselves or others. [Sec. 112.313(8), Fla. Stat.]

6. Solicitation or Acceptance of Honoraria

Persons required to file financial disclosure FORM 1 or FORM 6 (see Part III F of this brochure), and state procurement employees, are prohibited from **soliciting** honoraria related to their public offices or duties. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and state procurement employees, are prohibited from knowingly **accepting** an honorarium from a political committee, lobbyist who has lobbied the person's agency within the past 12 months, or the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist, or from a vendor doing business with the official's agency. However, they may accept the payment of expenses related to an honorarium event from such individuals or entities, provided that the expenses are disclosed. See Part III F of this brochure. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

Lobbyists and their partners, firms, employers, and principals, as well as political committees and vendors, are prohibited from **giving** an honorarium to persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6 and to state procurement employees. Violations of this law may result in fines of up to \$5,000 and prohibitions against lobbying for up to two years. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat., no Executive Branch or legislative lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no Executive Branch agency official who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] This may include honorarium event related expenses that formerly were permitted under Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat. Similar rules apply to members and employees of the Legislature. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.]

B. PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

1. Doing Business With One's Agency

(a) A public employee acting as a purchasing agent, or public officer acting in an official capacity, is prohibited from purchasing, renting, or leasing any realty, goods, or services for his or her agency from a business entity in which the officer or employee or his or her spouse or child owns more than a 5% interest. [Sec. 112.313(3), Fla. Stat.]

(b) A public officer or employee, acting in a private capacity, also is prohibited from renting, leasing, or selling any realty, goods, or services to his or her own agency if the officer or employee is a state officer or employee, or, if he or she is an officer or employee of a political subdivision, to that subdivision or any of its agencies. [Sec. 112.313(3), Fla. Stat.]

2. Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship

(a) A public officer or employee is prohibited from holding any employment or contract with any business entity or agency regulated by or doing business with his or her public agency. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]

(b) A public officer or employee also is prohibited from holding any employment or having a contractual relationship which will pose a frequently recurring conflict between the official's private interests and public duties or which will impede the full and faithful discharge of the official's public duties. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]

(c) Limited exceptions to this prohibition have been created in the law for legislative bodies, certain special tax districts, drainage districts, and persons whose professions or occupations qualify them to hold their public positions. [Sec. 112.313(7)(a) and (b), Fla. Stat.]

3. Exemptions—Pursuant to Sec. 112.313(12), Fla. Stat., the prohibitions against doing business with one's agency and having conflicting employment may not apply:

(a) When the business is rotated among all qualified suppliers in a city or county.

(b) When the business is awarded by sealed, competitive bidding and neither the official nor his or her spouse or child have attempted to persuade agency personnel to enter the contract. NOTE: Disclosure of the interest of the official, spouse, or child and the nature of the business must be filed prior to or at the time of submission of the bid on Commission FORM 3A with the Commission on Ethics or Supervisor of Elections, depending on whether the official serves at the state or local level.

(c) When the purchase or sale is for legal advertising, utilities service, or for passage on a common carrier.

(d) When an emergency purchase must be made to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

(e) When the business entity is the only source of supply within the political subdivision and there is full disclosure of the official's interest to the governing body on Commission FORM 4A.

(f) When the aggregate of any such transactions does not exceed \$500 in a calendar year.

(g) When the business transacted is the deposit of agency funds in a bank of which a county, city, or district official is an officer, director, or stockholder, so long as agency records show that the governing body has determined that the member did not favor his or her bank over other qualified banks.

(h) When the prohibitions are waived in the case of ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS by the appointing person or by a two-thirds vote of the appointing body (after disclosure on Commission FORM 4A).

(i) When the public officer or employee purchases in a private capacity goods or services, at a price and upon terms available to similarly situated members of the general public, from a business entity which is doing business with his or her agency.

(j) When the public officer or employee in a private capacity purchases goods or services from a business entity which is subject to the regulation of his or her agency where the price and terms of the transaction are available to similarly situated members of the general public and the officer or employee makes full disclosure of the relationship to the agency head or governing body prior to the transaction.

4. Additional Exemptions

No elected public officer is in violation of the conflicting employment prohibition when employed by a tax exempt organization contracting with his or her agency so long as the officer is not directly or indirectly compensated as a result of the contract, does not participate in any way in the decision to enter into the contract, abstains from voting on any matter involving the employer, and makes certain disclosures. [Sec. 112.313(15), Fla. Stat.]

5. Legislators Lobbying State Agencies

A member of the Legislature is prohibited from representing another person or entity for compensation during his or her term of office before any state agency other than judicial tribunals. [Art. II, Sec. 8(e), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.]

6. Additional Lobbying Restrictions for Certain Public Officers and Employees

A statewide elected officer; a member of the legislature; a county commissioner; a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter; a school board member; a superintendent of schools; an elected municipal officer; an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority; or a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the federal government, the legislature, any state government body or agency, or any political subdivision of this state, during his or her term of office. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(2), Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

7. Employees Holding Office

A public employee is prohibited from being a member of the governing body which serves as his or her employer. [Sec. 112.313(10), Fla. Stat.]

8. Professional and Occupational Licensing Board Members

An officer, director, or administrator of a state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association, while holding such position, may not serve as a member of a state examining or licensing board for the profession or occupation. [Sec. 112.313(11), Fla. Stat.]

9. Contractual Services: Prohibited Employment

A state employee of the executive or judicial branch who participates in the decision-making process involving a purchase request, who influences the content of any specification or procurement standard, or who renders advice, investigation, or auditing, regarding his or her agency's contract for services, is prohibited from being employed with a person holding such a contract with his or her agency. [Sec. 112.3185(2), Fla. Stat.]

10. Local Government Attorneys

Local government attorneys, such as the city attorney or county attorney, and their law firms are prohibited from representing private individuals and entities before the unit of local government which they serve. A local government attorney cannot recommend or otherwise refer to his or her firm legal work involving the local government unit unless the attorney's contract authorizes or mandates the use of that firm. [Sec. 112.313(16), Fla. Stat.]

11. Dual Public Employment

Candidates and elected officers are prohibited from accepting public employment if they know or should know it is being offered for the purpose of influence. Further, public employment may not be accepted unless the position was already in existence or was created without the

anticipation of the official's interest, was publicly advertised, and the officer had to meet the same qualifications and go through the same hiring process as other applicants. For elected public officers already holding public employment, no promotion given for the purpose of influence may be accepted, nor may promotions that are inconsistent with those given other similarly situated employees. [Sec. 112.3125, Fla. Stat.]

C. RESTRICTIONS ON APPOINTING, EMPLOYING, AND CONTRACTING WITH RELATIVES

1. Anti-Nepotism Law

A public official is prohibited from seeking for a relative any appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement in the agency in which he or she is serving or over which the official exercises jurisdiction or control. No person may be appointed, employed, promoted, or advanced in or to a position in an agency if such action has been advocated by a related public official who is serving in or exercising jurisdiction or control over the agency; this includes relatives of members of collegial government bodies. NOTE: This prohibition does not apply to school districts (except as provided in Sec. 1012.23, Fla. Stat.), community colleges and state universities, or to appointments of boards, other than those with land-planning or zoning responsibilities, in municipalities of fewer than 35,000 residents. Also, the approval of budgets does not constitute "jurisdiction or control" for the purposes of this prohibition. This provision does not apply to volunteer emergency medical, firefighting, or police service providers. [Sec. 112.3135, Fla. Stat.]

2. Additional Restrictions

A state employee of the executive or judicial branch or the PSC is prohibited from directly or indirectly procuring contractual services for his or her agency from a business entity of which a relative is an officer, partner, director, or proprietor, or in which the employee, or his or her spouse, or children own more than a 5% interest. [Sec. 112.3185(6), Fla. Stat.]

D. POST OFFICE HOLDING AND EMPLOYMENT (REVOLVING DOOR) RESTRICTIONS

1. Lobbying by Former Legislators, Statewide Elected Officers, and Appointed State Officers

A member of the Legislature or a statewide elected or appointed state official is prohibited for two years following vacation of office from representing another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which the individual was an officer or member. Former members of the Legislature are also prohibited for two years from lobbying the executive branch. [Art. II, Sec. 8(e), Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.]

2. Lobbying by Former State Employees

Certain employees of the executive and legislative branches of state government are prohibited from personally representing another person or entity for compensation before the agency with which they were employed for a period of two years after leaving their positions, unless employed by another agency of state government. [Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.] These employees include the following:

(a) Executive and legislative branch employees serving in the Senior Management Service and Selected Exempt Service, as well as any person employed by the Department of the Lottery having authority over policy or procurement.

(b) Persons serving in the following position classifications: the Auditor General; the director of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA); the Sergeant at Arms and Secretary of the Senate; the Sergeant at Arms and Clerk of the House of Representatives; the executive director and deputy executive director of the Commission on Ethics; an executive director, staff director, or deputy staff director of each joint committee, standing committee, or select committee of the Legislature; an executive director, staff director, executive assistant, legislative analyst, or attorney serving in the Office of the President of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Party Office, the Senate Minority Party Office, the House Majority Party Office, or the House Minority Party Office; the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the State University System; the general counsel to the Board of Regents; the

president, vice presidents, and deans of each state university; any person hired on a contractual basis and having the power normally conferred upon such persons, by whatever title; and any person having the power normally conferred upon the above positions.

This prohibition does not apply to a person who was employed by the Legislature or other agency prior to July 1, 1989; who was a defined employee of the State University System or the Public Service Commission who held such employment on December 31, 1994; or who reached normal retirement age and retired by July 1, 1991. It does apply to OPS employees.

PENALTIES: Persons found in violation of this section are subject to the penalties contained in the Code (see PENALTIES, Part V) as well as a civil penalty in an amount equal to the compensation which the person received for the prohibited conduct. [Sec. 112.313(9)(a)5, Fla. Stat.]

3. 6-Year Lobbying Ban

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a statewide elected officer or member of the legislature shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislature or any state government body or agency. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)a., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislature, the governor, the executive office of the governor, members of the cabinet, a department that is headed by a member of the cabinet, or his or her former department. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)b., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, or an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority shall not lobby for compensation on issues

of policy, appropriations, or procurement before his or her former agency or governing body. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)c., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

4. Additional Restrictions on Former State Employees

A former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee is prohibited from having employment or a contractual relationship, at any time after retirement or termination of employment, with any business entity (other than a public agency) in connection with a contract in which the employee participated personally and substantially by recommendation or decision while a public employee. [Sec. 112.3185(3), Fla. Stat.]

A former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee who has retired or terminated employment is prohibited from having any employment or contractual relationship for two years with any business entity (other than a public agency) in connection with a contract for services which was within his or her responsibility while serving as a state employee. [Sec.112.3185(4), Fla. Stat.]

Unless waived by the agency head, a former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee may not be paid more for contractual services provided by him or her to the former agency during the first year after leaving the agency than his or her annual salary before leaving. [Sec. 112.3185(5), Fla. Stat.]

These prohibitions do not apply to PSC employees who were so employed on or before Dec. 31, 1994.

5. Lobbying by Former Local Government Officers and Employees

A person elected to county, municipal, school district, or special district office is prohibited from representing another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which he or she was an officer for two years after leaving office. Appointed officers and employees of counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts may be subject to a similar restriction by local ordinance or resolution. [Sec. 112.313(13) and (14), Fla. Stat.]

E. VOTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

State public officers are prohibited from voting in an official capacity on any measure which they know would inure to their own special private gain or loss. A state public officer who abstains, or who votes on a measure which the officer knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate, must make every reasonable effort to file a memorandum of voting conflict with the recording secretary in advance of the vote. If that is not possible, it must be filed within 15 days after the vote occurs. The memorandum must disclose the nature of the officer's interest in the matter.

No county, municipal, or other local public officer shall vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss, or which the officer knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate. The officer must publicly announce the nature of his or her interest before the vote and must file a memorandum of voting conflict on Commission Form 8B with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days after the vote occurs disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter. However, members of community redevelopment agencies and district officers elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not required to abstain when voting in that capacity.

No appointed state or local officer shall participate in any matter which would inure to the officer's special private gain or loss, the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate, without first disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter. The memorandum of voting conflict (Commission Form 8A or 8B) must be filed with the meeting's recording officer, be provided to the other members of the agency, and be read publicly at the next meeting.

If the conflict is unknown or not disclosed prior to the meeting, the appointed official must orally disclose the conflict at the meeting when the conflict becomes known. Also, a written memorandum of voting conflict must be filed with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days of

the disclosure being made and must be provided to the other members of the agency, with the disclosure being read publicly at the next scheduled meeting. [Sec. 112.3143, Fla. Stat.]

F. DISCLOSURES

Conflicts of interest may occur when public officials are in a position to make decisions that affect their personal financial interests. This is why public officers and employees, as well as candidates who run for public office, are required to publicly disclose their financial interests. The disclosure process serves to remind officials of their obligation to put the public interest above personal considerations. It also helps citizens to monitor the considerations of those who spend their tax dollars and participate in public policy decisions or administration.

All public officials and candidates do not file the same degree of disclosure; nor do they all file at the same time or place. Thus, care must be taken to determine which disclosure forms a particular official or candidate is required to file.

The following forms are described below to set forth the requirements of the various disclosures and the steps for correctly providing the information in a timely manner.

1. FORM 1 - Limited Financial Disclosure

Who Must File:

Persons required to file FORM 1 include all state officers, local officers, candidates for local elective office, and specified state employees as defined below (other than those officers who are required by law to file FORM 6).

STATE OFFICERS include:

1) Elected public officials not serving in a political subdivision of the state and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.

2) Appointed members of each board, commission, authority, or council having statewide jurisdiction, excluding members of solely advisory bodies; but including judicial nominating commission members; directors of Enterprise Florida, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and CareerSource Florida, and members of the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys; the Executive Director, governors, and senior managers of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; governors and senior managers of Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association, board members of the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission, and members of the board of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; members of the board of Florida is for Veterans, Inc.; and members of the Technology Advisory Council within the Agency for State Technology.

3) The Commissioner of Education, members of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, local boards of trustees and presidents of state universities, and members of the Florida Prepaid College Board.

LOCAL OFFICERS include:

1) Persons elected to office in any political subdivision (such as municipalities, counties, and special districts) and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.

2) Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of any county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; a community college or junior college district board of trustees; a board having the power to enforce local code provisions; a planning or zoning board, board of adjustments or appeals, community redevelopment agency board, or other board having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within the political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and similar groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards, except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; a pension board or retirement board empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or to determine entitlement to or amount of a pension or other retirement benefit.

3) Any other appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.

4) Persons holding any of these positions in local government: mayor; county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance director of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; chief county or municipal building inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk; appointed district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; purchasing agent (regardless of title) having the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$35,000 for the local governmental unit.

5) Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.

6) The officers, directors, and chief executive officer of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity that is serving as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision, and any business entity employee who is acting as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of the political subdivision. [Sec. 112.3136, Fla. Stat.]

SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEE includes:

1) Employees in the Office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.

2) The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: secretary or state surgeon general, assistant or deputy secretary, executive director, assistant or deputy executive director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

3) The following positions in each state department or division: director, assistant or deputy director, bureau chief, assistant bureau chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

4) Assistant state attorneys, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, public counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.

5) The superintendent or director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.

6) State agency business managers, finance and accounting directors, personnel officers, grant coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.

7) The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.

What Must Be Disclosed:

FORM 1 requirements are set forth fully on the form. In general, this includes the reporting person's sources and types of financial interests, such as the names of employers and addresses of real property holdings. NO DOLLAR VALUES ARE REQUIRED TO BE LISTED. In addition, the form requires the disclosure of certain relationships with, and ownership interests in, specified types of businesses such as banks, savings and loans, insurance companies, and utility companies.

When to File:

CANDIDATES for elected local office must file FORM 1 together with and at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

STATE and LOCAL OFFICERS and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES are required to file disclosure by July 1 of each year. They also must file within thirty days from the date of appointment or the beginning of employment. Those appointees requiring Senate confirmation must file prior to confirmation.

Where to File:

Each LOCAL OFFICER files FORM 1 with the Commission on Ethics via they on-line site: Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System ("EFDMS"), https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/ Account/Login.

A STATE OFFICER or SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEE files with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145, Fla. Stat.]

2. FORM 1F - Final Form 1 Limited Financial Disclosure

FORM 1F is the disclosure form required to be filed within 60 days after a public officer or employee required to file FORM 1 leaves his or her public position. The form covers the disclosure period between January 1 and the last day of office or employment within that year.

3. FORM 2 - Quarterly Client Disclosure

The state officers, local officers, and specified state employees listed above, as well as elected constitutional officers, must file a FORM 2 if they or a partner or associate of their professional firm represent a client for compensation before an agency at their level of government.

A FORM 2 disclosure includes the names of clients represented by the reporting person or by any partner or associate of his or her professional firm for a fee or commission before agencies at the reporting person's level of government. Such representations do not include appearances in ministerial matters, appearances before judges of compensation claims, or representations on behalf of one's agency in one's official capacity. Nor does the term include the preparation and filing of forms and applications merely for the purpose of obtaining or transferring a license, so long as the issuance of the license does not require a variance, special consideration, or a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

When to File:

This disclosure should be filed quarterly, by the end of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter during which a reportable representation was made. FORM 2 need not be filed merely to indicate that no reportable representations occurred during the preceding quarter; it should be filed ONLY when reportable representations were made during the quarter.

Where To File:

LOCAL OFFICERS file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside.

STATE OFFICERS and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES file with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145(4), Fla. Stat.]

4. FORM 6 - Full and Public Disclosure

Who Must File:

Persons required by law to file FORM 6 include all elected constitutional officers and candidates for such office; the mayor and members of the city council and candidates for these offices in Jacksonville; the Duval County Superintendent of Schools; judges of compensation claims (pursuant to Sec. 440.442, Fla. Stat.); members of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board and members of expressway authorities, transportation authorities (except the Jacksonville Transportation

Authority), bridge authority, or toll authorities created pursuant to Ch. 348 or 343, or 349, or other general law.

What Must be Disclosed:

FORM 6 is a detailed disclosure of assets, liabilities, and sources of income over \$1,000 and their values, as well as net worth. Officials may opt to file their most recent income tax return in lieu of listing sources of income but still must disclose their assets, liabilities, and net worth. In addition, the form requires the disclosure of certain relationships with, and ownership interests in, specified types of businesses such as banks, savings and loans, insurance companies, and utility companies.

When and Where To File:

Officials must file FORM 6 annually by July 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Beginning January 1, 2023, all Form 6 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable on the Commission's website.

CANDIDATES must register and use the electronic filing system to complete the Form 6, then file the disclosure with the officer before whom they qualify at the time of qualifying. [Art. II, Sec. 8(a) and (i), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.3144, Fla. Stat.]

5. FORM 6F - Final Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure

This is the disclosure form required to be filed within 60 days after a public officer or employee required to file FORM 6 leaves his or her public position. The form covers the disclosure period between January 1 and the last day of office or employment within that year.

6. FORM 9 - Quarterly Gift Disclosure

Each person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and each state procurement employee, must file a FORM 9, Quarterly Gift Disclosure, with the Commission on Ethics on the last day of any calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which he or she received a gift worth more than \$100, other than gifts from relatives, gifts prohibited from being accepted, gifts primarily associated with his or her business or employment, and gifts otherwise required to be disclosed. FORM 9 NEED NOT BE FILED if no such gift was received during the calendar quarter.

Information to be disclosed includes a description of the gift and its value, the name and address of the donor, the date of the gift, and a copy of any receipt for the gift provided by the donor. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

7. FORM 10 - <u>Annual Disclosure of Gifts from</u> <u>Government Agencies and Direct-Support</u> <u>Organizations and Honorarium Event Related Expenses</u>

State government entities, airport authorities, counties, municipalities, school boards, water management districts, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, may give a gift worth more than \$100 to a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and to state procurement employees, if a public purpose can be shown for the gift. Also, a direct-support organization for a governmental entity may give such a gift to a person who is an officer or employee of that entity. These gifts are to be reported on FORM 10, to be filed by July 1.

The governmental entity or direct-support organization giving the gift must provide the officer or employee with a statement about the gift no later than March 1 of the following year. The officer or employee then must disclose this information by filing a statement by July 1 with his or her annual financial disclosure that describes the gift and lists the donor, the date of the gift, and the value of the total gifts provided during the calendar year. State procurement employees file their statements with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

In addition, a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, or a state procurement employee, who receives expenses or payment of expenses related to an honorarium event from someone who

is prohibited from giving him or her an honorarium, must disclose annually the name, address, and affiliation of the donor, the amount of the expenses, the date of the event, a description of the expenses paid or provided, and the total value of the expenses on FORM 10. The donor paying the expenses must provide the officer or employee with a statement about the expenses within 60 days of the honorarium event.

The disclosure must be filed by July 1, for expenses received during the previous calendar year, with the officer's or employee's FORM 1 or FORM 6. State procurement employees file their statements with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat., no executive branch or legislative lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. This may include gifts or honorarium event related expenses that formerly were permitted under Sections 112.3148 and 112.3149. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Similar prohibitions apply to legislative officials and employees. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.] In addition, gifts, which include anything not primarily related to political activities authorized under ch. 106, are prohibited from political committees. [Sec. 112.31485 Fla. Stat.]

8. FORM 30 - Donor's Quarterly Gift Disclosure

As mentioned above, the following persons and entities generally are prohibited from giving a gift worth more than \$100 to a reporting individual (a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6) or to a state procurement employee: a political committee; a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting individual's or procurement employee's agency, and the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist; and vendors. If such person or entity makes a gift worth between \$25 and \$100 to a reporting individual or state procurement employee (that is not accepted in behalf of a governmental entity or charitable organization), the gift should be reported on FORM 30. The donor also must notify the recipient at the time the gift is made that it will be reported.

