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San Leandro Unified School District
Governing Board
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We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the San Leandro Unified School District (the District). We will perform the required annual financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the general obligation bonds (Proposition 39) and the required performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed for the period of July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, in accordance with the compliance requirements of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Financial Audit

We will audit the financial statements of the Measure J1 Bond Fund of the District for the period of July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. The financial statements will present only the Measure J1 Bond Fund on the modified accrual basis of accounting and will not purport to and will not be intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the District in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Audit Objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether the Bond Fund financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP). Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of the accounting records of the District and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. If our opinions on the financial statements are other than unmodified, we will fully discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and compliance will include a statement that the report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the body charged with governance, others within the District, and specific legislative or regulatory bodies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. If, during our audit, we become aware that the District is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

Other Services

We will also prepare or assist in preparing the financial statements of San Leandro Unified School District in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for the Bond Fund financial statements and all accompanying information, as well as all representations contained therein. As part of the audit, we will assist with the preparation of your financial statements and related notes. You are responsible for making all management decisions and performing all management functions relating to the financial statements and related notes and for accepting full responsibility for such decisions. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with the preparation of the financial statements and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you are required to designate an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee any nonaudit services we provide and for evaluating the adequacy and results of those services and accepting responsibility for them.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the fair presentation in the financial statements of the District, in conformity with U.S. GAAP.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly recorded. Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the District involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud or illegal acts could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the District received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the District complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy any fraud, illegal acts, violations of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that we may report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying for us previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

Audit Procedures – General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the District or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the District. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform you of any material errors and any fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform you of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

Audit Procedures - Internal Controls

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the Bond Fund and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Audit Procedures – Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance, and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

Performance Audit

The purpose of the Performance Audit is to meet the Proposition 39 requirement for the Bond proceeds to ensure compliance with Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution. This includes that the Proposition 39 Bond proceeds are expended only on the specific projects listed in the bond language approved by the voters, and no Bond proceeds are being spent on administrative salaries or any other expenses that would otherwise be the obligation of the District's General Fund. The Performance Audit will be conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards.

Management of San Leandro Unified School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance to meet the Proposition 39 requirement for the Bond proceeds to ensure compliance with Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards requires that we obtain an understanding of those internal controls that are significant to our audit objectives. Our consideration of internal controls is limited to those controls considered significant to meet the objectives of this performance audit. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*. A performance audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Our procedures for the Performance Audit for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, will be as follows:

- Audit the receipt of proceeds of the General Obligation Bonds and ensure the full proceeds have been segregated and deposited in the Bond fund as required by Proposition 39.
- Determine District procedures for disbursement of funds related to the voter approved general obligation bonds were applied in accordance with laws and regulations, as well as policies approved by the Board of Trustees. This will be accomplished through the inspection of specified documents evidencing certain types of transactions and detailed attributes thereof. Included, but not limited to, the specific documents related to bid procedures for contracts and services, invoices for services rendered, and other appropriate documents deemed necessary to provide a basis for the results of our objective.
- Review compliance with administrative provision of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, including the formation of, and meetings with, the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee.
- Review the detailed accounting of expenditures to determine if proceeds are being spent on administrative salaries or any other expense that would otherwise be the obligation of the District's General Fund.
- From a sample of construction expenditures from the detailed accounting of expenditures, review expenditures to determine if proceeds expended are for specific projects as listed in the voter approved bond language. Expenditures from all projects will be included in the sample.
- We will review minutes of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee for compliance with the committee's stated purpose.

- We will report to the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee and the District Board of Trustees with the results of our procedures.
- A performance audit report will be issued to the Bond Oversight Committee and the District Board of Trustees.

With respect financial statement preparation services, and any other nonattest services we provide, San Leandro Unified School District's management is responsible for (a) making all management decisions and performing all management functions; (b) assigning a competent individual to oversee the services; (c) evaluating the adequacy of the services performed; (d) evaluating and accepting responsibility for the results of the services performed; and (e) establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance, written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of San Leandro Unified School District's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the governing board of San Leandro Unified School District. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the engagement.

Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations we request and will locate any documents or support for any other transactions we select for testing.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the financial statements and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

During the course of the engagement, we may communicate with you or your personnel via fax or e-mail, and you should be aware that communication in those mediums contains a risk of misdirected or intercepted communications.

We may use third party service providers and/or affiliated entities (including Eide Bailly Shared Services Private Limited) (collectively, "service providers") in order to facilitate delivering our services to you. Our use of service providers may require access to client information by the service provider. We will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have the appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of confidential information to others. We will remain responsible for the confidentiality of client information accessed by such service provider and any work performed by such service provider.

Terri A. Montgomery is the engagement partner for the audit services specified in this letter. Responsibilities include supervising services performed as part of this engagement and signing or authorizing another qualified firm representative to sign the audit report. We expect to begin our audit on approximately June 1, 2020.

Our fees are based on the amount of time required at various levels of responsibility. Invoices are payable upon presentation. We estimate that our fee for the audit will be $11,500. We will notify you immediately of any circumstances we encounter that could significantly affect this initial fee estimate. Whenever possible, we will attempt to use San Leandro Unified School District's personnel to assist in the preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts. This effort could substantially reduce our time requirements and facilitate the timely conclusion of the audit.

In addition, we will be compensated for any time and expenses, including time and expenses of legal counsel, we may incur in conducting or responding to discovery requests or participating as a witness or otherwise in any legal, regulatory, or other proceedings as a result of our Firm's performance of these services. You and your attorney will receive, if lawful, a copy of every subpoena we are asked to respond to on your behalf and will have the ability to control the extent of the discovery process to control the costs you may incur.

Should our relationship terminate before our audit procedures are completed and a report issued, you will be billed for services to the date of termination. All bills are payable upon receipt. A service charge of 1% per month, which is an annual rate of 12%, will be added to all accounts unpaid 30 days after billing date. If collection action is necessary, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees will be added to the amount due.

During the course of the audit, we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

You agree to inform us of facts that may affect the financial statements of which you may become aware during the period from the date of the auditor's report to the date the financial statements are issued.

We agree to retain our audit documentation or work papers for a period of at least eight years from the date of our report.

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DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The following procedures shall be used to resolve any disagreement, controversy or claim that may arise out of any aspect of our services or relationship with you, including this engagement, for any reason ("Dispute"). Specifically, we agree to first mediate.

Mediation

All Disputes between us shall first be submitted to non-binding mediation by written notice ("Mediation Notice") to the other party. In mediation, we will work with you to resolve any differences voluntarily with the aid of an impartial mediator. The mediator will be selected by mutual agreement, but if we cannot agree on a mediator, one shall be designated by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA").

The mediation will be conducted as specified by the mediator and agreed upon by the parties. The parties agree to discuss their differences in good faith and to attempt, with the assistance of the mediator, to reach an amicable resolution of the Dispute. Mediation will be conducted with the parties in person in San Ramon, California.

Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation. The fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally by the parties.

Either party may commence suit on a Dispute after the mediator declares an impasse.

INDEMNITY

You agree that none of Eide Bailly LLP, its partners, affiliates, officers or employees (collectively "Eide Bailly") shall be responsible for or liable to you for any misstatements in your financial statements that we may fail to detect as a result of knowing representations made to us, or the concealment or intentional withholding of information from us, by any of your owners, directors, officers or employees