The FORM 30 should be filed by the last day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the gift was made. If the gift was made to an individual in the legislative branch, FORM 30 should be filed with the Lobbyist Registrar. [See page 35 for address.] If the gift was to any other reporting individual or state procurement employee, FORM 30 should be filed with the Commission on Ethics.

However, notwithstanding Section 112.3148, Fla. Stat., no executive branch lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. This may include gifts that formerly were permitted under Section 112.3148. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Similar prohibitions apply to legislative officials and employees. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.] In addition, gifts from political committees are prohibited. [Sec. 112.31485, Fla. Stat.]

9. FORM 1X AND FORM 6X - <u>Amendments to Form 1 and Form 6</u>

These forms are provided for officers or employees to amend their previously filed Form 1 or Form 6.

IV. AVAILABILITY OF FORMS

LOCAL OFFICERS and EMPLOYEES who must file FORM 1 annually will be sent the form by email from the Commission on Ethics not later than JUNE 1 of each year. Newly elected and appointed officials or employees should contact the heads of their agencies for copies of the form or download it from www.ethics.state.fl.us, as should those persons who are required to file their final disclosure statements within 60 days of leaving office or employment. The Form 1 will be filed electronically with the Florida Commission on Ethics via the Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS), beginning in 2023.

Beginning January 1, 2023, ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS and other officials who must file Form 6 annually must file electronically via the Commission's Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS). Paper forms will not be promulgated. Communications regarding the annual filing requirement will be sent via email to filers no later than June 1. Filers must maintain an updated email address in their User Profile in EFDMS.

OTHER STATE OFFICERS, and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES who must file Form 1 annually will be sent the forms by mail from the Florida Commission on Ethics by June 1, 2023. Newly elected and appointed officers and employees should contact the head of their agencies for copies of the form or download the form from www.ethics.state.fl.us, as should those persons who are required to file their final financial disclosure statement within 60 days of leaving office or employment.

V. PENALTIES

A. Non-criminal Penalties for Violation of the Sunshine Amendment and the Code of Ethics

There are no criminal penalties for violation of the Sunshine Amendment and the Code of Ethics. Penalties for violation of these laws may include: impeachment, removal from office or employment, suspension, public censure, reprimand, demotion, reduction in salary level, forfeiture of no more than one-third salary per month for no more than twelve months, a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000, and restitution of any pecuniary benefits received, and triple the value of a gift from a political committee.

B. Penalties for Candidates

CANDIDATES for public office who are found in violation of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics may be subject to one or more of the following penalties: disqualification from being on the ballot, public censure, reprimand, or a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000, and triple the value of a gift received from a political committee.

C. Penalties for Former Officers and Employees

FORMER PUBLIC OFFICERS or EMPLOYEES who are found in violation of a provision applicable to former officers or employees or whose violation occurred prior to such officer's or employee's
leaving public office or employment may be subject to one or more of the following penalties: public censure and reprimand, a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000, and restitution of any pecuniary benefits received, and triple the value of a gift received from a political committee.

D. Penalties for Lobbyists and Others

An executive branch lobbyist who has failed to comply with the Executive Branch Lobbying Registration law (see Part VIII) may be fined up to \$5,000, reprimanded, censured, or prohibited from lobbying executive branch agencies for up to two years. Lobbyists, their employers, principals, partners, and firms, and political committees and committees of continuous existence who give a prohibited gift or honorarium or fail to comply with the gift reporting requirements for gifts worth between \$25 and \$100, may be penalized by a fine of not more than \$5,000 and a prohibition on lobbying, or employing a lobbyist to lobby, before the agency of the public officer or employee to whom the gift was given for up to two years. Any agent or person acting on behalf of a political committee giving a prohibited gift is personally liable for a civil penalty of up to triple the value of the gift.

Executive Branch lobbying firms that fail to timely file their quarterly compensation reports may be fined \$50 per day per report for each day the report is late, up to a maximum fine of \$5,000 per report.

E. Felony Convictions: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits

Public officers and employees are subject to forfeiture of all rights and benefits under the retirement system to which they belong if convicted of certain offenses. The offenses include embezzlement or theft of public funds; bribery; felonies specified in Chapter 838, Florida Statutes; impeachable offenses; and felonies committed with intent to defraud the public or their public agency. [Sec. 112.3173, Fla. Stat.]

F. Automatic Penalties for Failure to File Annual Disclosure

Public officers and employees required to file either Form 1 or Form 6 annual financial disclosure are subject to automatic fines of \$25 for each day late the form is filed after September 1, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500. [Sec. 112.3144 and 112.3145, Fla. Stat.]

VI. ADVISORY OPINIONS

Conflicts of interest may be avoided by greater awareness of the ethics laws on the part of public officials and employees through advisory assistance from the Commission on Ethics.

A. Who Can Request an Opinion

Any public officer, candidate for public office, or public employee in Florida who is in doubt about the applicability of the standards of conduct or disclosure laws to himself or herself, or anyone who has the power to hire or terminate another public employee, may seek an advisory opinion from the Commission about himself or herself or that employee.

B. How to Request an Opinion

Opinions may be requested by letter presenting a question based on a real situation and including a detailed description of the situation. Opinions are issued by the Commission and are binding on the conduct of the person who is the subject of the opinion, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request for the opinion. Published opinions will not bear the name of the persons involved unless they consent to the use of their names; however, the request and all information pertaining to it is a public record, made available to the Commission and to members of the public in advance of the Commission's consideration of the question.

C. How to Obtain Published Opinions

All of the Commission's opinions are available for viewing or download at its website: www.ethics.state.fl.us.

VII. COMPLAINTS

A. Citizen Involvement

The Commission on Ethics cannot conduct investigations of alleged violations of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics unless a person files a sworn complaint with the Commission alleging such violation has occurred, or a referral is received, as discussed below.

If you have knowledge that a person in government has violated the standards of conduct or disclosure laws described above, you may report these violations to the Commission by filing a sworn complaint on the form prescribed by the Commission and available for download at www.ethics.state.fl.us. The Commission is unable to take action based on learning of such misdeeds through newspaper reports, telephone calls, or letters.

You can download a complaint form (FORM 50) from the Commission's website: www.ethics.state.fl.us, or contact the Commission office at the address or phone number shown on the inside front cover of this booklet.

B. Referrals

The Commission may accept referrals from: the Governor, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, a State Attorney, or a U.S. Attorney. A vote of six of the Commission's nine members is required to proceed on such a referral.

C. Confidentiality

The complaint or referral, as well as all proceedings and records relating thereto, is confidential until the accused requests that such records be made public or until the matter reaches a stage in the Commission's proceedings where it becomes public. This means that unless the Commission receives a written waiver of confidentiality from the accused, the Commission is not free to release any documents or to comment on a complaint or referral to members of the public or press, so long as the complaint or referral remains in a confidential stage.

A COMPLAINT OR REFERRAL MAY NOT BE FILED WITH RESPECT TO A CANDIDATE ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION, OR WITHIN THE 30 CALENDAR DAYS PRECEDING THE ELECTION DATE, UNLESS IT IS BASED ON PERSONAL INFORMATION OR INFORMATION OTHER THAN HEARSAY.

D. How the Complaint Process Works

Complaints which allege a matter within the Commission's jurisdiction are assigned a tracking number and Commission staff forwards a copy of the original sworn complaint to the accused within five working days of its receipt. Any subsequent sworn amendments to the complaint also are transmitted within five working days of their receipt.

Once a complaint is filed, it goes through three procedural stages under the Commission's rules. The first stage is a determination of whether the allegations of the complaint are legally sufficient: that is, whether they indicate a possible violation of any law over which the Commission has jurisdiction. If the complaint is found not to be legally sufficient, the Commission will order that the complaint be dismissed without investigation, and all records relating to the complaint will become public at that time.

In cases of very minor financial disclosure violations, the official will be allowed an opportunity to correct or amend his or her disclosure form. Otherwise, if the complaint is found to be legally sufficient, a preliminary investigation will be undertaken by the investigative staff of the Commission. The second stage of the Commission's proceedings involves this preliminary investigation and a decision by the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to believe that there has been a violation of any of the ethics laws. If the Commission finds no probable cause to believe there has been a violation of the ethics laws, the complaint will be dismissed and will become a matter of public record. If the Commission finds probable cause to believe there has been a violation of othe ethics and usually enters the third stage of proceedings. This stage requires the Commission to decide whether the law was actually violated and, if so, whether a penalty should be recommended. At this stage, the accused has the right to request a public hearing (trial) at which evidence is presented, or the Commission may order that such a hearing be held. Public hearings usually are held in or near the area where the alleged violation occurred.

When the Commission concludes that a violation has been committed, it issues a public report of its findings and may recommend one or more penalties to the appropriate disciplinary body or official.

When the Commission determines that a person has filed a complaint with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations, the complainant will be liable for costs plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the person complained against. The Department of Legal Affairs may bring a civil action to recover such fees and costs, if they are not paid voluntarily within 30 days.

E. Dismissal of Complaints At Any Stage of Disposition

The Commission may, at its discretion, dismiss any complaint at any stage of disposition should it determine that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further, in which case the Commission will issue a public report stating with particularity its reasons for the dismissal. [Sec. 112.324(12), Fla. Stat.]

F. Statute of Limitations

All sworn complaints alleging a violation of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics must be filed with the Commission within five years of the alleged violation or other breach of the public trust. Time starts to run on the day AFTER the violation or breach of public trust is committed. The statute of limitations is tolled on the day a sworn complaint is filed with the Commission. If a complaint is filed and the statute of limitations has run, the complaint will be dismissed. [Sec. 112.3231, Fla. Stat.]

VIII. EXECUTIVE BRANCH LOBBYING

Any person who, for compensation and on behalf of another, lobbies an agency of the executive branch of state government with respect to a decision in the area of policy or procurement may be required to register as an executive branch lobbyist. Registration is required before lobbying an agency and is renewable annually. In addition, each lobbying firm must file a compensation report

with the Commission for each calendar quarter during any portion of which one or more of the firm's lobbyists were registered to represent a principal. As noted above, no executive branch lobbyist or principal can make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 can knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.]

Paying an executive branch lobbyist a contingency fee based upon the outcome of any specific executive branch action, and receiving such a fee, is prohibited. A violation of this prohibition is a first degree misdemeanor, and the amount received is subject to forfeiture. This does not prohibit sales people from receiving a commission. [Sec. 112.3217, Fla. Stat.]

Executive branch departments, state universities, community colleges, and water management districts are prohibited from using public funds to retain an executive branch (or legislative branch) lobbyist, although these agencies may use full-time employees as lobbyists. [Sec. 11.062, Fla. Stat.]

Online registration and filing is available at www.floridalobbyist.gov. Additional information about the executive branch lobbyist registration system may be obtained by contacting the Lobbyist Registrar at the following address:

> Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration Room G-68, Claude Pepper Building 111 W. Madison Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1425 Phone: 850/922-4987

IX. WHISTLE-BLOWER'S ACT

In 1986, the Legislature enacted a "Whistle-blower's Act" to protect employees of agencies and government contractors from adverse personnel actions in retaliation for disclosing information in a sworn complaint alleging certain types of improper activities. Since then, the Legislature has revised this law to afford greater protection to these employees. While this language is contained within the Code of Ethics, the Commission has no jurisdiction or authority to proceed against persons who violate this Act. Therefore, a person who has disclosed information alleging improper conduct governed by this law and who may suffer adverse consequences as a result should contact one or more of the following: the Office of the Chief Inspector General in the Executive Office of the Governor; the Department of Legal Affairs; the Florida Commission on Human Relations; or a private attorney. [Sec. 112.3187 - 112.31895, Fla. Stat.]

X. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As mentioned above, we suggest that you review the language used in each law for a more detailed understanding of Florida's ethics laws. The "Sunshine Amendment" is Article II, Section 8, of the Florida Constitution. The Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees is contained in Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

Additional information about the Commission's functions and interpretations of these laws may be found in Chapter 34 of the Florida Administrative Code, where the Commission's rules are published, and in The Florida Administrative Law Reports, which until 2005 published many of the Commission's final orders. The Commission's rules, orders, and opinions also are available at www.ethics.state.fl.us.

If you are a public officer or employee concerned about your obligations under these laws, the staff of the Commission will be happy to respond to oral and written inquiries by providing information about the law, the Commission's interpretations of the law, and the Commission's procedures.

XI. TRAINING

Constitutional officers, elected municipal officers, and commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) are required to receive a total of four hours training, per calendar year, in the area of ethics, public records, and open meetings. The Commission on Ethics does not

track compliance or certify providers. Officials indicate their compliance with the training requirement when they file their annual Form 1 or Form 6.

Visit the training page on the Commission's website for up-to-date rules, opinions, audio/video training, and opportunities for live training conducted by Commission staff.

General In	nformation		
Name:	DISCLOSURE FILER		
Address:	SAMPLE ADDRESS		PID SAMPLE
County:	SAMPLE COUNTY		
AGENCY INF	ORMATION		
Organization		Suborganization	Title
SAMPLE		SAMPLE	SAMPLE
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Primary S	ources of Income		
PRIMARY SOL (If you have n	JRCE OF INCOME (Over \$2,50 othing to report, write "non	ס <mark>ס) (Major sourc</mark> es of income to the e" or "ת/a")	reporting person)
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Secondary Sources of	Income			
SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCO person) (If you have nothing to		d other sources of income to	businesses owned by the reporting	
Name of Business Entity	Name of Major Sources of Business' Income	Address of Source	Principal Business Activity of Source	
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Real Property				
REAL PROPERTY (Land, building (If you have nothing to report, v	s owned by the reporting person write "none" or "n/a")			
Location/Description				
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Intangible Personal Pr	operty			
INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPEI (If you have nothing to report,	RTY (Stocks, bonds, certificates o write "none" or "n/a")	f deposit, etc. over \$10,000)		
Type of Intangible Business Entity to Which the Property Relates				
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Liabilities				
LIABILITIES (Major debts valued over \$10,000): (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "r	n/a")			
Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor			
Interests in Specified Businesses				
INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES (Ownership (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "				
Business Entity # 1	5			
Training				
you for this form year.	tification of training required under Section 112.3142, F.S., is not applicable to			



2023 Form 1 Instructions Statement of Financial Interests

Notice

The annual Statement of Financial Interest is due July 1, 2024. If the annual form is not submitted via the electronic filing system created and maintained by the Commission September 3, 2024, an automatic fine of \$25 for each day late will be imposed, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500. Failure to file also can result in removal from public office or employment. [s. 112.3145, F.S.]

In addition, failure to make any required disclosure constitutes grounds for and may be punished by one or more of the following: disqualification from being on the ballot, impeachment, removal or suspension from office or employment, demotion, reduction in salary, reprimand, or a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000. [s. 112.317, F.S.]

When To File:

Initially, each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file within 30 days of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.

Candidates must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

Thereafter, file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.

Finally, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2023.

Who Must File Form 1

- 1. Elected public officials not serving in a political subdivision of the state and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.
- 2. Appointed members of each board, commission, authority, or council having statewide jurisdiction, excluding those required to file full disclosure on Form 6 as well as members of solely advisory bodies, but including judicial nominating commission members; Directors of Enterprise Florida, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and Career Source Florida; and members of the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys; the Executive Director, Governors, and senior managers of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; Governors and senior managers of Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association; board members of the Northeast Fla. Regional Transportation Commission; board members of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc; board members of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.; and members of the Technology Advisory Council within the Agency for State Technology.
- 3. The Commissioner of Education, members of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, the local Boards of Trustees and Presidents of state universities, and the Florida Prepaid College Board.
- 4. Persons elected to office in any political subdivision (such as municipalities, counties, and special districts) and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file Form 6.
- 5. Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; community college or junior college district boards of trustees; boards having the power to enforce local code provisions; boards of adjustment; community redevelopment agencies; planning or zoning boards having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within a political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and similar groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards, and except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; pension or retirement boards empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or determine entitlement to or amount of pensions or other retirement benefits, and the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.
- 6. Any appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.
- 7. Persons holding any of these positions in local government: county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance director of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; chief county or municipal building inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk;

appointed district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; purchasing agent (regardless of title) having the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$35,000 for the local governmental unit.

- 8. Officers and employees of entities serving as chief administrative officer of a political subdivision.
- 9. Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.
- 10. Employees in the office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.
- 11. The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: Secretary, Assistant or Deputy Secretary, Executive Director, Assistant or Deputy Executive Director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
- 12. The following positions in each state department or division: Director, Assistant or Deputy Director, Bureau Chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
- 13. Assistant State Attorneys, Assistant Public Defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, Public Counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.
- 14. The Superintendent or Director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.
- 15. State agency Business Managers, Finance and Accounting Directors, Personnel Officers, Grant Coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.
- 16. The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.
- 17. Each member of the governing body of a "large-hub commercial service airport," as defined in Section 112.3144(1)(c), Florida Statutes, except for members required to comply with the financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Article II of the State Constitution.

ATTACHMENTS: A filer may include and submit attachments or other supporting documentation when filing disclosure.

PUBLIC RECORD: The disclosure form is a public record and is required by law to be posted to the Commission's website. Your Social Security number, bank account, debit, charge, and credit card numbers, mortgage or brokerage account numbers, personal identification numbers, or taxpayer identification numbers are not required and should not be included. If such information is included in the filing, it may be made available for public inspection and copying unless redaction is required by the filer, without any liability to the Commission. If you are an active or former officer or employee listed in Section 119.071, F.S., whose home address or other information is exempt from disclosure, the Commission will maintain that confidentiality *if you submit a written and notarized request*.

<u>QUESTIONS</u> about this form or the ethics laws may be addressed to the Commission on Ethics, Post Office Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, Florida 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303; telephone (850) 488-7864.

Instructions for Completing Form 1

Primary Sources of Income

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)1, F.S.]

This section is intended to require the disclosure of your principal sources of income during the disclosure period. You do not have to disclose any public salary or public position(s). The income of your spouse need not be disclosed; however, if there is joint income to you and your spouse from property you own jointly (such as interest or dividends from a bank account or stocks), you should disclose the source of that income if it exceeded the threshold.

Please list in this part of the form the name, address, and principal business activity of each source of your income which exceeded \$2,500 of gross income received by you in your own name or by any other person for your use or benefit.

"Gross income" means the same as it does for income tax purposes, even if the income is not actually taxable, such as interest on tax-free bonds. Examples include: compensation for services, income from business, gains from property dealings, interest, rents, dividends, pensions, IRA distributions, social security, distributive share of partnership gross income, and alimony if considered gross income under federal law, but not child support.

Examples:

• If you were employed by a company that manufactures computers and received more than \$2,500, list the name of the company, its address, and its principal business activity (computer manufacturing).

- If you were a partner in a law firm and your distributive share of partnership gross income exceeded \$2,500, list the name of the firm, its address, and its principal business activity (practice of law).
- If you were the sole proprietor of a retail gift business and your gross income from the business exceeded \$2,500, list the name of the business, its address, and its principal business activity (retail gift sales).
- If you received income from investments in stocks and bonds, list <u>each individual company</u> from which you derived more than \$2,500. Do not aggregate all of your investment income.
- If more than \$2,500 of your gross income was gain from the sale of property (not just the selling price), list as a source of income the purchaser's name, address and principal business activity. If the purchaser's identity is unknown, such as where securities listed on an exchange are sold through a brokerage firm, the source of income should be listed as "sale of (name of company) stock," for example.
- If more than \$2,500 of your gross income was in the form of interest from one particular financial institution (aggregating interest from all CD's, accounts, etc., at that institution), list the name of the institution, its address, and its principal business activity.

Secondary Sources of Income

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)2, F.S.]

This part is intended to require the disclosure of major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses in which you own an interest. It is not for reporting income from second jobs. That kind of income should be reported in "Primary Sources of Income," if it meets the reporting threshold. You will not have anything to report unless, during the disclosure period:

- 1. You owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of a business entity (a corporation, partnership, LLC, limited partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, trust, firm, etc., doing business in Florida); *and*,
- 2. You received more than \$5,000 of your gross income during the disclosure period from that business entity.

If your interests and gross income exceeded these thresholds, then for that business entity you must list every source of income to the business entity which exceeded 10% of the business entity's gross income (computed on the basis of the business entity's most recently completed fiscal year), the source's address, and the source's principal business activity.

Examples:

- You are the sole proprietor of a dry cleaning business, from which you received more than \$5,000. If only one customer, a uniform rental company, provided more than 10% of your dry cleaning business, you must list the name of the uniform rental company, its address, and its principal business activity (uniform rentals).
- You are a 20% partner in a partnership that owns a shopping mall and your partnership income exceeded the above thresholds. List each tenant of the mall that provided more than 10% of the partnership's gross income and the tenant's address and principal business activity.

Real Property

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)3, F.S.]

In this part, list the location or description of all real property in Florida in which you owned directly or indirectly at any time during the disclosure period in excess of 5% of the property's value. You are not required to list your residences. You should list any vacation homes if you derive income from them.

Indirect ownership includes situations where you are a beneficiary of a trust that owns the property, as well as situations where you own more than 5% of a partnership or corporation that owns the property. The value of the property may be determined by the most recently assessed value for tax purposes, in the absence of a more accurate fair market value.

The location or description of the property should be sufficient to enable anyone who looks at the form to identify the property. A street address should be used, if one exists.

Intangible Personal Property

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)3, F.S.]

Describe any intangible personal property that, at any time during the disclosure period, was worth more than \$10,000 and state the business entity to which the property related. Intangible personal property includes things such as cash on hand, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, vehicle leases, interests in businesses, beneficial interests in trusts, money owed you (including, but not limited to, loans made as a candidate to your own campaign), Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) accounts, the Florida Prepaid College Plan, and bank accounts in which you have an ownership

interest. Intangible personal property also includes investment products held in IRAs, brokerage accounts, and the Florida College Investment Plan. <u>Note that the product contained in a brokerage account. IRA. or the Florida College</u> <u>Investment Plan is your asset—not the account or plan itself.</u> Things like automobiles and houses you own, jewelry, and paintings are not intangible property. Intangibles relating to the same business entity may be aggregated; for example, CDs and savings accounts with the same bank. Property owned as tenants by the entirety or as joint tenants with right of survivorship, including bank accounts owned in such a manner, should be valued at 100%. The value of a leased vehicle is the vehicle's present value minus the lease residual (a number found on the lease document).

Liabilities

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)4, F.S.]

List the name and address of each creditor to whom you owed more than \$10,000 at any time during the disclosure period. The amount of the liability of a vehicle lease is the sum of any past-due payments and all unpaid prospective lease payments. You are not required to list the amount of any debt. You do not have to disclose credit card and retail installment accounts, taxes owed (unless reduced to a judgment), indebtedness on a life insurance policy owed to the company of issuance, or contingent liabilities. A "contingent liability" is one that will become an actual liability only when one or more future events occur or fail to occur, such as where you are liable only as a guarantor, surety, or endorser on a promissory note. If you are a "co-maker" and are jointly liable or jointly and severally liable, then it is not a contingent liability.

Interests in Specified Businesses

[Required by s. 112.3145(7), F.S.]

The types of businesses covered in this disclosure include: state and federally chartered banks; state and federal savings and loan associations; cemetery companies; insurance companies; mortgage companies; credit unions; small loan companies; alcoholic beverage licensees; pari-mutuel wagering companies, utility companies, entities controlled by the Public Service Commission; and entities granted a franchise to operate by either a city or a county government.

Disclose in this part the fact that you owned during the disclosure period an interest in, or held any of certain positions with the types of businesses listed above. You must make this disclosure if you own or owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) at any time during the disclosure period more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of one of the types of businesse entities listed above. You also must complete this part of the form for each of these types of businesses for which you are, or were at any time during the disclosure period, an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or agent (other than a resident agent solely for service of process).

If you have or held such a position or ownership interest in one of these types of businesses, list the name of the business, its address and principal business activity, and the position held with the business (if any). If you own(ed) more than a 5% interest in the business, indicate that fact and describe the nature of your interest.

Training Certification

[Required by s. 112.3142, F.S.]

If you are a Constitutional or elected municipal officer appointed school superintendent, a commissioner of a community redevelopment agency created under Part III, Chapter 163, or an elected local officers of independent special districts, including any person appointed to fill a vacancy on an elected special district board, whose service began on or before March 31 of the year for which you are filing, you are required to complete four hours of ethics training which addresses Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and open meetings laws of the state. You are required to certify on this form that you have taken such training.

MEMO

To: Board of Supervisors

From: James P. Ward

Date: January 9, 2023

Re: Commission on Ethics newly established Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System ("EFDMS") website registration, Financial Disclosure Forms, and Ethics Training.

Beginning January 1, 2024, the Florida Commission on Ethics has enacted new procedures for electronic filing of Financial Disclosure forms for Public Officials, as a means of submitting Forms and updating your Filer contact information.

To access the newly established Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System ("EFDMS"), visit the login page (<u>https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/Account/Login</u>) and watch the instructional video for directions on how to register/confirm registration.

If you have filed a Form 1 before, click "I am a Filer" and follow the prompts.

Instructions, FAQs, and tutorials are available from the dashboard within EFDMS. Additional assistance can be obtained Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. by contacting the Commission directly.

Financial disclosure forms are due on or before July 1, 2024 for the preceding calendar year. A grace period is in effect until September 1. If the disclosure is not filed or postmarked by September 1, an automatic fine of \$25 per day will begin to accrue and will continue to build until the disclosure is filed, or the fine reaches \$1,500.

If you have an annual filing requirement AND will be running for office as a qualified elector in November, then you will need to complete your disclosure in EFDMS and submit your filing electronically to the Commission, then print a verification/receipt for e-filing your form or print a copy of your disclosure to file with your Qualifying Officer packet.

It is imperative that each filer take the time to confirm their registration on the EFDMS site, in order to ensure that the Florida Commission on Ethics has updated and correct contact information. All communication about filing requirements and due dates for filers will be provided via email <u>only</u>. Filers MUST maintain a current email address in EFDMS. By law, failure to maintain a current email address will not qualify as an "unusual circumstance" during an appeal of an automatic fine for failure to timely file a Form.

If the annual form is not submitted via the electronic filing system created and maintained by the Florida Commission on Ethics by September 3, 2024, an automatic fine of \$25 for each day late will be imposed, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500. Failure to file also can result in removal from public office [s. 112.3145, F.S.]. In addition, failure to make any required disclosure constitutes grounds for and may be punished by one or more of the following: disqualification from being on the ballot, impeachment, removal or suspension from office, or a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000. [s. 112.317, F.S.].

Also beginning January 1, 2024, all elected local officers of independent special districts, including any person appointed to fill a vacancy on an elected special district board, whose service began on or before March 31st of the year for which you are filing, are now required to complete four (4) hours of Ethics Training each calendar year which addresses Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the Public Records and Open Meetings laws of the State. You are required to certify on this form that you have taken such training.

There is a check box on the Form 1 for Constitutional officers, elected Municipal Officers, and others to certify that they completed the required training. The training is a calendar year requirement and corresponds to the form year.

Constitutional officers elected Municipal Officers, and others should keep track of all ethics training they complete. Please do not send Certificates of Completion or letters verifying that you have received such training; the Commission does not track officers' completed hours. Officials may take training from any source they choose. Options to complete this training are available on the Commissions website: https://www.ethics.state.fl.us/Training/Training.aspx.

As always, if you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me directly at 954-658-4900.

RESOLUTION 2024-1

A RESOLUTION RE-DESIGNATING THE OFFICERS OF THE WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND INVALID PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Wentworth Estates Community Development

District desire to appoint the below recited person(s) to the offices specified.

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

SECTION 1: <u>DESIGNATION OF OFFICER'S OF THE DISTRICT.</u> The following persons are appointed to the offices shown:

Chairman	Joseph Newcomb
Vice Chairman	Robert Cody
Secretary	James P. Ward
Treasurer	James P. Ward
Assistant Secretary	Andrew Gasworth
Assistant Secretary	Steve Barger
Assistant Secretary	Vacant

SECTION 2: 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.

RESOLUTION 2024-1

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SECTION 3: CONFLICT. That all Sections or parts of Sections of any Resolutions, Agreements or actions of the Board of Supervisor's in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4: PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of February 2024

ATTEST:

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

James P. Ward, Secretary

Joseph Newcomb, Chairman

1 2 3 4	COMM	MINUTES OF MEETING WENTWORTH ESTATES IUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	
5 6 7	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Wentworth Estates Community Development District was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., at the Treviso Bay Clubhouse, 9800 Treviso Bay Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34113.		
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9	Present and constituting a qu		
10	Joe Newcomb	Chairperson Vice Chairmenson	
11	Robert Cody	Vice Chairperson	
12	Steve Barger	Assistant Secretary	
13	Joanne Lekas	Assistant Secretary	
14	Andrew Gasworth	Assistant Secretary	
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16	Also present were:		
17	James P. Ward	District Manager	
18	Greg Urbancic	District Attorney	
19	Bruce Bernard	Assets Manager	
20	Richard Freeman	Assets Manager	
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22	Audience:		
23	Joe Herring (ph)	John Miles	
24	Gary Mann (ph)	Katherine O'Leary	
25	Monica Hibbs (ph)	Jim Trebian	
26	Tom Call (ph)	Scott Bertrand	
27	Trisha Call (ph)		
28	Tamara Donovan (ph)		
29	Sue Ruth (ph)		
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31	All residents' names were r	not included with the minutes. If a resident did not identify	
32	themselves or the audio file	did not pick up the name, the name was not recorded in these	
33	minutes.		
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36	PORTIONS OF THIS MEETING WEF	RE TRANSCRIBED VERBATIM. ALL VERBATIM PORTIONS WERE	
37		TRANSCRIBED IN <i>ITALICS</i> .	
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40	FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS	Call to Order/Roll Call	
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42	District Manager James P. Ward calle	d the meeting to order at approximately 8:32 a.m. He conducted	
43	roll call; all Members of the Board wer	re present, constituting a quorum.	
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46	SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS	Notice of Advertisement	
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48	Notice of Advertisement of Public He	aring	

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51 52	THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of Minutes
53 54	March 9, 2023 – Regular Meeting
54 55	Mr. Ward asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections for the Regular Meeting Minutes;
56	hearing none, he called for a motion.
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58	On MOTION made by Steve Barger, seconded by Andrew Gasworth,
59	and with all in favor, the March 9, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
60	were approved.
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63	FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Public Hearing
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65	PUBLIC HEARINGS – FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
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67	Mr. Ward explained the Public Hearing process noting there were two public hearings, the first related
68	to the Budget itself.
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70	a) FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET
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72 72	I. Public Comment and Testimony
73 74	Mr. Ward called for a motion to open the Public Hearing.
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-	On MOTION made by Andrew Gasworth, seconded by Robert Cody
	Mr. Ward explained the District's fiscal year starts on October 1, 2023 and would end on
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83	budget (bond debt assessment) which were fixed assessments on all District lots which
84	had been in place since 2006 and would remain the same year after year. He indicated
85	the bonds were issued in 2005 or 2006 at a 5 or 6 percent interest rate and were
86	refinanced in 2019 at a 2 percent interest rate. He noted the bonds would terminate in
87	November 2037 which meant the fixed Capital Assessment (Debt Assessment) would
88	remain in place until November 2037 at which point only the Operating Assessment would
75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 83 84 85 86 87	Dn MOTION made by Andrew Gasworth, seconded by Robert Cody, and with all in favor, the Public Hearing was opened. Mr. Ward explained the District's fiscal year starts on October 1, 2023 and would end on September 30, 2024. He explained these public hearings were held in the summer months because this was what the law required of all governmental entities. He reported this District's budget was comprised of two parts; the first was the Capital or Debt Assessment budget (bond debt assessment) which were fixed assessments on all District lots which had been in place since 2006 and would remain the same year after year. He indicated the bonds were issued in 2005 or 2006 at a 5 or 6 percent interest rate and were refinanced in 2019 at a 2 percent interest rate. He noted the bonds would terminate in November 2037 which meant the fixed Capital Assessment (Debt Assessment) would

96 and this year (FY'2024) it was proposed to be \$957.30 dollars. He explained the primary 97 reasons for the increase in the budget were mostly due to economic increases through 98 inflation, increased labor prices, lack of materials and increased material prices, which 99 were further increased as a result of Hurricane Ian. He stated this budget had also been 100 impacted by taking on additional services. He noted in the early years most of the services 101 were provided by the Master Homeowner's Association, but over the last four years most 102 of the services for the assets owned by the District were transferred to the CDD. He 103 explained the District (CDD) was responsible for the water management system in the 104 community (lakes, lake banks, drainage pipes), the entranceway from the guardhouse to 41 and then down to the east and west end of the wall. He stated as part of the 105 106 development order for the project, the developer installed landscaping and lighting along Southwest Blvd and this community had an obligation to maintain this landscaping in 107 108 perpetuity. He noted this year's assessment was roughly \$152 dollars more for the year 109 than in Fiscal Year 2023. He asked if there were any members of the public present in person or via audio or video with any comments or questions with respect to the Fiscal 110 Year 2024 Budget. 111

- 113 Mr. Joe Herring asked if the \$152 dollars was per homeowner for the year.
- 115 Mr. Ward responded in the affirmative.
- 117 Mr. Gary Mann asked if the area in front of the former sales office was the CDD's 118 responsibility.
- 120 Mr. Ward responded in the negative.

Ms. Monica Hibbs asked about the Board Members and whether the CDD would ever go away. She indicated she was told normally a CDD would only last for ten years. She stated she had friends in other developments which had a CDD, but no longer had a CDD. She asked when the CDD would end, why it was put in the development, and she indicated she knew one of the Board Members was a representative of Lennar.

128 The Board stated emphatically there were no representatives of Lennar on the CDD Board.

Mr. Joe Newcomb explained the CDD Board Members were policy makers, the CDD was managed by Jim Ward who had several engineers, attorneys and accountants who worked for the District and helped with management. He explained the Board Members were elected officials who made policy for the Wentworth Estates CDD which managed the assets Mr. Ward just described. He stated the Board Members were all residents of Treviso Bay, and there were no longer any Lennar representatives on the Board; it was a fully resident managed CDD.

- 138 Ms. Hibbs asked who elected the Board Members.
- 140 Mr. Joe Newcomb responded the Board Members were elected by Ms. Hibbs and the 141 other residents of Treviso Bay.
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143 Mr. Ward explained every two years there was an election for two or three Board 144 Members depending upon expiration of terms. He stated the next elections would be 145 held in November of 2024 for two Board Members, and then again in November 2026 for 146 three Board Members. He explained CDDs did not go away in the State of Florida; CDDs were governmental agencies created by statute, implemented by local ordinance. He 147 148 stated to the extent that CDDs issued bonds and/or operated and maintained facilities 149 such as this CDD did, as did hundreds and hundreds of CDDs across the state, CDDs never 150 went away. He stated what did go away was the Capital Assessment which had a fixed 151 term. He noted this District's Capital Assessment would go away in 2037. He noted the 152 operational assessments would always be in place. He indicated some Districts were 153 dissolved in the big real estate market bust, and some never "got off their feet," and were dissolved by the state but, generally speaking, no District which had issued bonds or did 154 155 operations had ever been dissolved.

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A member of the Audience asked about the capital improvements and restoration.

159 Mr. Bruce Bernard responded the restoration of the lake banks was being done because 160 the CDD had a permit with South Florida Water Management District that required the banks to have a certain degree of slope. He explained over the years erosion from storms 161 162 and wind affected certain lake banks in the community. He stated the Board voted three 163 years ago to start a program to do lake bank restoration which had never before been 164 done in the community. He indicated this was the third year of the lake bank restoration 165 program, and there were two more years before completion. He noted once this was done, hopefully the Board would include some money in the budget going forward to 166 167 maintain the lake banks which would be less expensive than restoration. He discussed the 168 poor condition of the lake banks, which the lake bank restoration program would fix.

A member of the audience asked about certain projects are covered under the capitalimprovements.

Mr. Bernard stated the only two projects upcoming were for additional fountains or 173 174 aerators in some of the bigger visible lakes within the community. He stated if this budget were approved, installation of two fountains a year would be done for the next three or 175 176 four years; eight to ten more fountains would be installed throughout the community in 177 the bigger visible lakes. He stated the District had 42 lakes with only three fountains. He 178 indicated the fountains which would be installed were nice looking but did only minor 179 aeration; air diffusers which bubbled from the bottom up did a better job helping the 180 clarity and improving oxygenation of the lakes. He stated, starting this year, and over the next three years, since the drainage system in the community was 20 years old, the CDD 181 182 would start videotaping the drainage lines to check for damage. He explained this way, if 183 the line were cracked or damaged, it could be fixed before it caused major issues. He 184 noted currently the CDD was working on the east fountain pump station which was 185 behind the fountain. He explained this found has been having problems for 20 years; the pit was a fiberglass pit, and it was cracking and leaking, and there was concern of flooding, 186 187 so the CDD was in the process of raising the pumps above ground to prevent flooding of 188 the pumps and to make it safer for staff to work on the pumps. He stated if the budget 189 were approved next year the same thing would be done for the pumps behind the west 190 fountain.

- 192 Mr. Herring asked if the east fountain was the entryway fountain.
- 194 Mr. Bernard responded in the affirmative.

196 Mr. Tom Call asked about the tall grasses in the lakes near the shore which were 197 extending deeper into the water over time. He asked if there was a need or a plan to 198 address these grasses.

Mr. Bernard stated the grasses were in place on purpose, and yes, the grasses were being addressed. He explained the CDD's aquatic vendor was working to create a buffer of 8 to 10 feet between the shore and lake which helped with water clarity, worked as a water filter, and also was a buffer during storm events to help prevent erosion. He stated if the buffer grew larger or wider than 8 to 10 feet the grass would be sprayed back.

206 Mr. Tom Call asked about a specific area.

Mr. Bernard explained the area Mr. Call was referring to was by permit supposed to be a wetland preserve area and wetlands were not dug as deep as the regular lakes. He noted when the developer was present, the wetland areas were sprayed down to look like lakes, but per the permit the wetland preserve areas were supposed to be exactly that, wetland preserve areas, so it was a balancing act trying to stay in compliance with the permit and still give residents a lake type view. He stated he would look at the area Mr. Call referenced and see if some of the plants could be cut back.

Ms. Trisha Call asked how much the budget had increased since 2021/2022 and would the
budget continue to increase annually. She noted her realtor also told her the CDD would
be dissolved in 10 years.

220 Mr. Andrew Gasworth noted a large number of the budget increases were due to the HOA transferring maintenance over to the CDD. Conceptually it costs this much to live here. 221 222 We pay this to the HOA and this to the CDD. The HOA is consciously moving that bar so 223 that the CDD chunk is more, and the HOA is a little bit less. If we have to take care of 224 Southwest Blvd, which we do now, the HOA was doing that three years ago. So, you were 225 paying for that out of your HOA, but now it comes from the CDD. So, if the HOA comes to 226 us and says, "can you maintain this area," we are going to do it. We are not going to say 227 no to that Board. And over time we can't predict now what they are going to keep 228 transferring over to us. This year, what did we get? The bridge, the little nature walk on 229 Treviso Bay Blvd, that pond, all that was just transferred to us, so that's a new expense for 230 2024 that was not an expense in 2023. So, we took that, it was about \$60,000 dollars. The 231 Christmas decorations, a little debacle there, but that came over to us this past Christmas 232 and we took care of that. And it doesn't sound like a lot, but that's still \$25,000 dollars 233 right there. A lot of the increases to me are unpredictable as the HOA say, "well, here's 234 something else we'd rather you put on your budget."

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 - Ms. Trisha Call asked why the HOA budget was not being reduced then.

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238 Mr. Andrew Gasworth responded that you would need to ask the HOA about that. *That's* 239 a question for them. When we refinanced a couple of years ago and we brought our 240 interest rate down we probably saved about \$200 dollars per house, but you didn't see 241 that because at the same time, the HOA transferred another \$200 dollars a year per house 242 over to us, so we stayed flat. We would've gone down. It's a hard question to answer to 243 say this is the amount every year. It's inflation and what new tasks we take on.

Mr. Jim Trebian asked about the fees paid for professional services. *Obviously, you are the*District Manager, I can tell that. My question is who is being paid fees. There's a District
Manager and that's you I'm assuming, there's a District Engineer, I'm assuming you must
be the Engineer, no? There's an engineer, an attorney, and several paid positions. I'm just
curious.

251 Mr. Ward: The consulting team consists of my firm, who is the District Manager. We have 252 a District Engineering Firm which is Calvin, Giordano and Associates. There is a District 253 Engineer, and then Bruce and Richard work for that firm, so they handle a dual role as Asset Manager and District Engineer. They are separate line items for budgeting purposes, 254 255 but it's one firm. We do have a District Attorney, Greg Urbancic, who you can't see him, 256 but I can on my screen here. He does attend Board Meetings and provides us excellent 257 legal counsel and when he's on the screen I can see his diplomas behind him. That's it. 258 There are no employees of this District. We are all consulting teams. All of the vendors we 259 use are all separate contracts that we enter into with whatever the firm is we are using for 260 landscaping or aquatic maintenance or removing cane toads or whatever it may be that 261 we provide service for.

263 Mr. Trebian: I see \$200,000 dollars for fiscal budget 2024 for long-term capital planning 264 tool. Is that new or does that happen on every budget?

266 Mr. Joe Newcomb: That's new. We have no reserve capital, so now we are starting to 267 make a capital reserve so if we have a big storm event and we have a million dollars' 268 worth of damage or whatever, we've got the capital to take care of it. Just shy of half of 269 the increase this year is due to that reserve fund.

271 Mr. Trebian: It looks to me, if the budget is \$1.4 million dollars, if you take the \$200,000
272 dollars out, the budget is almost flat.

274 *Mr. Ward: Not quite, but some of it is, as you pointed out, we are adding to our capital* 275 *reserves for extraordinary events that may occur.*

- 277Mr. Trebian: Of all these line items, I assume we are going out and getting multiple quotes278before we commit? For example, \$20,000 dollars to install the Christmas lights seems279excessive to me. Maybe it's not. Maybe it's cheap, I don't know. But the question is, we280are talking with multiple vendors and negotiating with them?
- 282 Mr. Ward: So, the days of negotiating are not really there at the moment. It's a difficult 283 market we are in. Finding a vendor is the hard part right now, but as a rule we do try to 284 get multiple vendors. Christmas decorations this year have been particularly difficult. 285 There are not a lot of vendors in this county to begin with that even do that, but one of

them happened to have passed away this year, so we were down to one vendor. But the
bigger picture is we do our best to look at multiple vendors.

289 Mr. Trebian: The fiscal rate for 2024 is \$957 dollars per door, but on my tax bill this year, 290 my fee being paid to the CDD was \$1,900. Is the difference the bond? The debt portion is 291 the remainder of the \$1,100 dollars?

- 293 Mr. Ward: Yes. Correct.
- 295 Mr. Trebian: So, in 2037 that \$1,100 goes away?
- 297 Mr. Ward: Yes, sir.

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299 Mr. Joe Newcomb: You can pay that off in advance if you want.

Mr. Herring: I just wanted to add, for your information, Lennar was not required to put in
 capital reserves, so the duly elected board established capital reserves. Now the CDD is
 doing the same thing. The CDD/HOA piece, you're paying both. So is everyone in this room
 who is a property owner.

Mr. Trebian: I think some of the sensitivity is, there's a 19 percent increase here, we all know what we are voting on now for the improvements in the community, it seems like every time you turn around this is going up, that is going up, and I think there's some sensitivity in the community to that. Now, I'll be the first to say we want to keep this a beautiful place and we have to be fiscally responsible, but I think that's one of the reasons why there's so much attention being paid to all of this now. I don't know if there are more people in attendance today.

Mr. Andrew Gasworth: Our meetings are open to anyone, typically one or two people might show up, more often than not no one shows up. Anyone is welcome to attend and hear what we're talking about. Everything is transparent. It's on the website. We record this and this is typed up literally verbatim of what is said in this room, and you can read it on the website if you're interested in how we came to some of these decisions. It's all available. It's all transparent.

321 Mr. John Miles discussed why he and his wife chose to move to Treviso Bay (Wentworth 322 Estates). He indicated he researched the various developments and their boards and how 323 they were run, and he found nothing which compared to Treviso Bay. He stated Treviso 324 Bay was run like a billion-dollar corporation, and he had worked with billion-dollar 325 corporations. He indicated he understood the comments regarding sensitivity of price 326 increases, but this was happening throughout the U.S., and on top of this was Hurricane 327 Ian. He complemented and applauded the CDD Board and staff, as well as those who 328 attended today's meeting, in an effort to understand the budget and the CDD. He noted 329 there were rumors going around which were absolutely false, and he recommended the 330 homeowners do the research, see what the CDD did and how much time was spent in maintaining and bettering the community. He thanked and complimented the CDD. He 331 332 stated he was surprised at how low the budget actually was, and he believed this was one 333 of the top communities in Naples.

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335	Ms. Hibbs asked if there was a limit on what the HOA could transfer to the CDD.
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337	Mr. Ward explained there was not much left for the HOA to transfer. He noted the CDD
338	owned the irrigation reuse pump system, or pump house, at the entrance, which was a
339	pretty costly item to maintain. He noted this was currently being maintained by the HOA
340	and the HOA could transfer that to the CDD at some point, but something always seemed
341	to come up which was an unknown and it was determined to be something the CDD
342	should handle, but the only big thing he was aware of was the pump house. He discussed
343	the small things which built up and turned into larger things which the CDD became
344	responsible for and impacted the CDD \$20,000 or \$30,000 dollars at a time which added
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347	A member of the audience: So, the transfer from the HOA to the CDD, these are not willy
348	nilly that Scott calls up and says, hey, we don't want to pay for paper cups anymore, will
349	you guys take it over? These are prescribed items that the CDD can take that other CDDs
350	could possibly be doing, but we just haven't caught up from an HOA to a CDD. We only
351	maintain assets that we own, correct?
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353	Mr. Ward: Yes.
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355	Mr. Andrew Gasworth: I think generally, Lennar handled it all together when they were in
356	control, and it's taken years to sort that stuff out. We really only manage assets we own,
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359	Mr. Ward: Correct.
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361	A member of the audience: The HOA is not saying, hey, we have to keep our budget down,
362	let's give stuff to the CDD. This is just a natural progression of where the expenses should
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365	Mr. Ward: Correct.
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367	Ms. Tamara Donovan: Two questions, as far as the lakes are concerned, did we get any
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370	Mr. Ward: No.
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372	Ms. Donovan: Did we get any funding or relief concerning lan with any of the things that
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375	Mr. Ward: No. You live in a gated community. It doesn't qualify for any State funding or
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378	Ms. Katherine O'leary: What is the advantage to the community for transferring an item
379	from the HOA to the CDD? I don't understand.
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381 *Mr. Joe Newcomb: Primarily because the CDD might be better equipped to deal with that*382 *item. We have engineers on our consulting team, the HOA does not.*

384 Mr. Andrew Gasworth: It also comes out to who owns the asset. A couple of meetings ago 385 it came up where we found a couple of ponds where the banks weren't cut down low 386 enough, and the HOA happened to be cutting one, because they didn't know, and we said 387 that's our asset, we'll do it. I'm forgetting the details.

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Mr. Scott Bertrand: What we as the HOA hand over to the CDD is always infrastructure related items, and it's always items that are not on our property. We don't have the authority by the statutes to maintain assets that are not on our property. For instance, the walkways that are in the preserves, we don't own the preserves, the CDD owns the preserves. We can't maintain them. That's why when we find these items, it's a 1,500acre property, sometimes we find things and say oh, wow, look at that.

398 Mr. Joe Herring: *Who manages the alligators and wild boars.*

Mr. Ward: Scott does.

402 Ms. Sue Ruth: The pond at Casoria is covered in algae or something. I know when I looked 403 at the minutes that the two fountains would be in Avellino and Trevi. Is there a reason 404 other than why they are lined up why some ponds seem to have more moving water and 405 they are able to not have the stuff on the top?

407 Mr. Steve Barger: That's not a budget issue. Can we get to that later?

409 Mr. Ward asked if there were any additional questions; hearing none, he called for a 410 motion to close the Public Hearing.

412 Mr. Andrew Gasworth: Thank you all for your questions. Just to reiterate, every one of us 413 is a full-time owner resident here at Treviso Bay. I don't want to imply we work for the 414 CDD or the government. We represent the community, and we live here, and we love this 415 place and that's why we do this and spend the time and we definitely take your interests 416 into account. Thank you all for showing up.

On MOTION made by Steve Barger, seconded by Andrew Gasworth, and with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.

- 421 II. Resident response via Email
- 423 III. Board Comment and Consideration
- 425 Mr. Ward asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board; there were none.
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428	. Consideration of Resolution 2023-3, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors adopting the Annual Appropriation and Budget for Fiscal Year 2024
429 430 431 432	Mr. Ward called for a motion to approve the budget beginning October 1, 2023 and ending on September 30, 2024.
433 434 435	On MOTION made by Andrew Gasworth, seconded by Joanne Lekas, and with all in favor, Resolution 2023-3 was adopted, and the Chair was authorized to sign.
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439	FISCAL YEAR 2024 IMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; ADOPTING AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, APPROVING THE GENERAL FUND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY AND SETTING AN OPERATIONSAND MAINTENANCE CAP FOR NOTICE PURPOSES
442	Mr. Ward indicated this public hearing was related to two resolutions; one would put the assessment in place, the \$957 dollars, and second it would adopt the cap rate for this year.
	. Public Comment and Testimony
446 447 448	Mr. Ward called for a motion to open the Public Hearing.
449 450	On MOTION made by Robert Cody, seconded by Andrew Gasworth, and with all in favor, the Public Hearing was opened.
451 452 453 454	Mr. Ward noted this public hearing was to answer any questions about the assessment rate of \$957 dollars or the cap rate of \$1,148.76 dollars. He asked if there were any members of the public with any comments or questions.
455 456	Ms. Hibbs: What does ERU mean?
457 458 459 460	Mr. Ward: The words mean equivalent residential unit, but in this instance, it means each house, each door.
461 462	Mr. Trebian: If approved the rate will go from \$957 dollars to \$1,148 dollars?
463 464 465 466 467	<i>Mr. Steve Barger:</i> responded in the negative; \$957 dollars was approved and was the rate. He explained the \$1,148 dollars was the cap rate; the cap rate was set into place so in the future if the CDD Board increased the budget over the cap rate, a physical mailing would have to go out to the entire community to notify the community of the change in the budget.
468 469 470	Mr. Trebian: asked how much it cost to do the mailing.
470 471 472 473	Mr. Ward responded it cost approximately \$5,000 dollars to do the mailing. He explained the cap rate was put into place, so the CDD did not have to send out a physical mailing annually.

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475		Mr. Steve Barger: explained the budget and associated public hearing was still publicly		
476		noticed annually, but through the newspaper, not a mailing. He stated residents could go		
477		on the website and see the budget every year or come to the meetings.		
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479		Ms. Hibbs: asked if her taxes were going to go up by \$957 dollars this year.		
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481		Discussion ensued regarding taxes going up by \$152 dollars this year or \$13 dollars a		
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484		Mr. Ward asked if there were any additional questions; hearing none, he called for a		
485		motion to close the Public Hearing.		
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487		On MOTION made by Steve Barger, seconded by Joe Newcomb, and		
488		with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.		
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492		Mr. Ward asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board; there were none.		
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494		Consideration of Resolution 2023-4, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors imposing special		
495		assessments, adopting an assessment roll, and approving the General Fund Special Assessment		
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498		Mr. Ward called for a motion.		
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501		with all in favor, Resolution 2023-4 was adopted, and the Chair was		
501		authorized to sign.		
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504	IV.	Consideration of Resolution 2023-5, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors establishing an		
505		Operation and Maintenance Assessment CAP for Notice purposes.		
506		Mr. Ward called for a motion.		
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509		On MOTION made by Robert Cody, seconded by Joe Newcomb, and		
510		with all in favor, Resolution 2023-5 was adopted, and the Chair was		
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514	FIFTH	ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of Resolution 2023-6		
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516		deration of Resolution 2023-6, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors designating dates, time,		
517	and lo	ocation for regular meeting of the Board of Supervisor's for Fiscal Year 2023.		
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519	Staff I	Reports were addressed before this Item was discussed.		
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521 Mr. Ward indicated Resolution 2023-6 sets the meeting dates for 2024 that would be held the second 522 Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Treviso Bay Clubhouse. He indicated the dates and times 523 could be changed if necessary. He asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he called for a 524 motion. 525 On MOTION made by Andrew Gasworth, seconded by Steve Barger, 526 527 and with all in favor, Resolution 2023-6 was adopted, and the Chair 528 was authorized to sign. 529 530 Mr. Steve Barger: Just so you know, we meet the second Thursday of each month if we need to meet. The Agenda will be on the website a week in advance. We don't meet every month, but we can. 531 532 533 *Mr. Trebian: Is there a Zoom option for those of us heading north?* 534 535 Mr. Ward: Yes, we use a program called WebEx. It is both audio and video calling. You can do both. 536 537 Ms. Hibbs: asked if it would be less expensive and easier if the HOA sent out the notices. 538 539 Mr. Ward: The District is a governmental agency, as I mentioned to you. As with all governments, we 540 are required to advertise in a certain way. We are also required by law to have a website, so the legal 541 advertising, we try to keep the costs down. We do the ad for the entire year's board meetings once 542 instead of doing it every month. That obviously saves money. The only other major newspaper 543 advertising we have is for this public hearing. That's kind of pricy, but it's required to be done by law. 544 We do maintain a website which is where we encourage people to go to. The Board meeting dates, time 545 and location are all on there. The Agendas for the meetings are posted 7 days in advance. Any 546 information you might need, we have a ton of records on there that you can look at, our financials, budgets, audits, all of that is on there and we would encourage you to look at that. 547 548 Mr. Trebian: I think an opportunity to better educate the community as to who the CDD is, what they do, 549 550 I mean a lot of the people I talk to have no idea who the CDD is or what they do. There is just maybe an 551 opportunity to, and you could do it through many different forums. You could do it through a Facebook 552 page. I think the more you educate people the more buy in you'll get from people and any potential 553 resistance will dissipate. 554 555 Mr. Andrew Gasworth: Could you bring that up with the HOA Board. That's a good comment for the 556 HOA Board. 557 558 Discussion continued about the District educating the public about the CDD. 559 560 Mr. Steve Barger: We are governed by the Sunshine Law. We cannot conduct any business or 561 communicate with each other about CDD business except in a noticed public meeting. 562 563 Mr. Joe Newcomb: Somehow when I was on the first Board, I was the Board Liaison to the CDD. So, 564 every meeting I communicated a summary of what the CDD was doing and that encouraged people who 565 wanted more information to go to the CDD website, so I'm going to recommend that personally to the 566 Board. I will take that up at a Board Meeting. 567

569	SIX	CTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Staff Reports	
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571	١.	District Attorney	
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573		Mr. Greg Urbancic: Both Houses of the Legislature have passed a bill which is awaiting Go	vernor
574		action which would require you to take a 4-hour.	
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576		Mr. Ward: How about I paraphrase for you because the audience can't hear you. Just f	
577		Board's information, Legislature this year adopted a piece of legislation regarding ethics train	
578		Board members. It has been in place for years, but it has never applied to CDD Board member	
579		4 hours of training you will have to go through on a yearly basis. The details of how you are go	-
580		do that has not been identified by the state, but this coming year you'll get either individual no	tice or
581		Greg and I will notify you of what you will need to do for your ethics training this year.	
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583	١١.	District Engineer	
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587	III.	Asset Manager	
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589	a)) Operations Reports April 1, 2023	
590	b)) Operations Report May 1, 2023	
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592		Mr. Richard Freeman reported the east fountain remained out of service but should be u	ip and
593		running in approximately two weeks; the delay was due to waiting for parts. He reported th	ie lake
594		bank vendor continued to maintain the lakes on 25 and this should be done in a few week	<s. he<="" td=""></s.>
595		noted there was a problem with Chara algae on Lake 7 and the aquatic vendor sprayed the are	ea and
596		it would take 4 to 6 weeks for the chemical to work, and he was looking at other options.	
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598		A member of the audience: asked if the algae could be raked out of the lake.	
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600		Mr. Freeman explained raking out the lake would actually cause the algae to spread. He	stated
601		when the chemical kicked in, the algae would sink to the bottom of the lake. He noted rain	would
602		help this happen.	
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604		Mr. Bernard stated Lake 7 usually had this problem the worst. He explained it was a combination	tion of
605		low water levels, lack of rain and movement, and fertilization on the properties. He explain	ed the
606		fertilizer applied to lawns in April moved into the lakes and promoted Chara growth. He	stated
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608		hopefully now that the algae was treated, when it rained it would settle to the bottom.	
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610		Discussion ensued regarding where Lake 7 was located; the problems with the lake; and the	water
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613		A member of the audience asked about dredging the lakes.	
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615 Mr. Bernard responded in the negative; the CDD would not be dredging the lakes. He stated the 616 fountains were identified for other lakes, but if the Board decided to move the fountains to a 617 different location this could be done. He stated he believed Lake 7 was slated for a fountain in two 618 years, but if the Board wished to switch Lake 7 to this year, it was up to the Board. He explained 619 installing a fountain in Lake 7 would not alleviate the problem with algae, it would only lessen the 620 amount of Chara (Muskgrass). He noted there was a fountain in the big lake by the bridge, and the 621 big lake still got Chara.

- 623 *Mr. Steve Barger:* asked if a fountain or a bubbler would be better for algae prevention.
- 625 Mr. Bernard responded it was a matter of aesthetics or water movement.
- 627 Mr. Joe Herring asked what mechanical device could be installed to keep algae out of the lake.

629 Mr. Bernard responded there was no mechanical device which would keep algae out of any lake. He 630 stated he worked in five other Districts and all of them had Chara. He explained it was something 631 that happened. He noted you could only attempt to control the outbreaks. He stated aerators 632 would move the water and help, but it was more a matter of the amount of water in the lake, how 633 low the water level was and how much fertilizer ran into the lakes. He noted the algae only seemed 634 to grow when the water levels dropped.

- 636 Mr. Joe Herring asked if dredging would help. He noted he lived on a lake previously which 637 occasionally needed to be dredged and it seemed to help with algae problems. He stated ensuring 638 the banks were not over fertilized helped.
- 640 Mr. Bernard stated ensuring lawncare crews did not blow clippings into storm drains also helped.
- Discussion continued regarding Chara in the lakes, the lakes in the community with no Chara versus
 the lakes with Chara, and water movement between the lakes.
- 645 Mr. Bernard indicated he would run cameras through the pipes to ensure there was no blockage 646 between lake 7 and the three lakes which fed into it.
- 648 A member of the audience asked about the possibility of dredging the lakes.

650 Mr. Bernard stated dredging was a major expense, where to put a dredge in Lake 7 was a challenge, 651 as well as where the material dredged out of the lake would be placed. He stated the material 652 dredged out of the lake had to be stacked and dried and there was no place to do this. He noted it 653 was a complicated process for which the CDD would need permits from South Florida Water 654 Management District. He indicated it would be very disruptive and very expensive.

- 556 Discussion ensued regarding the difficulty in dredging the lake; and how bad the algae was in the 557 lake compared to prior years.
- 659 A member of the audience asked if this situation would resolve itself once the rains start. She noted 660 it was just unfortunate that this was the lake visible upon entry into Treviso Bay.
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664 spread. 665 A member of the audience asked about the previously installed buoys. 666 667 668 Mr. Bernard responded the results were mixed; they helped in a few lakes but did not help in others 669 and it would cost \$90,000 dollars per year to maintain. 670 671 **IV.** District Manager 672 673 a) Important Board Meeting Dates for Balance of Fiscal Year 2023: 674 1. June 8 – Regular Meeting Canceled b) Supervisor of Elections Qualified Elector Report dated April 15, 2023 675 676 c) Review of the Sunshine Laws and Code of Ethics 677 d) Financial Statements for period ending March 31, 2023 (unaudited) 678 c) Financial Statements for period ending April 30, 2023 (unaudited) 679 680 Mr. Ward indicated Resolution 2023-6 needed to be addressed. Resolution 2023-6 was discussed 681 and adopted (please see above). Mr. Ward continued with his Staff Report. He asked the Board to 682 add Resolution 2023-7 which would amend the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. The reason for the 683 amendment is from Hurricane Ian we have had some damage to a particular lake bank, I understand 684 it's the one right behind us here, that cannot wait another year or two. It's not actually scheduled for 685 two more years in the Lake Bank Restoration Program, so the sole purpose of the Budget 686 Amendment was to allow us to move the necessary funds to repair this lake bank out here in the amount of \$50,000 dollars. All it does is reduce your cash balance for the current fiscal year a little 687 688 below what I had anticipated it to be in the budget. He asked if there were any questions; hearing 689 none, he called for a motion. 690 691 Discussion ensued about where the lake was located. 692 693 On MOTION made by Steve Barger, seconded by Andrew Gasworth, and with all in favor, Resolution 2023-7 was adopted, and the Chair 694 695 was authorized to sign. 696 697 Mr. Ward: The Supervisor of Elections is required to advise you of the number of qualified electors in the District as of April 15th each year. You have 1,036. It does not matter because you have already 698 699 transitioned from a developer board to a landowner board, but I will note that of record for you, and 700 I will do that every year as we get these reports. 701 702 703 SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Supervisor's Requests and Audience Comments** 704 705 Mr. Ward asked if there were any Supervisor's requests or questions from the Board. 706 707 Mr. Joe Newcomb: indicated the Board appreciated the audience today; it was good people were paying 708 attention. 709

Mr. Bernard stated he asked the aquatic vendor the same thing, and the vendor did not recommend

trying to rake the algae out of the lake. He stated the vendor explained raking it would cause it to

710 711	Mr. Ward asked if there were any audience mem	bers with any comments or questions.	
712 713 714	Mr. Herring stated I just wanted to pass out these photos, and he distributed photos of Lake 7 to the Board members.		
715 716	Discussion ensued regarding where Lake 7 was lo	ocated.	
717 718	Mr. Herring discussed the photos.		
719 720	Mr. Gary Mann: thanked the Board for its openne	ess today.	
721 722 723 724	Mr. Ward asked if there were any additional q none.	uestions or comments from the audience; there were	
725 726 727	EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Next Meeting Date	
728 729	NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Adjournment	
730 731	Mr. Ward adjourned the meeting at approximate	ly 9:15 a.m.	
732 733	On MOTION made by Joe New with all in favor, the meeting wa	comb, seconded by Robert Cody, and as adjourned.	
734 735 736 737	V	Ventworth Estates Community Development District	
738 739 740	James P. Ward, Secretary	loe Newcomb, Chairman	
WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors Wentworth Estates Community Development District Collier County, Florida

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, of Wentworth Estates Community Development District, Collier County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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, 2023, 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.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
 fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
 include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
 statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control–related matters that we identified during the audit.

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 is the responsibility of management and, 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 Included in the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the other information included in the financial report. The other information comprises the information for compliance with FL Statute 218.39 (3) (c) but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 18, 2023, 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 contr

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December 18, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of Wentworth Estates Community Development District, Collier County, Florida ("District") provides a narrative overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the District's Independent Auditor's Report, basic financial statements, accompanying notes and supplementary information to the basic financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets plus deferred outflows of resources of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year resulting in a net position balance of \$13,843,064.
- The change in the District's total net position in comparison with the prior fiscal year was (\$333,976), a decrease. The decrease is the result of depreciation expense recognized in the government-wide financial statements. Depreciation expense represents amortization of capital assets purchased by the District in prior fiscal years. It does not represent cash outflows of current year's program revenues. Since depreciation expense is not a cash outflow, it is not budgeted by the District. The key components of the District's net position and change in net position are reflected in the table in the government-wide financial analysis section.
- At September 30, 2023, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$982,406, an increase of \$162,674 in comparison with the prior fiscal year. The total fund balance is restricted for debt service and the remainder is unassigned fund balance which is available for spending at the District's discretion.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as the introduction to the District's financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all the District's assets, deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows with the residual amount being reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements include all governmental activities that are principally supported by special assessment revenues. The District does not have any business-type activities. The governmental activities of the District include the general government (management) and maintenance functions.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has one fund category: governmental funds.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains two governmental funds for external reporting. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund and debt service fund, both of which are considered major funds.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of an entity's financial position. In the case of the District, assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

Key components of the District's net position are reflected in the following table:

NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30,

	2023			2022
Current and other assets	\$	1,035,993	\$	944,499
Capital assets, net of depreciation		32,980,946		34,723,696
Total assets		34,016,939		35,668,195
Deferred amount on refunding		61,570		66,306
Current liabilities		226,445		303,461
Long-term liabilities		20,009,000		21,254,000
Total liabilities		20,235,445		21,557,461
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets		13,033,516		13,536,002
Restricted		130,085		113,323
Unrestricted		679,463		527,715
Total net position	\$	13,843,064	\$	14,177,040

The District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, land improvements, and infrastructure) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are used to provide services to residents; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

The restricted portion of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position may be used to meet the District's other obligations.

The District's net position decreased during the most recent fiscal year.

Key elements of the change in net position are reflected in the following table:

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,							
		2023		2022			
Revenues:							
Program revenues							
Charges for services	\$	2,820,017	\$	2,708,857			
Operating grants and contributions		9,013		37			
General revenues		-		10,775			
Total revenues		2,829,030		2,719,669			
Expenses:							
General government		163,738		175,596			
Maintenance and operations*		2,571,503		2,446,408			
Interest		427,765		416,883			
Total expenses		3,163,006		3,038,887			
Change in net position		(333,976)		(319,218)			
Net position - beginning		14,177,040		14,496,258			
Net position - ending	\$	13,843,064	\$	14,177,040			

CHANGES IN NET POSITION

*Includes depreciation expense of \$1,742,750 for current fiscal year and prior fiscal year.

As noted above and in the statement of activities, the cost of all governmental activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was \$3,163,006. The costs of the District's activities were primarily funded by program revenues. The majority of the increase in expenses results from and increase in maintenance costs.

GENERAL BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS

An operating budget was adopted and maintained by the governing board for the District pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in preparation of the fund financial statements. The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was amended to increase revenues by \$50,000 and increase appropriations by \$50,000.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At September 30, 2023, the District had \$58,043,060 invested in capital assets for its governmental activities. In the government-wide financial statements depreciation of \$25,062,114 has been taken, which resulted in a net book value of \$32,980,946.

Capital Debt

At September 30, 2023, the District had \$20,009,000 Bonds outstanding for its governmental activities. More detailed information about the District's capital debt is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND OTHER EVENTS

The District anticipates an increase in maintenance expenses for the subsequent fiscal year.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, land owners, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the financial resources it manages and the stewardship of the facilities it maintains. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Wentworth Estates Community Development District at the office of the District Manager, James P. Ward at 2301 Northeast 37th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308, (954) 658-4900.

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities		
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	733,050	
Restricted assets:			
Investments		302,943	
Capital assets:			
Nondepreciable	Ę	5,830,263	
Depreciable, net	27	7,150,683	
Total assets	34	1,016,939	
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		61 570	
Deferred amount on refunding		61,570	
Total deferred outflows of resources		61,570	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		53,587	
Accrued interest payable		172,858	
Non-current liabilities:			
Due within one year		1,260,000	
Due in more than one year	18	3,749,000	
Total liabilities	20	0,235,445	
		<u> </u>	
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	13	3,033,516	
Restricted for debt service		130,085	
Unrestricted		679,463	
Total net position	\$ 13	3,843,064	

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

							Ne	et (Expense)
							R	evenue and
							Ch	anges in Net
			Program Revenues					Position
					Ор	erating		
	Charges for Grants and					Go	overnmental	
Functions/Programs	I	Expenses		Services	Contributions		Activities	
Primary government:								
Governmental activities:								
General government	\$	163,738	\$	1,140,133	\$	-	\$	976,395
Maintenance and operations*		2,571,503		-		-		(2,571,503)
Interest on long-term debt		427,765		1,679,884		9,013		1,261,132
Total governmental activities		3,163,006		2,820,017		9,013		(333,976)
			Change in net position					(333,976)
			Ne	et position - b	peginni	ing		14,177,040
			Ne	et position - e	ending		\$	13,843,064

*Includes depreciation expense of \$1,742,750 for current fiscal year.

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

		Major	ls	Total		
	(General	Del	ot Service	Go	overnmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	733,050	\$	-	\$	733,050
Investments		-		302,943		302,943
Total assets	\$	733,050	\$	302,943	\$	1,035,993
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:	é	50 507	•		•	50 507
Accounts payable	\$	53,587	\$	-	\$	53,587
Total liabilities		53,587		-		53,587
Fund balances: Restricted for:						
Debt service		-		302,943		302,943
Unassigned		679,463		-		679,463
Total fund balances		679,463		302,943		982,406
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	733,050	\$	302,943	\$	1,035,993

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Fund balance - governmental funds		\$ 982,406
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. The statement of net position includes those capital assets, net of any accumlated depreciation, in the net position of the government as a whole.		
Cost of capital assets Accumulated depreciation	58,043,060 (25,062,114)	32,980,946
Deferred amount on refunding of debt are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. The statements of net position includes these costs, net of amortization.		61,570
Liabilities not due and payable from current available resources are not reported as liabilities in the governmental fund statements. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the government-wide financial statements.		01,010
Accrued interest payable Bonds payable	(172,858) (20,009,000)	(20,181,858)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ 13,843,064

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

		Major		Total			
	General Debt Service					Governmental Funds	
REVENUES	. <u> </u>	General				Fullus	
Special assessments	\$	1,140,133	\$	1,679,884	\$	2,820,017	
Interest earnings		-		9,013		9,013	
Total revenues		1,140,133		1,688,897		2,829,030	
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government		159,632		4,106		163,738	
Maintenance and operations		828,753		-		828,753	
Debt service:							
Principal		-		1,245,000		1,245,000	
Interest		-		428,865		428,865	
Total expenditures		988,385		1,677,971		2,666,356	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues							
over (under) expenditures		151,748		10,926		162,674	
Fund balances - beginning		527,715		292,017		819,732	
Fund balances - ending	\$	679,463	\$	302,943	\$	982,406	

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 162,674
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Repayment of long-term liabilities are reported as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements, but such repayments reduce liabilities in the statement of net position and are eliminated in the statement of activities.	1,245,000
Amortization of the deferred charge on refunding is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements, but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.	(4,736)
Depreciation of capital assets is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements, but is reported as anexpenses in the statement of activities.	(1,742,750)
The change in accrued interest on long-term liabilities between the current and prior fiscal year is recorded in the statement of activities, but not in the governmental fund financial statements.	5,836
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ (333,976)

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND REPORTING ENTITY

The Wentworth Estates Community Development District (the "District") was created on June 14, 2004 by Ordinance 2004-37 (amended by Ordinance 2006-13) of Collier County, Florida pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, otherwise known as Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The Act provides among other things, the power to manage basic services for community development, power to borrow money and issue bonds, and to levy and assess non-ad valorem assessments for the financing and delivery of capital infrastructure.

The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of a portion of the infrastructure necessary for community development within the District.

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), which is composed of five members. The Supervisors are elected by qualified electors within the District. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercise all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

The Board has the responsibility for:

- 1. Allocating and levying assessments.
- 2. Approving budgets.
- 3. Approving the hiring and firing of key personnel.
- 4. Financing improvements.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statements. Under the provisions of those standards, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the District is considered to be financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that, if excluded, the financial statements of the District would be considered incomplete or misleading. There are no entities considered to be component units of the District; therefore, the financial statements include only the operations of the District.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment. Operating-type special assessments for maintenance and debt service are treated as charges for services; and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement* focus and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Assessments are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are to be recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Assessments

The District's Assessments are included on the property tax bill that all landowner's receive. The Florida Statutes provide that special assessments may be collected by using the Uniform Method. Under the Uniform Method, the District's Assessments will be collected together with County and other taxes. These Assessments will appear on a single tax bill issued to each landowner subject to such. The statutes relating to enforcement of County taxes provide that County taxes become due and payable on November 1 of the year when assessed or soon thereafter as the certified tax roll is received by the Tax Collector and constitute a lien upon the land from January 1 of such year until paid or barred by operation of law. Such taxes (together with any assessments, being collected by the Uniform Method) are to be billed, and landowners in the District are required to pay all such taxes and assessments, without preference in payment of any particular increment of the tax bill, such as the increment owing for the District's Assessments. Upon any receipt of moneys by the Tax Collector from the Assessments, such moneys will be delivered to the District.

All city, county, school and special district ad valorem taxes, non-ad valorem special assessments and voterapproved ad valorem taxes levied to pay principal of and interest on bonds, including the District Assessments, that are collected by the Uniform Method are payable at one time. If a taxpayer does not make complete payment of the total amount, he or she cannot designate specific line items on his or her tax bill as deemed paid in full and such partial payment is not to be accepted and is to be returned to the taxpayer, provided, however that a taxpayer may contest a tax assessment pursuant to certain conditions in Florida Statutes and other applicable law.

Under the Uniform Method, if the Assessments are paid during November when due or at any time within thirty (30) days after the mailing of the original tax notice or during the following three months, the taxpayer is granted a variable discount equal to 4% in November and decreasing one percentage point per month to 1% in February. March payments are without discount. Pursuant to Section 197.222, Florida Statutes, taxpayers may elect to pay estimated taxes, which may include non-ad valorem special assessments such as the District's Assessments in quarterly installments with a variable discount equal to 6% on June 30 decreasing to 3% on December 31, with no discount on March 31. All unpaid taxes and assessments become delinquent on April 1 of the year following assessment, and the Tax Collector is required to collect taxes prior to April 1 and after that date to institute statutory procedures upon delinquency to collect assessed taxes. Delay in the mailing of tax notices to taxpayers may result in a delay throughout this process.

Certain taxpayers that are entitled to claim homestead tax exemption under Section 196.031(1), Florida Statutes may defer payment of a portion of the taxes and non-ad valorem assessments and interest accumulated on a tax certificate, which may include non-ad valorem special assessments. Deferred taxes and assessments bear interest at a variable rate not to exceed 7%. The amount that may be deferred varies based on whether the applicant is younger than age 65 or is 65 years old or older; provided that applicants with a household income for the previous calendar year of less than \$10,000 or applicants with less than the designated amount for the additional homestead exemption under Section 196.075, Florida Statutes that are 65 years old or older may defer taxes and assessments in their entirety.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

Assessments (Continued)

Collection of Delinquent Assessments under the Uniform Method is, in essence, based upon the sale by the Tax Collector of "tax certificates" and remittance of the proceeds of such sale to the District for payment of the Assessments due.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund

The general fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on long-term debt.

Capital Projects Fund

This fund accounts for the financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major infrastructure within the District. The fund was closed out during the current fiscal year.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first for qualifying expenditures, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity

Restricted Assets

These assets represent cash and investments set aside pursuant to Bond covenants or other contractual restrictions.

Deposits and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits (interest and non-interest bearing).

The District has elected to proceed under the Alternative Investment Guidelines as set forth in Section 218.415 (17) Florida Statutes. The District may invest any surplus public funds in the following:

- a) The Local Government Surplus Trust Funds, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act;
- b) Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency;
- c) Interest bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories;
- d) Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

Securities listed in paragraph c and d shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

The District records all interest revenue related to investment activities in the respective funds. Investments are measured at amortized cost or reported at fair value as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets

Capital assets which include property, plant and equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks and similar items) are reported in the government activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant and equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Infrastructure	20-30
Improvements	10-20

In the governmental fund financial statements, amounts incurred for the acquisition of capital assets are reported as fund expenditures. Depreciation expense is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

Refundings of Debt

For current refundings and advance refundings resulting in the defeasance of debt, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is reported as a deferred outflow of resources/deferred inflow of resources and recognized ratably as a component of interest expense over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter. In connection with the refunding, \$4,736 was recognized as a component of interest expense in the current fiscal year.

Unearned Revenue

Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized ratably over the life of the Bonds. Bonds payable are reported net of applicable premiums or discounts. Bond issuance costs are expensed when incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Fund Equity/Net Position

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report non spendable and restricted fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Assignments of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

The District can establish limitations on the use of fund balance as follows:

<u>Committed fund balance</u> – Amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Supervisors. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the Board of Supervisors taking the same formal action (resolution) that imposed the constraint originally. Resources accumulated pursuant to stabilization arrangements sometimes are reported in this category.

<u>Assigned fund balance</u> – Includes spendable fund balance amounts established by the Board of Supervisors that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted nor committed. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover differences in estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Assignments are generally temporary and normally the same formal action need not be taken to remove the assignment.

The District first uses committed fund balance, followed by assigned fund balance and then unassigned fund balance when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Net position is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position in the government-wide financial statements are categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted or unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets represents net position related to infrastructure and property, plant and equipment. Restricted net position represents the assets restricted by the District's Bond covenants or other contractual restrictions. Unrestricted net position consists of the net position not meeting the definition of either of the other two components.

Other Disclosures

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved Annual Budget. Annual Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- a) Each year the District Manager submits to the District Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1.
- b) A public hearing is conducted to obtain public comments.
- c) Prior to October 1, the budget is legally adopted by the District Board.
- d) All budget changes must be approved by the District Board, and in certain instances the District Manager.
- e) The budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- f) Unused appropriations for annually budgeted funds lapse at the end of the year.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

The District's cash balances were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by a collateral pool pledged to the State Treasurer. Florida Statutes Chapter 280, "Florida Security for Public Deposits Act", requires all qualified depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral equal to various percentages of the average daily balance for each month of all public deposits in excess of any applicable deposit insurance held. The percentage of eligible collateral (generally, U.S. Governmental and agency securities, state or local government debt, or corporate bonds) to public deposits is dependent upon the depository's financial history and its compliance with Chapter 280. In the event of a failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses.

Investments

The District's investments were held as follows at September 30, 2023:

	Amo	rtized cost	Credit Risk	Maturities
US Bank Gcts 0490	\$	302,943	N/A	N/A
	\$	302,943		

Credit risk – For investments, credit risk is generally the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Investment ratings by investment type are included in the preceding summary of investments.

Concentration risk – The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

Interest rate risk – the bond indenture determines the allowable investments and maturities, while any surplus funds are covered by the alternative investment guidelines and are generally of a short duration thus limiting the District's exposure to interest rate risk.

The Bond Indenture limits the type of investments held using unspent proceeds. The District's investments listed above meet these requirements under the indenture.

Fair Value Measurement – When applicable, the District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established in accordance with GASB Statements. The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, in order of highest priority, as follows:

- Level 1: Investments whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical investments in active markets that the District has the ability to access;
- Level 2: Investments whose inputs other than quoted market prices are observable either directly or indirectly; and,
- Level 3: Investments whose inputs are unobservable.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used should maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Money market investments that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less and are held by governments other than external investment pools should be measured at amortized cost. Accordingly, the District's investments have been reported at amortized cost above.

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance Additions		Reductions		Ending Balance	
Governmental activities		Balanco	, tuuliono		1 loudollono	Balanco
Capital assets, not being depreciated						
Land	\$	5,830,263	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 5,830,263
Total capital assets, not being depreciated		5,830,263	-		-	5,830,263
Capital assets, being depreciated						
Infrastructure		51,904,376	-		-	51,904,376
Improvements		308,421	-		-	308,421
Total capital assets, being depreciated		52,212,797	-		-	52,212,797
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Infrastructure		23,010,943	1,742,750		-	24,753,693
Improvements		308,421	-		-	308,421
Total accumulated depreciation		23,319,364	1,742,750		-	25,062,114
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net		28,893,433	(1,742,750)			27,150,683
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$	34,723,696	\$ (1,742,750)	\$	_	\$ 32,980,946

Depreciation was charged to the maintenance and operations function.

NOTE 6 - LONG TERM LIABILITIES

Series 2021

On August 1, 2021, the District issued \$22,485,000 of Special Assessment Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 due on May 1, 2037 with interest rates ranging from 1.0625% to 2.5%. The Bonds were issued to currently refund all of the outstanding Series 2018 Bonds. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1. Principal on the Bonds is to be paid serially commencing May 1, 2022 through May 1, 2037.

The Series 2021 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity. The Series 2021 Bonds are not subject to optional redemption. The Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to their selected maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Bond Indenture.

The Bond Indenture established certain restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agrees to bill special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements. The District was in compliance with the requirements at September 30, 2023.

Long-term debt activity

Changes in long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance		Additions Reductions		Reductions	Ending Balance		Due Within One Year	
Governmental activities									
Bonds payable:									
Series 2021	\$	21,254,000	\$ -	\$	1,245,000	\$	20,009,000	\$	1,260,000
Total	\$	21,254,000	\$ -	\$	1,245,000	\$	20,009,000	\$	1,260,000

At September 30, 2023, the scheduled debt service requirements on the long-term debt were as follows:

Year ending	Governmental Activities						
September 30:	Principal		Interest		Total		
2024	\$	1,260,000	\$	414,859	\$	1,674,859	
2025		1,278,000		397,534		1,675,534	
2026		1,299,000		378,364		1,677,364	
2027		1,321,000		357,255		1,678,255	
2028		1,345,000		334,138		1,679,138	
2029-2033		7,158,000		1,251,994		8,409,994	
2034-2037		6,348,000		395,745		6,743,745	
	\$	20,009,000	\$	3,529,889	\$	23,538,889	

NOTE 7 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District has obtained commercial insurance from independent third parties to mitigate the costs of these risks; coverage may not extend to all situations. There were no settled claims during the past three years.

NOTE 8 – MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The District has contracted with a management company to perform management services, which include financial and accounting services. Certain employees of the management company also serve as officers of the District. Under the agreement, the District compensates the management company for management, accounting, financial reporting, computer and other administrative costs.

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

				Variance with	
				Final Budget -	
	Budgeted	Amounts	Actual	Positive	
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)	
REVENUES	0				
Assessments	\$ 1,178,297	\$ 1,228,297	\$ 1,140,133	\$ (88,164)	
Total revenues	1,178,297	1,228,297	1,140,133	(88,164)	
EXPENDITURES Current:					
General government	238,067	238,067	159,632	78,435	
Maintenance and operations	940,230	990,230	828,753	161,477	
Total expenditures	1,178,297	1,228,297	988,385	239,912	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$-	\$ -	151,748	\$ 151,748	
Fund balance - beginning			527,715		
Fund balance - ending			\$ 679,463		

See notes to required supplementary information

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved Annual Budget for the general fund. The District's budgeting process is based on estimates of cash receipts and cash expenditures which are approved by the Board. The budget approximates a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (generally accepted accounting principles).

The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was amended to increase revenues by \$50,000 and increase appropriations by \$50,000.

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA OTHER INFORMATION – DATA ELEMENTS REQUIRED BY FL STATUTE 218.39(3)(C) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 UNAUDITED

Element	<u>Comments</u>			
Number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year being reported.	0			
Number of independent contractors compensated to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year being reported.	38			
Employee compensation	0			
Independent contractor compensation	\$988,835			
Construction projects to begin on or after October 1; (>\$65K)	Not applicable			
Budget variance report	See the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund			
Ad Valorem taxes;	Not applicable			
Non ad valorem special assessments;				
Special assessment rate	Operations and maintenance - \$805.59 Debt service - \$789.60 - \$3,606.25, plus \$37,782.00 for Commercial			
Special assessments collected	\$2,820,017			
Outstanding Bonds:	see Note 6 for details			



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 Wentworth Estates Community Development District Collier 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 Wentworth Estates Community Development District, Collier County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our opinion thereon dated December 18, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

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December 18, 2023



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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 Wentworth Estates Community Development District Collier County, Florida

We have examined Wentworth Estates Community Development District, Collier 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, 2023. 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.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

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 Wentworth Estates Community Development District, Collier County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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December 18, 2023



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

To the Board of Supervisors Wentworth Estates Community Development District Collier County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Wentworth Estates Community Development District, Collier County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2023.

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 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 December 18, 2023, 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 Wentworth Estates Community Development District, Collier County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to thank Wentworth Estates Community Development District, Collier 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.

hav & Associates

December 18, 2023

REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

I. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

II. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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.

There were no significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

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, 2023.

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, 2023.

- 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, 2023. 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 23.

RESOLUTION 2024-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AFFIRMING, STATING AND ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT'S ADOPTION OF AN ELECTRONIC RECORDS POLICY AND A POLICY ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Wentworth Estates Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, being situated in Collier County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of district business; and

WHEREAS, the District has appointed the District Manager of the District as the District's records custodian; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager deems it necessary to establish the District's use of an electronic records policy and the use of electronic signatures in connection with the conduct of the District's business; and

WHEREAS, the District shall maintain an active and continuing program for the economical and efficient management of records and provides for the designation of a Records Management Liaison Officer ("**RMLO**") as required by Section 257.36(5)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Rule 1B-26.003, Florida Administrative Code, allows the District's records custodian to designate an electronic copy of an original paper record as the record (master) copy and designate the original paper copy as a duplicate; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the District's records custodian to adopt an electronic records policy as described more fully in Exhibit A (the "Electronic Records Policy"), as such policy may be amended from time to time, for creating electronic copies of original paper records, designating such electronic copies as the record (master) copy, designating such original paper copies as duplicates and destroying, or otherwise disposing of, such originals in accordance with the applicable general schedule once such originals are obsolete, superseded or the administrative value is lost; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Rule 1B-26.003, Florida Administrative Code, the District has undertaken a cost- benefit analysis to determine that the adoption of the Electronic Records Policy would be cost-effective by, among other things, the need to store paper records; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") finds that it is in the best interests of the District, and most cost-effective, to adopt by resolution the Electronic Records Policy for immediate use and application; and

RESOLUTION 2024-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AFFIRMING, STATING AND ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT'S ADOPTION OF AN ELECTRONIC RECORDS POLICY AND A POLICY ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in connection with the adoption of the Electronic Records Policy, the District finds that is important to simultaneously adopt a policy regarding the District's use of electronic signatures in connection with the conduct of the District's business.

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

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as findings of the District's Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS POLICY. The District hereby authorizes the District's records custodian to implement the Electronic Records Policy substantially in the form of **Exhibit** "**A**" attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein.

SECTION 3. ADOPTION OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES POLICY. The District hereby authorizes the use of electronic signatures in connection with the conduct of the District's business and the execution of writings by the District consistent with, and to the extent permitted under, Chapter 668, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time (the "**Electronic Signatures Act**"). All use of electronic signatures shall be in compliance with the Electronic Signatures Act. Pursuant to Section 668.004 of the Electronic Signatures Act, unless otherwise provided by law, an electronic signature may be used by the District to sign a writing and shall have the same force and effect as a written signature. The District Manager is authorized to implement control processes and procedures pursuant to the Electronic Signatures Act including, without limitation, Section 668.006, relating to the District's use of electronic signatures to ensure adequate integrity, security, and auditability.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. CONFLICTS. 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 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

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RESOLUTION 2024-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AFFIRMING, STATING AND ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT'S ADOPTION OF AN ELECTRONIC RECORDS POLICY AND A POLICY ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Wentworth Estates Community Development District, Collier County, Florida, this 8th day of February 2024.

ATTEST:

WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

James P. Ward, Secretary

Joe Newcomb, Chairperson

Exhibit A: Electronic Records Policy

EXHIBIT A

ELECTRONIC RECORDS POLICY FOR THE WENTWORTH ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

1. **PURPOSE OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS POLICY.** The purpose of this Electronic Records Policy ("**Policy**") is to create a more efficient and cost-effective means for retaining and managing District records by authorizing the District to designate electronic copies of original paper records as record, "master" copies, and to dispose of the duplicate original paper records.

2. DESIGNATION OF ELECTRONIC COPIES AS MASTER COPIES. It is the policy of the District to retain and manage records in accordance with, and pursuant to, Rule 1B-26.003, Florida Administrative Code, and, more specifically, to: (i) create electronic copies of original paper records, (ii) designate all such electronic copies as the record (master) copies; and (iii) destroy, or otherwise dispose of, such originals in accordance with the applicable general schedule once such originals are obsolete, superseded or the administrative value is lost. The District records custodian in his or her sole discretion may select which original paper records, if any, shall be subject to the implementation of this Policy.

All District Supervisors, officers, managers, staff, employees, and other personnel and contractors (where applicable) shall manage, protect, and maintain all records in accordance with the applicable retention schedule approved by the Division of Library and Information Services, the District's applicable records retention rules and policies, Rule 1B-26.003, Florida Administrative Code, a copy of which is attached hereto, and this Policy.

3. DISTRICT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The District and the District's record custodian shall develop and implement this Policy, all in compliance with Rule 1B-26.003(6), Florida Administrative Code, the terms of which are incorporated herein. Among other things, the District shall ensure that all records are included within records retention schedules, integrate the management of electronic records with other records and information resources management programs, incorporate electronic records management objectives, responsibilities, and authorities in pertinent District directives, establish procedures for addressing records management requirements, provide training as appropriate, etc.

4. **PUBLIC RECORDS.** The District shall ensure that the electronic recordkeeping systems meet all requirements for public access to records in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Toward that end, the District shall provide copies of electronic records to any person making a public records request, shall ensure that all District contracts do not impair the right of the public to access District records, shall maintain the confidentiality of records exempt from disclosure, and otherwise shall satisfy the requirements of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and Rule 1B-26.003(6)(g), Florida Administrative Code, the terms of which are incorporated herein.

5. DOCUMENTATION STANDARDS. The District shall develop and maintain adequate and up-to-date technical and descriptive documentation for each electronic recordkeeping system in compliance with Rule 1B-26.003(7), Florida Administrative Code, the terms of which are incorporated herein. Among other things, and without intending to limit the requirements of Rule 1B-26.003(7), Florida Administrative Code, the documentation shall include a narrative description of the system, the physical and technical characteristics of the system, and any other technical information needed to read or process the records.

6. CREATION AND USE OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS. The District shall comply with Rule 1B-26.003(8), Florida Administrative Code, the terms of which are incorporated herein, with respect to the creation and use of electronic records. Among other things, the District shall provide a method for authorized users to retrieve desired records, shall provide an appropriate level of security in order to maintain the integrity of the records, shall identify the open format or standard interchange format when necessary to permit the exchange of records on electronic media, and shall provide for the disposition of the records, including, when appropriate, transfer to the Florida State Archives. Before a record (master) copy is created on an electronic recordkeeping system, the record shall be uniquely identified to enable authorized personnel to retrieve, protect, and carry out the disposition of records in the system.

7. LEGAL AUTHENTICATION. Pursuant to Rule 1B-26.003(9), Florida Administrative Code, the terms of which are incorporated herein, the District shall implement the following procedures to enhance the legal admissibility of electronic records:

- a. Document that similar kinds of records generated and stored electronically are created by the same processes each time and have a standardized retrieval approach.
- b. Substantiate that security procedures prevent unauthorized addition, modification, or deletion of a record and ensure systems are protected against such problems as power interruptions.
- c. Identify the electronic media on which records are stored throughout their life cycle, the maximum time span that records remain on each storage media, and the official retention requirements as approved by the Division of Library and Information Services.

8. SELECTION OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS STORAGE MEDIA. The District shall select appropriate media and systems for the storage of electronic records throughout their life cycle pursuant to Rule 1B-26.003(10), Florida Administrative Code, the terms of which are incorporated herein. Among other things, such media and systems shall permit easy and accurate retrieval, shall retain the records in a usable format, and shall meet the standards, and be selected based on the factors, set forth in Rule 1B-26.003(10), Florida Administrative Code.

9. MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS. The District shall maintain electronic records in a manner consistent with the standards set forth in Rule 1B-26.003(11), Florida Administrative Code, the terms of which are incorporated herein.

10. RETENTION OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS. The District shall ensure that all electronic records are retained and accessible for as long as required by law and pursuant to Rule 1B-26.003(12), Florida Administrative Code, the terms of which are incorporated herein. Specifically, the District records custodian shall schedule the retention and disposition of all electronic documents, shall establish a process for recopying, reformatting and other necessary maintenance to ensure the retention and usability of electronic records throughout their authorized life cycle, and shall transfer a copy of the electronic records to the Florida State Archives at the time specified in the record retention schedule, if applicable.

11. DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS. The District shall destroy electronic records only in a manner consistent with the standards set forth in Rule 1B-26.003(13), Florida Administrative Code, the terms of which are incorporated herein. At a minimum, the District shall destroy electronic records in a manner such that any confidential or exempt information cannot practicably be read or

reconstructed, and shall ensure that recording media previously used for electronic records containing confidential or exempt information are not reused if the previously recorded information can be comprised in any way by reuse.

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Rule 1B-26.003, Florida Administrative Code

1B-26.003 Electronic Recordkeeping.

(1) These rules provide standards for record copies of public records which reside in electronic form. These requirements must be incorporated in the system design and implementation of new systems and enhancements to existing systems in which electronic records reside. Public records are those as defined by Section 119.011(12), F.S.

(2) These rules are applicable to all agencies as defined by Section 119.011(2), F.S., and establish minimum requirements for the creation, utilization, maintenance, retention, preservation, storage and disposition of electronic record copies, regardless of the media.

(3) Electronic recordkeeping systems and practices in use at the effective date of this rule that are not in compliance with the requirements of this rule may be used until the systems or practices are replaced or upgraded. New and upgraded electronic recordkeeping systems and practices created or implemented after the effective date of this rule shall comply with the requirements contained herein. If an agency cannot practicably achieve compliance with this section in relation to an upgraded system, the agency shall document the reason why it cannot do so.

(4) For the purpose of these rules:

(a) "Checksum" means a hashing algorithm or procedure for checking that electronic records have not been altered by transforming a string of characters into a usually shorter fixed-length "hash value" or key that represents the original string.

(b) "Database" means an organized collection of automated information.

(c) "Database management system" means a set of software programs that controls the organization, storage and retrieval of data (fields, records and files) in a database. It also controls the security and integrity of the database.

(d) "Digital signature" means a type of electronic signature (any letters, characters, or symbols executed with an intent to authenticate) that can be used to authenticate the identity of the sender of a message or the signer of a document and to ensure that the original content of the message or document that has been sent is unchanged. Digital signatures can be created through checksums.

(e) "Electronic record" means any information that is recorded in machine readable form.

(f) "Electronic recordkeeping system" means an automated information system for the organized collection, processing, transmission and dissemination of information in accordance with defined procedures.

(g) "Logical access controls" means those administrative controls and permissions allowing or limiting user access to a system's records and resources.

(h) "Metadata" means structured or semi-structured data about records that enables identification, access, use, understanding and preservation of those records over time.

(i) "System design" means the design of the nature and content of input, files, procedures and output, and their interrelationships.

(j) "Permanent or long-term records" means any public records as defined by Section 119.011(12), F.S., which have an established retention period of more than 10 years.

(k) "PPI" means pixels per inch and is the measurement of digital pixels on a screen or file.

(I) "Record copy" means public records specifically designated by the custodian as the official record.

(m) "Geographic information system" means a computer system for capturing, storing, checking, integrating, manipulating, analyzing and displaying data related to positions on the Earth's surface.

(n) "Open format" means a data format that is defined in complete detail, allows transformation of the data to other formats without loss of information, and is open and available to the public free of legal restrictions on use.

(o) "Unicode" means the universal character encoding standard maintained by the Unicode Consortium, providing the basis for processing, storage, and interchange of text data in any language in all modern software and information technology protocols.

(5) Agencies shall develop and maintain adequate and up-to-date technical and descriptive documentation for each electronic recordkeeping system to specify characteristics necessary for reading or processing the records. Documentation for electronic records systems shall be maintained in electronic or printed form as necessary to

ensure access to the records. The minimum documentation required is:

(a) A narrative description of the system, including all inputs and outputs of the system; the organization and contents of the files and records; policies on access and use; security controls; purpose and function of the system; update cycles or conditions and rules for adding information to the system, changing information in it, or deleting information; and the location and media in which electronic records are maintained and their retention requirements to ensure appropriate disposition of records in accordance with Chapter 1B-24, F.A.C.

(b) The physical and technical characteristics of the records, including:

1. A record layout or markup language that describes each file or field including its name, size, starting or relative position, and description of the form of the data (such as alphabetic, decimal or numeric), or

2. A data dictionary or the equivalent information associated with a database management system including a description of the relationship between data elements in databases;

(c) For information coming from geographic information systems, the physical and technical characteristics of the records must be described including a data dictionary, a quality and accuracy report and a description of the graphic data structure, such as recommended by the federal Spatial Data Transfer Standards; and,

(d) Any other technical information needed to read or process the records.

(6) Electronic recordkeeping systems that maintain record copies of public records on electronic media shall meet the following minimum requirements:

(a)1. Provide a method for all authorized users of the system to retrieve desired records;

2. Provide an appropriate level of security to ensure the integrity of the records in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 282, F.S. Security controls should include, at a minimum, physical and logical access controls, backup and recovery procedures, and training for custodians and users. Automated methods for integrity checking should be incorporated in all systems that generate and use official file copies of records. Checksums and digital signatures should be considered for all official file copies of electronic records. The use of automated integrity controls, such as checksums and digital signatures, can reduce the need for other security controls. Checksums used to protect the integrity of official file copies of records should meet the requirements of U.S. Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 180-4 (FIPS-PUB 180-4) (August 4, 2015) entitled "Secure Hash Standard (SHS)," https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13888 which is hereby incorporated by reference, and made a part of this rule. This publication is available from the National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, and at the Internet Uniform Resource Locator: https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/fips/180-4/final.

3. Identify the open format or standard interchange format when necessary to permit the exchange of records on electronic media between agency electronic recordkeeping systems using different software/operating systems and the conversion or migration of records on electronic media from one system to another.

4. Provide for the disposition of the records including, when appropriate, transfer to the Florida State Archives.

(b) Before a record copy is created on an electronic recordkeeping system, the record shall be uniquely identified to enable authorized personnel to retrieve, protect, and carry out the disposition of records in the system. Agencies shall ensure that records maintained in such systems can be correlated with any existing related records on paper, microfilm or other media.

(c) Systems or programs used to create, store or access record copies of electronic records must capture structural, descriptive, administrative and technical metadata standard to the system or program employed and must generate additional metadata whenever a record is moved within the system or migrated to another format or storage medium.

(7) Agencies shall implement the following procedures to enhance the legal admissibility of electronic records:

(a) Document that similar kinds of records generated and stored electronically are created by the same processes each time and have a standardized retrieval approach.

(b) Substantiate that security procedures prevent unauthorized addition, modification, or deletion of a record and ensure systems are protected against such problems as power interruptions.

(c) Identify the electronic media on which records are stored throughout their life cycle, the maximum time span that records remain on each storage media, and the official retention requirements as approved by the Division of

Library and Information Services.

(d) Professional engineer drawings and documents: Maintain in unaltered form a record copy of any and all documents signed, dated and sealed by a professional engineer prior to or upon submission to the agency. The record copy of signed, dated and sealed documents must be retained in unaltered form for the duration of the record's retention period. This provision does not prohibit agencies from scanning the unaltered document and maintaining the scanned copy as the record copy.

(e) State agencies shall, and other agencies are encouraged to, establish and maintain integrity controls for record copies of electronic records in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 282, F.S.

(8) For storing record copies of electronic public records throughout their life cycle, agencies shall select appropriate media and systems which meet the following requirements:

(a) Permit easy and accurate retrieval in a timely fashion;

(b) Retain the records in a usable format until their authorized disposition and, when appropriate, meet the requirements necessary for transfer to the Florida State Archives.

(c) Agencies shall not use the following for the storage of record copies of permanent or long-term records:

1. Flash memory media (such as thumb drives, SD cards, CF cards, micro-SD cards);

2. Audio cassette tape;

3. VHS video cassette tape;

4. Floppy disks.

(d) Permanent or long-term records may be stored using one or more of the following methods:

1. Hard drive, preferably high-reliability, solid-state drive (SSD); spinning hard disk drive (HDD) is also acceptable;

2. Optical disc, preferably write-once discs with an inert dye layer;

3. Polyester-based magnetic data tape;

4. Cloud storage, preferably high-reliability, web-based storage services.

(e) Standard. A scanning density with a minimum of 300 PPI is required for scanned images created by the agency from hard copy permanent or long-term records.

(f) Record copies of scanned images created by the agency from hard copy permanent or long-term records must be stored in accordance with a published International Organization for Standardization (ISO) open standard image format.

(g) The following factors are to be considered before selecting a storage media or converting from one media to another:

1. The authorized retention of the records as determined during the scheduling process;

2. The maintenance necessary to retain the records;

3. The cost of storing and retrieving the records;

4. The access time to retrieve stored records;

5. The portability of the medium (that is, selecting a medium that can be read by equipment offered by multiple manufacturers); and,

6. The ability to transfer the information from one medium to another, such as from optical disk to magnetic tape.

(9)(a) Agencies shall back up electronic records on a regular basis to safeguard against the loss of information due to equipment malfunctions, human error or other disaster. Additional backups are strongly recommended for permanent and long-term records. Backups created for disaster recovery purposes, and all preservation duplicates of permanent or long-term records, shall be maintained in an off-site storage facility, which may include cloud storage, geographically separated from the risks associated with the agency's location. The storage environment must be maintained at constant temperature (below 68 degrees Fahrenheit) and relative humidity (30 to 45 percent) levels. Storage and handling of permanent or long-term records on magnetic tape shall conform to the standards contained in Standard AES22-1997 (r2008) "AES recommended practice for audio preservation and restoration – Storage and handling Storage of polyester-base magnetic tape" https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13889 (published 1997, reaffirmed 2003 and 2008, stabilized 2012) which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. This publication is available

from the Audio Engineering Society, Incorporated at the Internet Uniform Resource Locator: https://www.aes.org/publications/standards/search.cfm?docID=25. If an agency cannot practicably maintain backups and preservation duplicates as required in this section, the agency shall document the reasons why it cannot do so. Other electronic records media should be stored in a cool, dry, dark environment when possible (maximum temperature 73 degrees Fahrenheit, relative humidity 20-50 percent).

(b) Agencies shall annually read a statistical sample of all electronic media containing permanent or long-term records to identify any loss of information and to discover and correct the cause of data loss.

(c) Agencies shall conduct data integrity testing on all media containing permanent or long-term electronic records at least every 10 years and verify that the media are free of permanent errors. More frequent testing (e.g. at least every 5 years) is highly recommended. If a checksum was previously run on the digital media, testing can be conducted by running the same checksum.

(d) Agencies shall rewind tape reels immediately before use to restore proper tension, or at a minimum every three years. When tapes with extreme cases of degradation are discovered, they should be rewound to avoid more permanent damage and copied to new media as soon as possible. Tapes shall be played continuously from end to end to ensure even packing. Tapes shall be stored so that the tape is all on one reel or hub. The requirement for rewinding does not apply to tape cartridges.

(e) External labels (or the equivalent automated management system) for electronic recording media used to store permanent or long-term records shall provide unique identification for each storage media, including:

1. The name of the organizational unit responsible for the data;

2. System title, including the version number of the application;

3. Special security requirements or restrictions on access, if any; and,

4. Software in use at the time of creation.

(f) Standard. For all media used to store permanent or long-term electronic records, agencies shall maintain human readable information specifying recording methods, formats, languages, dependencies and schema sufficient to ensure continued access to, and intellectual control over, the records. Additionally, the following information shall be maintained for each media used to store permanent or long-term electronic records:

1. File title;

2. Dates of creation;

3. Dates of coverage; and,

4. Character code/software dependency.

(g) Electronic records storage media shall not be stored closer than 6 feet to sources of magnetic fields, including generators, elevators, transformers, loudspeakers, microphones, headphones, magnetic cabinet latches and magnetized tools.

(h) Electronic records on magnetic tape or disk shall not be stored in metal containers unless the metal is nonmagnetic. Storage containers shall be resistant to impact, dust intrusion and moisture. Compact disks shall be stored in hard cases, and not in cardboard, paper or flimsy sleeves.

(i) Agencies shall ensure that record copies of electronic records are maintained by personnel properly trained in the use and handling of the records and associated equipment.

(j) Agencies shall establish and adopt procedures for external labeling of physical storage media and for descriptive file naming and/or labeling of electronic files and directories so that all authorized users can identify and retrieve the stored information.

(k) Agencies shall convert storage media to provide compatibility with the agency's current hardware and software to ensure that information is not lost due to changing technology or deterioration of storage media. Before conversion of information to different media, agencies must determine that authorized disposition of the electronic records can be implemented after conversion. Permanent or long-term electronic records shall be transferred to new media compliant with this rule as needed to prevent loss of information due to changing technology or deterioration of storage media.

(10) Each agency is responsible for ensuring the continued accessibility and readability of public records throughout the entire life cycle regardless of the format or media in which the records are maintained.

Agencies shall establish policies and procedures to ensure that electronic records and their documentation are retained and accessible as long as needed. These procedures shall include provisions for:

(a) Scheduling the retention and disposition of all electronic records, as well as related access documentation and indexes, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1B-24, F.A.C.

(b) Establishing procedures for regular recopying, reformatting and other necessary maintenance to ensure the retention and usability of the electronic records throughout their authorized life cycle.

(c) Transferring a copy of the electronic records and any related documentation and indexes to the Florida State Archives at the time specified in the records retention schedule, if applicable. Transfer may take place at an earlier date if convenient for both the agency and the Archives.

(11) Electronic records may be destroyed only in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1B-24, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 257.14, 257.36(1), 257.36(6) FS. Law Implemented 257.36(1)(a) FS. History–New 8-16-92, Amended 5-13-03, 5-21-08, 12-6-21.

Monthly Field Manager's Report December 2023

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the District Manager with an update on recent inspection-related activities. We will continue to provide updated monthly inspection reports on the status of ongoing field activities.

II. CURRENT ASSET UPDATES

1. Landscaping

A. Treviso Bay Boulevard

- 2. Lake Maintenance
- 3. Fountain Maintenance
- 4. Corrective Actions

1. Landscaping

- A. Treviso Bay Boulevard
 - The remaining hardwood trees along the parapet wall will be trimmed the first week in January.
 - New sod was put down on west end of the front entrance.
 - Pine straw installation was completed.
 - Selective plant material throughout the front entrance has outlived its lifespan and is starting to die off. The District staff is working on a replacement plan.
 - The first initial wet check took place during the last week in December.

2. Lake Maintenance

- This month's work focused on gaining control of submersed vegetation and treating any remaining shoreline weeds. Surface algae has shown significant improvement due to recent treatment and cooler weather. Some surface algae were treated in lakes 23 and 42, however, no major blooms were observed. Planktonic algae in lake 3 was treated as well.
- Submersed algae (Chara) were targeted in lakes 5, 6, 9, 17, and 32. The effectiveness of this treatment will be determined during the next few visits. New growth of Chara was observed in lake 32 and will be treated during the next visit. Hydrilla was recently treated in lake 42. An additional treatment will be conducted next month to eradicate any remaining growth. Hydrilla will also need treatment in lake 21. Illinois pondweed was treated in lake 20 and is dying off.
- The Gulf Spike rush in the wetland of lake 15 has received several treatments to maintain flow and improve aesthetics. The technician will continue to allow gulf spike rush to grow around the perimeter of the lake and keep the center open.
- Removed trash and minor debris in lakes 26-32 and 42.
- Technicians utilized backpacks to treat shoreline weeds in lakes 1-17, 19, and 23. Tall dead weeds were cut and physically removed in lakes 25, 26, 28, and 35. Lakes 40-42 will be targeted during the next few visits. Targets include primrose, torpedo grass, vines, cattails, and dog fennel.
- Water levels were normal this month and are now slightly higher due to recent rain.

3. <u>Entrance Maintenance</u>

- District staff is in the process of working with the vendors on pricing to replace all reflective signs along Treviso Bay Boulevard.
- Additional landscape lighting is being added to the oak trees in the ROW on Treviso Bay Boulevard where there are dark spots along the boulevard.

4. <u>Fountain Maintenance</u>

• The lighting in the front entrance fountains is being replaced, existing lighting is failing and is now approximately 17 Years old.

5. <u>Corrective Actions</u>

- Weeds continue to be an issue inside the landscaping beds.
- The spike rush in selective lakes continues to be an issue. All selective lakes have been also treated.

III. LOCATION MAP



Wentworth Estates Community Development District Assets Map





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IV. DISTRICT ASSET MANAGER PHOTOS



Area where sod will be replaced at the front entrance.



Area where sod will be replaced at the front entrance.



Bridge lighting that was replaced along the front entrance.



Annuals being installed at the front entrance.



New annuals that were installed at the front entrance.

Monthly Field Manager's Report January 2024

Prepared For: James Ward District Manager

Prepared By:



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February 1, 2024

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the District Manager with an update on recent inspection-related activities. We will continue to provide updated monthly inspection reports on the status of ongoing field activities.

II. CURRENT ASSET UPDATES

- 1. Landscaping
 - A. Treviso Bay Boulevard
- 2. Lake Maintenance
- 3. Entrance Maintenance
- 4. Fountain Maintenance
- 5. Corrective Actions

1. Landscaping

- A. Treviso Bay Boulevard
 - 24 New LED low-voltage-landscape up-lights were installed in the right of way tree wells along front entrance on either side of Treviso Bay Boulevard.
 - Holiday decorations have started to come down and the holiday lights will be removed the first week in February. However, the three oak trees at the front entrance will remain lit through April 2024.
 - Quarterly preserve maintenance was completed within parcel 7, 14,15,16 and 17 which were treated for invasive species.
 - We are evaluating options on the wood Boardwalk, located in the preserves. The Boardwalk is nearing 20+ years old, and options to restore and/or replace certain elements of the wood structure are being considered.
 - All hardwood trees were trimmed on Treviso Bay Boulevard. Additional trimming on selective areas will be completed in the coming months.
 - A section of zoysia grass at the front entrance was tested for nematodes and came back positive. The area will be treated for nematodes and new sod will be added in the coming weeks.

2. Lake Maintenance

- Previous treatments for surface algae in lakes 23 and 42 and planktonic algae in lake 3 were affected. The technicians will continue to monitor these lakes for any new growth and treat them if needed.
- The gulf spike rush in lake 15 received two additional treatments this month to maintain the growth in the center. Growth is beginning to brown out, however additional treatment is still needed.
- A few lakes received treatment for submersed vegetation. Lake 21 was treated for hydrilla. Illinois pondweed was treated in lakes 14 and 20. Overgrown Red Ludwigia was treated in lake 3. Will follow up to determine if treatments were effective.

- Lakes 1 and 2 were treated for submersed algae (Chara). Treatment was determined to be effective. A surface algae bloom was treated on lake 8. A follow-up visit is needed to determine if additional treatments are needed.
- Shoreline weeds were targeted in lakes 12-14, 16, 18, and 22-42 via mule. Technicians utilized backpacks to treat lakes 1-17 and 40 to minimize impacts to the littorals.
 Targets include primrose, torpedo grass, cattails, alligator weed, and dog fennel.
- Water levels were slightly higher this month due to recent rain.
- Lake bank restoration begins in early January. This work is 60% completed and should be finished no later than the end of February.



Lake Bank Restoration on Lake #27.



Lake Bank Restoration on Lake #27.



Overgrown Spike Rush in lake #15.

Lake Bank Restoration in Lake #29.



Lake Bank Restoration on Lake #27.



Lake Bank Restoration in Lake #26.

3. Entrance Maintenance

- Uplighting on both sides of the bridge has not worked in some time. A proposal was approved to replace these lights and this work will take place at the beginning of February.
- Selective areas of pavers are raised. A proposal was approved to level these pavers to match existing ones. This work should take place in the first week of February.
- A proposal was approved to add new reflective signs to the existing signs at the front entrance of Treviso Bay Boulevard.



New Zoysia Sod at Front Entrance.



New Zoysia Sod at Front Entrance.



Holiday Decorations Being Removed.

4. Fountain Maintenance

• New LED lighting was installed in both fountains at the front entrance.

5. <u>Corrective Actions</u>

- Dying and dead plant material at the front entrance and along 41 needs to be removed and replaced. Currently working with landscape vendor on a proposal to complete this work.
- Selective areas of grass have a brownish appearance. Due to lack of irrigation, the landscape vendor was asked to redirect some irrigation heads to allow for these areas to also receive adequate irrigation.
- Selective lakes throughout the community continue to have lake pink weeds and Chara. The aquatic vendor was instructed to treat these areas.
- Selective areas of pavers are raised. A proposal was approved to level these pavers to match existing. This work should take place in the first week of February.



Clusia Hedge on Southwest Blvd that needs to be replaced.



Area of Zoysia Sod that has Nematodes.

III. LOCATION MAP



Wentworth Estates Community Development District Assets Map





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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - NOVEMBER 2023

FISCAL YEAR 2024

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Wentworth Estates Community Develoment District Balance Sheet for the Period Ending November 30, 2023

	Gover	nmental Funds					-		
						Accou	nt Groups		Totals
			Debt Service Fun	d	Capital Projects	General Long		(Memorandum	
	Ger	neral Fund	Series 2021		Fund Series 2021	Term Debt	Fixed Assets		Only)
Assets									
Cash and Investments									
General Fund - Invested Cash	\$	892,873	\$ -		\$-	\$ -		\$	892,87
General Fund - Hancock Bank								\$	
Construction Account		-		-	-	-			-
Costs of Issuance Account		-		-	-	-			
Debt Service Fund									
Interest Account		-		-	-	-			-
Sinking Account		-		-	-	-			-
Reserve Account		-		-	-	-			-
Revenue		-	663,40	3	-	-			663,40
Prepayment Account		-		-	-	-			-
Deferred Cost Account		-		-	-	-			-
Capital Project Fund - Series 2018		-		-	-	-			-
Due from Other Funds									
General Fund		-		-	-	-			-
Debt Service Fund(s)		-		-	-	-			
Market Valuation Adjustments		-		-	-	-			-
Accrued Interest Receivable		-		-	-	-			-
Assessments Receivable		-		-	-	-			-
Prepaid Expenses		-		-	-	-			-
Amount Available in Debt Service Funds		-		-	-	-			-
Amount to be Provided by Debt Service Funds		-		-	-	20,009,000			20,009,00
Investment in General Fixed Assets (net of						-,			-,,50
depreciation)				-	-	-	45,257,809	4	5,257,809.0
Total Asset	s \$	892,873	\$ 663,40	3	\$-	\$ 20,009,000	\$ 45,257,809	\$	66,823,08

Wentworth Estates Community Develoment District Balance Sheet for the Period Ending November 30, 2023

	Governmental Funds										
							Accou	nt Gro	ups		Totals
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund Series 2021		Capital Projects Fund Series 2021		General Long		xed Assets	(N	/lemorandum Only)	
Liabilities											
Accounts Payable & Payroll Liabilities	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-				
Due to Other Funds											
General Fund	-		-		-		-				
Debt Service Fund(s)	-		-		-		-				
Loan - TB Master Turnover, Inc.	-		-		-		-				
Due to Bondholders	-		-		-		-				
Bonds Payable											
Current Portion	-		-		-		-				
Long Term	-		-		-	20,0	009,000				20,009,000
Matured Bonds Payable	-		-		-		-				
Matured Interest Payable	-		-		-		-				
Total Liabilities	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 20,0	09,000	\$	-	\$	20,009,000
Fund Equity and Other Credits											
Investment in General Fixed Assets	-		-		-		-		45,257,809		45,257,809.00
Fund Balance											
Restricted											
Beginning: October 1, 2023 (Unaudited)	-		302,943		10,165		-				1,745,539.22
Results from Current Operations	-		360,460		(10,165)		-				(1,082,136.12
Unassigned											-
Beginning: October 1, 2023 (Unaudited)	679,463		-		-		-				679,463.13
Results from Current Operations	213,409		-		-		-				213,409.42
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$ 892,873	\$	663,403	\$	0	\$	-	\$	45,257,809	\$	46,814,085
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$ 892,873	\$	663,403	\$	0	\$ 20,0	09,000	\$	45,257,809	\$	66,823,085

Description	October	November	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue and Other Sources					
Carryforward	-	-	-	-	
Interest					
Interest - General Checking	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessment Revenue					
Special Assessments - On-Roll	17,083	438,680	455,763	1,400,266	33%
Special Assessments - Off-Roll	-	-	-	-	N/A
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	-	N/A
Intergovernmental Transfers In	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	17,083	438,680	455,763	\$ 1,400,266	33%
Expenditures and Other Uses					
Legislative					
Board of Supervisor's - Fees	-	-	-	6,000	0%
Board of Supervisor's - Taxes	-	-	-	-	N/A
Executive					
Professional Management	4,375	4,375	8,750	525,000	2%
Financial and Administrative					
Audit Services	-	-	-	5,300	0%
Accounting Services	1,500	1,500	3,000	18,000	17%
Assessment Roll Services	833	833	1,667	10,000	17%
Assessment Methodology Services	-		-	-	N/A
Arbitrage Rebate Services	-	-	-	500	0%
Other Contractual Services					
Recording and Transcription	-	-	-	-	N/A
Legal Advertising	-	-	-	2,900	0%
Trustee Services	-	-	-	8,400	0%
Dissemination	-	-	-	-	N/A

Description		October	November	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Property Appraiser/Tax Collector Fees		11,466	-	11,466	3,000	382%
Bank Service Charges		-	-	-	400	0%
Travel and Per Diem		-	-	-	-	N/A
Communications & Freight Services						·
Telephone		-	-	-	-	N/A
Postage, Freight & Messenger		-	21	21	200	11%
Insurance		70,519	-	70,519	55,000	128%
Printing & Binding		-	_	-	250	0%
Website Development		-	-	-	1,750	0%
Subscription & Memberships		-	175	175	175	100%
Legal Services			2,0	1/5	275	100/0
Legal - General Counsel		-	1,838	1,838	10,000	18%
Legal - Foreclosure Counsel		-	_,	-		N/A
Legal - Tax Counsel		-	-	-	-	N/A
Legal - Bond/Disclosure Counsel		-	-	-	-	N/A
Other General Government Services						
Engineering Services - General		-	-	-	7,500	0%
Engineering Services - Assets		-	-	-	-	N/A
Reserve Study Report		-	-	-	-	N/A
Stormwater Needs Analysis		-	-	-	-	N/A
Contingencies	_	-	-	-	-	N/A
	Sub-Total:	88,693	8,742	97,436	654,375	15%
Stormwater Management Services						
Professional Services						
Asset Management		-	4,650	4,650	38,100	12%
Mitigation Monitoring		-	-	-	4,800	0%
NPDES Reporting		-	-	-	2,400	0%
Utility Services						
Electric - Aeration System		-	-	-	-	N/A

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Description	October	November	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Repairs & Maintenance					
Lake & Wetland System					
Aquatic Weed Control	6,932	24,840	31,772	71,000	45%
Lake Bank Maintenance	-	-	-	2,300	0%
Water Quality Testing	-	-	-	14,500	0%
Water Control Structures	-	-	-	27,000	0%
Grass Carp Installation	-	-	-	-	N/A
Aeration System	-	-	-	-	N/A
Littoral Shelf Barrier/Replant	-	-	-	-	N/A
Cane Toad Removal	-	-	-	-	N/A
Preserves/Wetland System					
Routine Maintenance	-	5,400	5,400	40,000	14%
Water Quality Testing	-	-	-	-	N/A
Preserve Trail, Boardwalk, Lookout	-	-	-	18,000	0%
Pressure Clean Boardwalk & Lookout	-	-	-	22,000	0%
Preserve Trail Material	-	-	-	4,000	0%
Contingencies	-	-	-	14,910	0%
Capital Outlay					
Aeration System	-	-	-	-	N/A
Littoral Shelf Planting	-	-	-	4,000	0%
Lake Bank Restoration	-	750	750	144,880	1%
Stormwater Drainage Pipes	-	-	-	30,000	0%
Erosion Restoration	-	-	-	-	N/A
Fountain Replacement (in Lakes)	-	1,600	1,600	40,000	4%
Contingencies/Inspection Services	-	-	-	-	N/A
Road and Street Services					
Professional Management					
Asset Management	-	825	825	9,900	8%
Bridge Inspections	-	-	-	-	N/A
Utility Services					

Description	October	November	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Electric					
Southwest Blvd Street Lights	51	50	101	12,000	1%
Entrance/Fountain Landscape/Street Lights	547	352	899	-	N/A
Entrance Bridge - Lights	56	83	139	1,800	8%
Repairs and Maintenance				-	N/A
Sidewalk Repairs	-	-	-	-	N/A
Curb & Gutter	-	-	-	-	N/A
Striping & Pavement Marking	-	-	-		N/A
Bridge Repairs	-	-	-	8,000	N/A
Entry Monument (Trevisio Bay Blvd)	-	-	-	6,000	0%
Entry Wall (Trevisio Bay Blvd)	-	1,888	1,888	5,000	38%
Street Lights (Trevisio Bay Blvd)	-	6,198	6,198	7,000	N/A
Brick Paver Repairs	-	-	-	8,000	0%
Annual Holiday Decorations	9,450	9,450	18,900	20,000	N/A
Miscellaneous Repairs		-	-	8,000	0%
Contingencies		-	-	4,650	0%
Capital Outlay					
Entrance Lights (Treviso Bay Boulevard)	-	-	-	-	N N/A
Sub-Total:	17,036	56,086	73,123	568,240	13%
Landscaping Services					
Professional Management					
Asset Management	-	1,000	1,000	12,000	8%
Water Quality Monitoring	-	-	-	10,000	0%
Utility Services					
Electric - Landscape Lighting	-	-	-	-	N/A
Irrigation Water - Landscaping	-	-	-	-	N/A
Potable Water - Meter (Entry Fountain)	-	-	-	-	N/A
Potable Water - Fountain	4	276	280	6,000	5%
Repairs & Maintenance					
Public Area Landscaning					

Public Area Landscaping

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Description	(October	November	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Treviso Bay Blvd - Entrance		-	8,061	8,061	90,000	9%
Southwest Boulevard		10,394	2,333	12,727	26,000	49%
Irrigation System		-	679	679	5,200	13%
Well System		-	-	-	-	N/A
Plant Replacement and Annuals		-	-	-	55,000	0%
Tree Trimming		-	-	-	10,000	0%
Fountains		-	500	500	18,000	3%
Other Current Charges		-	-	-	-	N/A
Operating Supplies						
Mulch		-	8,922	8,922	27,000	33%
Contingencies		-	-	-	17,340	0%
Capital Outlay						
Fountain Pump House Construction & Landscaping		-	39,626	39,626	77,600	51%
Landscape Renewal & Replacement		-	-	-	4,000	0%
Engineering - Fountain Mechanical		-	-	-	-	N/A
Lighting - Fixtures/Installation		-	-	-	-	N/A
Sub-Total	:	10,398	61,397	71,795	358,140	20%
Reserves						
Operations		-	-	-	-	N/A
Storm Events/Unforeseen Capital/Reserves		-	-	-	200,000	0%
Sub-Total	:	-	-	-	200,000	0%
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$	116,128	\$ 126,226	\$ 242,353	\$ 1,780,755	14%
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance		(99,045)	312,454	213,409	(380,489)	
Fund Balance - Beginning		679,463	580,418	679,463	27,882	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	580,418	\$ 892,873	892,873	\$ (352,607)	

Wentworth Estates Community Development District Debt Service Fund - Series 2021 Bonds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Through November 30, 2023

Description	October	November	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue and Other Sources					
Carryforward				-	
Interest Income					
Revenue Account	1,296	1,382	2,679	-	N/A
Reserve Account	-	-	-	-	N/A
Prepayment Account	-	-	-	-	N/A
Interest Account	-	-	-	-	N/A
Sinking Fund Account	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessment Revenue					
Special Assessments - On-Roll	21,185	544,026	565,211	1,783,584	32%
Special Assessments - Off-Roll	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessments - Prepayments	-	-	-	-	N/A
Discounts on Bonds	-	-	-	-	N/A
Proceeds from Refunding Bonds					
2018 Refinance (2006 Bonds)	-	-	-	-	N/A
Operating Transfers In (From Other Funds)		-			N/A
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	\$ 22,482	\$ 545,408	\$ 567,890	\$ 1,783,584	N/A
Expenditures and Other Uses					
Proprety Appraiser/Tax Collector Fees			-	\$-	N/A
Debt Service					
Principal Debt Service - Mandatory					
Series 2021 Bonds	-	-	-	1,260,000	0%
Principal Debt Service - Prepayments					
Series 2021 Bonds	-	-	-	-	N/A
Interest Expense					
Series 2021 Bonds	-	207,429	207,429	414,859	50%
Foreclosure Counsel	-	-	-	-	N/A
Property Appraiser & Tax Collector	-	-	-	-	N/A
Pymt to Refunded Bonds Escrow Agent					
2021 Refinance (2018 Bonds)	-	-	-	-	N/A
Intragovermental Transfers Out		-			N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$-	\$ 207,429	\$ 207,429	\$ 1,674,859	N/A
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	22,482	337,979	360,460	108,725	
Fund Balance - Beginning	302,943	325,425	302,943		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 325,425		\$ 663,403	\$ 108,725	
-			-	-	



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Wentworth Estates Community Develoment District Balance Sheet for the Period Ending December 31, 2023

	Govern	mental Funds										
			Debt	Service Fund	Canit	al Projects	Genera		int Gro	ups	(Totals
	Gene	eral Fund		eries 2021		Series 2021	Term		F	ixed Assets	(I	Memorandum Only)
Assets												
Cash and Investments												
General Fund - Invested Cash	\$	1,580,145	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-			\$	1,580,145
General Fund - Hancock Bank											\$	-
Construction Account		-		-		-		-				-
Costs of Issuance Account		-		-		-		-				-
Debt Service Fund												
Interest Account		-		-		-		-				-
Sinking Account		-		-		-		-				-
Reserve Account		-		-		-		-				-
Revenue		-		1,521,014		-		-				1,521,014
Prepayment Account		-		-		-		-				-
Deferred Cost Account		-		-		-		-				-
Capital Project Fund - Series 2018		-		-		-		-				-
Due from Other Funds												
General Fund		-		25,665		-		-				25,665.29
Debt Service Fund(s)		-		-		-		-				-
Market Valuation Adjustments		-		-		-		-				-
Accrued Interest Receivable		-		-		-		-				-
Assessments Receivable		-		-		-		-				-
Prepaid Expenses		-		-		-		-				-
Amount Available in Debt Service Funds		-		-		-		-				-
Amount to be Provided by Debt Service Funds		-		-		-	20,0	09,000				20,009,000
Investment in General Fixed Assets (net of												
depreciation)	-	-	~	-			¢ 20.0	-	\$	45,257,809	_	45,257,809.00
Total Assets	Ş	1,580,145	\$	1,546,679	\$	-	\$ 20,0	09,000	Ş	45,257,809	\$	68,393,633
Liabilities												
Accounts Payable & Payroll Liabilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-				-
Due to Other Funds												-
General Fund		-		-		-		-				-
Debt Service Fund(s)		25,665		-		-		-				25,665
Loan - TB Master Turnover, Inc.		-		-		-		-				-
Due to Bondholders		-		-		-		-				-
Bonds Payable												-
Current Portion		-		-		-		-				-
Long Term		-		-		-	20,0	09,000				20,009,000
Matured Bonds Payable		-		-		-		-				-
Matured Interest Payable		-		-		-		-				-
Total Liabilities	\$	25,665	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 20,0	09,000	\$	-	\$	20,034,665
Fund Equity and Other Credits												
Investment in General Fixed Assets										45,257,809		45 357 800 00
		-		-		-		-		45,257,809		45,257,809.00
Fund Balance												
Restricted				202.042		10.105						1 745 520 22
Beginning: October 1, 2023 (Unaudited)		-		302,943		10,165		-				1,745,539.22
Results from Current Operations		-		1,243,736		(10,165)		-				(198,860.09)
Unassigned		676 100										-
Beginning: October 1, 2023 (Unaudited)		679,463		-		-		-				679,463.13
Results from Current Operations	<u>, </u>	875,016	<u>,</u>	1 546 676	<u>,</u>	-	ć	-	<u>,</u>	45 353 000	-	875,016.37
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	Ş	1,554,480	\$	1,546,679	\$	0	\$	-	\$	45,257,809	\$	48,358,968
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	ć	1,580,145	\$	1,546,679	\$	0	\$ 20,0	00.000	\$	45,257,809	\$	68,393,633

Description	October	November	December	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue and Other Sources						
Carryforward	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest						
Interest - General Checking	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessment Revenue						
Special Assessments - On-Roll	17,083	438,680	711,783	1,167,546	1,400,266	83%
Special Assessments - Off-Roll	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Intergovernmental Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	17,083	438,680	\$711,783	1,167,546	\$ 1,400,266	83%
Expenditures and Other Uses						
Legislative						
Board of Supervisor's - Fees	-	-	-	-	6,000	0%
Board of Supervisor's - Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Executive						
Professional Management	4,375	4,375	4,375	13,125	525,000	3%
Financial and Administrative						
Audit Services	-	-	2,000	2,000	5,300	38%
Accounting Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,500	18,000	25%
Assessment Roll Services	833	833	833	2,500	10,000	25%
Assessment Methodology Services	-			-	-	N/A
Arbitrage Rebate Services	-	-	-	-	500	0%
Other Contractual Services						
Recording and Transcription	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Legal Advertising	-	-	-	-	2,900	0%
Trustee Services	-	-	-	-	8,400	0%
Dissemination	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Property Appraiser/Tax Collector Fees	11,466	-	243	11,709	3,000	390%
Bank Service Charges	-	-	-	-	400	0%
Travel and Per Diem	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Communications & Freight Services						
Telephone	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Postage, Freight & Messenger	-	21	14	35	200	17%
Insurance	70,519	-	-	70,519	55,000	128%
Printing & Binding	-	-	-	-	250	0%
Website Development	-	-	-	-	1,750	0%
Subscription & Memberships	-	175	-	175	175	100%
Legal Services						
Legal - General Counsel	-	1,838	525	2,363	10,000	24%
Legal - Foreclosure Counsel	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Legal - Tax Counsel	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Legal - Bond/Disclosure Counsel	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Other General Government Services						/
Engineering Services - General	-	-	375	375	7,500	5%

Description	October	November	December	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Engineering Services - Assets	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Reserve Study Report	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Stormwater Needs Analysis	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Contingencies		-	-	-	-	N/A
Sub-T	otal: 88,693	8,742	9,865	107,301	654,375	16%
Stormwater Management Services						
Professional Services						
Asset Management	-	4,650	3,175	7,825	38,100	21%
Mitigation Monitoring	-	-	200	200	4,800	4%
NPDES Reporting	-	-	-	-	2,400	0%
Utility Services						
Electric - Aeration System	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Repairs & Maintenance						
Lake & Wetland System						
Aquatic Weed Control	6,932	24,840	6,932	38,704	71,000	55%
Lake Bank Maintenance		,0 .0	-	-	2,300	0%
Water Quality Testing	-	-	-	-	14,500	0%
Water Control Structures	-	-	_	-	27,000	0%
Grass Carp Installation	-	-	-	-		N/A
Aeration System	-	-	270	270	-	N/A
Littoral Shelf Barrier/Replant	-	-	-		-	N/A
Cane Toad Removal	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Lake & Wetland System - Other	-	-	3,021	3,021	-	N/A
Preserves/Wetland System			-,	-,		.,
Routine Maintenance	_	5,400	-	5,400	40,000	14%
Water Quality Testing	_	5,400	-	-		N/A
Preserve Trail, Boardwalk, Lookout	_	_	_	_	18,000	0%
Pressure Clean Boardwalk & Lookout	_	_	-	_	22,000	0%
Preserve Trail Material	_	-	-	_	4,000	0%
Contingencies	_	_	_	_	14,910	0%
					14,910	070
Capital Outlay						NI / A
Aeration System	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Littoral Shelf Planting	-	-	-	-	4,000	0%
Lake Bank Restoration	-	750	-	750	144,880	1%
Stormwater Drainage Pipes	-	-	-	-	30,000	0%
Erosion Restoration	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Fountain Replacement (in Lakes)	-	1,600	1,500	3,100	40,000	8%
Contingencies/Inspection Services Road and Street Services	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Professional Management						
Asset Management	_	825	825	1,650	9,900	17%
Bridge Inspections	_		-	-	-	N/A
						1,77
Utility Services						
Electric	- 4	50	40		42.000	4.07
Southwest Blvd Street Lights	51	50	43	144	12,000	1%
Entrance/Fountain Landscape/Street Lights	547	352	1,026	1,925	-	N/A
Entrance Bridge - Lights	56	83	107	246	1,800	14%

scription	October	November	December	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Repairs and Maintenance					-	N/A
Sidewalk Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	, N/A
Curb & Gutter	-	-	-	-	-	, N/A
Striping & Pavement Marking	-	-	-	-		N/A
Bridge Repairs	-	-	-	-	8,000	N/A
Entry Monument (Trevisio Bay Blvd)	-	-	_	-	6,000	0%
Entry Wall (Trevisio Bay Blvd)	-	1,888	_	1,888	5,000	38%
Street Lights (Trevisio Bay Blvd)	-	6,198	_	6,198	7,000	N/A
Brick Paver Repairs	-		3,400	3,400	8,000	43%
Annual Holiday Decorations	9,450	9,450	-	18,900	20,000	N/A
Miscellaneous Repairs	5,150		_	-	8,000	0%
Contingencies		_		_	4,650	0%
Capital Outlay					1,000	0/0
Entrance Lights (Treviso Bay Boulevard)	_	_	2,678	2,678	-	N N/A
Sub-Tot	tal: 17,036	56,086	23,176	96,299	568,240	17%
Landscaping Services						
Professional Management		1 000	1 000	2 000	12 000	17%
Asset Management	-	1,000	1,000	2,000	12,000	
Water Quality Monitoring	-	-	-	-	10,000	0%
Utility Services						
Electric - Landscape Lighting	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Irrigation Water - Landscaping	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Potable Water - Meter (Entry Fountain)	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Potable Water - Fountain	4	276	422	701	6,000	12%
Repairs & Maintenance						
Public Area Landscaping						
Treviso Bay Blvd - Entrance	-	8,061	-	8,061	90,000	9%
Southwest Boulevard	10,394	2,333	-	12,727	26,000	49%
Irrigation System	-	679	-	679	5,200	13%
Well System	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Plant Replacement and Annuals	-	-	-	-	55,000	0%
Tree Trimming	-	-	11,760	11,760	10,000	118%
Fountains	-	500	1,000	1,500	18,000	8%
Other Current Charges	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Operating Supplies						
Mulch	-	8,922	-	8,922	27,000	33%
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	17,340	0%
Capital Outlay					,	
Fountain Pump House Construction & Landscaping	-	39,626	2,466	42,092	77,600	54%
Landscape Renewal & Replacement	-		487	487	4,000	12%
Engineering - Fountain Mechanical	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Lighting - Fixtures/Installation	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Sub-Tot	tal: 10,398	61,397	17,135	88,930	358,140	25%
Reserves						
Operations	_	-	-	_	-	N/A

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Description	(October	November	De	ecember	Year to Date	tal Annual Budget	% of Budget
Sub-Total:		-	-		-	-	200,000	0%
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$	116,128	\$ 126,226	\$	50,176	\$ 292,529	\$ 1,780,755	16%
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance		(99,045)	312,454		661,607	875,016	(380,489)	
Fund Balance - Beginning		679,463	580,418		892,873	679,463	27,882	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	580,418	\$ 892,873	\$ 1	,554,480	1,554,480	\$ (352,607)	

Wentworth Estates Community Development District Debt Service Fund - Series 2021 Bonds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Through December 31, 2023

					Total Annual	% of
Description	October	November	December	Year to Date	Budget	Budget
Revenue and Other Sources						
Carryforward					-	
Interest Income						
Revenue Account	1,296	1,382	563	3,242	-	N/A
Reserve Account	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Prepayment Account	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Interest Account	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Sinking Fund Account	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessment Revenue						
Special Assessments - On-Roll	21,185	544,026	882,713	1,447,924	1,783,584	81%
Special Assessments - Off-Roll	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessments - Prepayments	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Discounts on Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Proceeds from Refunding Bonds						
2018 Refinance (2006 Bonds)	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Operating Transfers In (From Other Funds)		-	-	-	-	N/A
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	\$ 22,482	\$ 545,408	\$ 883,276	\$ 1,451,166	\$ 1,783,584	N/A
Expenditures and Other Uses						
Proprety Appraiser/Tax Collector Fees				-	\$-	N/A
Debt Service						
Principal Debt Service - Mandatory						
Series 2021 Bonds	-	-	-	-	1,260,000	0%
Principal Debt Service - Prepayments						
Series 2021 Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Interest Expense						
Series 2021 Bonds	-	207,429	-	207,429	414,859	50%
Foreclosure Counsel	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Property Appraiser & Tax Collector	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Pymt to Refunded Bonds Escrow Agent						
2021 Refinance (2018 Bonds)	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Intragovermental Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	`	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$-	\$ 207,429	\$-	\$ 207,429	\$ 1,674,859	N/A
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	22,482	337,979	883,276	1,243,736	108,725	
Fund Balance - Beginning	302,943	325,425	663,403	302,943	_00,0	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 325,425	\$ 663,403	\$ 1,546,679	\$ 1,546,679	\$ 108,725	
	÷ 525,425	÷ 000,400	÷ 1,040,075	÷ 1,5+0,075	÷ 100,723	



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - JANUARY 2024

FISCAL YEAR 2024

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Wentworth Estates Community Development District

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Wentworth Estates Community Develoment District Balance Sheet for the Period Ending January 31, 2024

	Gover	nmental Funds										
								Accou	nt Gro	ups		Totals
	Cor	eral Fund		Service Fund eries 2021		al Projects	General Lo		-		(1	Memorandum
Assets	Gen	ieral Fund	36	eries 2021	Fund	Series 2021	Term Deb	σ	F	ixed Assets		Only)
Cash and Investments												
General Fund - Invested Cash	\$	1,490,554	\$		\$		\$				\$	1,490,554
General Fund - Hancock Bank	Ş	1,490,554	Ş	-	Ş	-	Ş	-			ې \$	1,490,554
Construction Account		_		_		_		_			ç	_
Costs of Issuance Account		-		_		_		_				
Debt Service Fund												
Interest Account		-		-		-						-
Sinking Account		-		-		-		-				-
Reserve Account		-		-		-		-				-
Revenue		-		1,608,643		-		-				1,608,643
Prepayment Account		-		-		-		-				-
Deferred Cost Account		-		-		-		-				-
Capital Project Fund - Series 2018		-		-		-		-				-
Due from Other Funds												
General Fund		-		-		-		-				-
Debt Service Fund(s)		-		-		-		-				
Market Valuation Adjustments		-		-		-		-				-
Accrued Interest Receivable		-		-		-		-				-
Assessments Receivable		-		-		-		-				
Prepaid Expenses		-		-		-		-				
Amount Available in Debt Service Funds		-		_		_		-				-
Amount to be Provided by Debt Service Funds		_		-		_	20,009,0	000				20,009,000
Investment in General Fixed Assets (net of							20,000,0	.00				20,005,000
depreciation)		-		-		-		-		45,257,809		45,257,809.0
Total Assets	\$	1,490,554	\$	1,608,643	\$	-	\$ 20,009,0	00	\$	45,257,809	\$	68,366,006
Liabilities	ć		ć		¢		Å					
Accounts Payable & Payroll Liabilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-				
Due to Other Funds												
General Fund		-		-		-		-				
Debt Service Fund(s)		-		-		-		-				
Loan - TB Master Turnover, Inc.		-		-		-		-				
Due to Bondholders		-		-		-		-				
Bonds Payable												
Current Portion		-		-		-		-				
Long Term		-		-		-	20,009,0	000				20,009,000
Matured Bonds Payable		-		-		-		-				
Matured Interest Payable		-		-		-		-				
Total Liabilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 20,009,0	000	\$	-	\$	20,009,00
Fund Equity and Other Credits												
Investment in General Fixed Assets		-		-		-		-		45,257,809		45,257,809.00
Fund Balance												
Restricted												
Beginning: October 1, 2023 (Unaudited)		-		302,943		10,165		-				1,745,539.2
Results from Current Operations		-		1,305,701		(10,165)		-				(136,895.8
Unassigned				,,		, -,,						-
Beginning: October 1, 2023 (Unaudited)		679,463		-		-		-				679,463.1
Results from Current Operations		811,091		-		-		-				811,090.82
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$	1,490,554	\$	1,608,643	\$	0	\$	-	\$	45,257,809	\$	48,357,000

Description	October	November	December	January	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budge
Revenue and Other Sources							
Carryforward	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest							
Interest - General Checking	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessment Revenue							
Special Assessments - On-Roll	17,083	438,680	711,783	45,513	1,213,059	1,400,266	87%
Special Assessments - Off-Roll		-	-		_,,	_,,	N/A
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Intergovernmental Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	,
Total Revenue and Other So	ources: 17,083	438,680	\$711,783	\$45,513	1,213,059	\$ 1,400,266	87%
xpenditures and Other Uses							
Legislative							
Board of Supervisor's - Fees	-	_	-	-	-	6,000	0%
Board of Supervisor's - Taxes	_	_	_	_	_	0,000	N/A
	-	-	-	-	-	-	14/A
Professional Management	4,375	4,375	4,375	4,375	17,500	52,500	33%
Financial and Administrative	4,373	4,373	4,375	4,375	17,500	52,500	33/0
Audit Services	-	-	2,000	3,300	5,300	5,300	100%
					6,000		33%
Accounting Services Assessment Roll Services	1,500 833	1,500 833	1,500 833	1,500 833		18,000	
	833	833	833	833	3,333	10,000	33%
Assessment Methodology Services	-				-	-	N/A
Arbitrage Rebate Services	-	-	-	-	-	500	0%
Other Contractual Services							N1 / A
Recording and Transcription	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Legal Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	2,900	0%
Trustee Services	-	-	-	-	-	8,400	0%
Dissemination	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Property Appraiser/Tax Collector Fees	11,466	-	243	-	11,709	3,000	390%
Bank Service Charges	-	-	-	-	-	400	0%
Travel and Per Diem	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Communications & Freight Services							
Telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Postage, Freight & Messenger	-	21	14	-	35	200	17%
Insurance	70,519	-	-	-	70,519	55,000	128%
Printing & Binding	-	-	-	-	-	250	0%
Website Development	-	-	-	-	-	1,750	0%
Subscription & Memberships	-	175	-	-	175	175	100%
Legal Services							
Legal - General Counsel	-	1,838	525	-	2,363	10,000	24%
Legal - Foreclosure Counsel	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Legal - Tax Counsel	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Legal - Bond/Disclosure Counsel Other General Government Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Engineering Services - General	-	-	375	-	375	7,500	5%
Engineering Services - Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Reserve Study Report	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Stormwater Needs Analysis	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A

cription	October	November	December	January	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budg
tormwater Management Services							
Professional Services							
Asset Management	-	4,650	3,175	3,535	11,360	38,100	30%
Mitigation Monitoring	-	-	200	-	200	4,800	4%
NPDES Reporting	-	-	-	-	-	2,400	0%
Utility Services							
Electric - Aeration System	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Repairs & Maintenance							
Lake & Wetland System							
Aquatic Weed Control	6,932	24,840	6,932	7,620	46,324	71,000	65%
Lake Bank Maintenance		,		-	-	2,300	0%
Water Quality Testing	-	-	-	-	-	14,500	0%
Water Control Structures	-	-	-	6,180	6,180	27,000	239
Grass Carp Installation	-	-	-		-,		N//
Aeration System	-	-	270	600	870	-	N//
Littoral Shelf Barrier/Replant	-	-		-	-	-	N//
Cane Toad Removal	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/.
Lake & Wetland System - Other	-	-	3,021		3,021	-	N/.
Preserves/Wetland System							•
Routine Maintenance	-	5,400	-	10,375	15,775	40,000	39
Water Quality Testing	-		-		-	-	N/
Preserve Trail, Boardwalk, Lookout	-	-	-	-	-	18,000	09
Pressure Clean Boardwalk & Lookout	-	-	-	-	-	22,000	0%
Preserve Trail Material	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	0%
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	14,910	0%
Capital Outlay						,= ==	
Aeration System	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/
Littoral Shelf Planting	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	09
Lake Bank Restoration	-	750	-	500	1,250	144,880	19
Stormwater Drainage Pipes	-	-	-	200	200	30,000	19
Erosion Restoration	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/
Fountain Replacement (in Lakes)	-	1,600	1,500	1,500	4,600	40,000	12
Contingencies/Inspection Services	_	2,000	2,000	2,000	.,	.0,000	 N/
oad and Street Services							11/
Professional Management							
Asset Management		825	825	825	2,475	9,900	25
-	-	025	025	825	2,475	9,900	25 N/
Bridge Inspections	-	-	-	-	-	-	IN/
Utility Services							
Electric							
Southwest Blvd Street Lights	51	50	43	42	186	12,000	29
Entrance/Fountain Landscape/Street Lights	547	352	1,026	918	2,843	-	N/
Entrance Bridge - Lights	56	83	107	85	330	1,800	18
Repairs and Maintenance						-	N/
Sidewalk Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/
Curb & Gutter	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/
Striping & Pavement Marking	-	-	-	-	-		N/
Bridge Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	8,000	N/
Entry Monument (Trevisio Bay Blvd)	-	-	-	-	-	6,000	0%
Entry Wall (Trevisio Bay Blvd)	-	1,888	-	-	1,888	5,000	38
Street Lights (Trevisio Bay Blvd)	-	6,198	-	-	6,198	7,000	N/
Brick Paver Repairs	-	-	3,400	-	3,400	8,000	43
Annual Holiday Decorations	9,450	9,450	-	-	18,900	20,000	N/

scription	October	November	December	January	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budg
Miscellaneous Repairs		-	-	_	_	8,000	0%
Contingencies		-			-	4,650	0%
Capital Outlay						.,	
Entrance Lights (Treviso Bay Boulevard)	-	-	2,678	-	2,678	-	N N/A
Sub-Total	: 17,036	56,086	23,176	32,380	128,679	568,240	23%
Landscaping Services							
Professional Management							
Asset Management	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000	12,000	25%
Water Quality Monitoring	-	-	-	4,450	4,450	10,000	45%
Utility Services							
Electric - Landscape Lighting	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Irrigation Water - Landscaping	-	-	-	-	-	-	, N/A
Potable Water - Meter (Entry Fountain)	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Potable Water - Fountain	4	276	422	444	1,145	6,000	19%
Repairs & Maintenance					,	,	
Public Area Landscaping							
Treviso Bay Blvd - Entrance	-	8,061	-	14,710	22,771	90,000	25%
Southwest Boulevard	10,394	2,333	-	-	12,727	26,000	49%
Irrigation System	-	679	-	-	679	5,200	139
Well System	-	-	-	-	-	-	N//
Plant Replacement and Annuals	-	-	-	-	-	55,000	0%
Tree Trimming	-	-	11,760	9,240	21,000	10,000	210
Fountains	-	500	1,000	35,806	37,306	18,000	207
Other Current Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/#
Operating Supplies							
Mulch	-	8,922	-	-	8,922	27,000	33%
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	17,340	0%
Capital Outlay							
Fountain Pump House Construction & Landscaping	-	39,626	2,466	-	42,092	77,600	54%
Landscape Renewal & Replacement	-	-	487	1,400	1,887	40,000	5%
Engineering - Fountain Mechanical	-	-	-	-	-	-	N//
Lighting - Fixtures/Installation Sub-Total	: 10,398	- 61,397	- 17,135	67,050	- 155,980	- 394,140	N/A 40%
			,				
Reserves							K1 /
Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	N//
Extraordinary Capital/Operations Sub-Total	- <u>-</u>	-	-	-	-	200,000 200,000	0% 0%
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$ 116,128	\$ 126,226	\$ 50,176	\$ 109,438	\$ 401,968	\$ 1,344,255	309
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(99,045)	312,454	661,607	(63,926)	811,091	56,011	
Fund Balance - Beginning	679,463	580,418	892,873	1,554,480	679,463	27,882	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 580,418		\$ 1,554,480	\$ 1,490,554	1,490,554	\$ 83,893	

Wentworth Estates Community Development District Debt Service Fund - Series 2021 Bonds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Through January 31, 2024

						Total Annual	% of
Description	October	November	December	January	Year to Date	Budget	Budge
Revenue and Other Sources							
Carryforward						-	
Interest Income							
Revenue Account	1,296	1,382	563	5,522	8,763	-	N/A
Reserve Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Prepayment Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Interest Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Sinking Fund Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessment Revenue							
Special Assessments - On-Roll	21,185	544,026	882,713	56,443	1,504,367	1,783,584	84%
Special Assessments - Off-Roll	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Special Assessments - Prepayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Discounts on Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Proceeds from Refunding Bonds							
2018 Refinance (2006 Bonds)	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Operating Transfers In (From Other Funds)	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	\$ 22,482	\$ 545,408	\$ 883,276	\$ 61,964	\$ 1,513,130	\$ 1,783,584	N/A
Expenditures and Other Uses							
Proprety Appraiser/Tax Collector Fees					-	\$-	N/A
Debt Service							
Principal Debt Service - Mandatory							
Series 2021 Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	1,260,000	0%
Principal Debt Service - Prepayments							
Series 2021 Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Interest Expense							
Series 2021 Bonds	-	207,429	-	-	207,429	414,859	50%
Foreclosure Counsel	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Property Appraiser & Tax Collector	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Pymt to Refunded Bonds Escrow Agent							
2021 Refinance (2018 Bonds)	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Intragovermental Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	`	N/A
	\$-	\$ 207,429	\$-	\$-	\$ 207,429	\$ 1,674,859	N/A
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	22,482	337,979	883,276	61,964	1,305,701	108,725	
Fund Balance - Beginning	302,943	325,425	663,403	1,546,679	302,943		
	302,943	323,423	003,405	1,040,079	302,943	-	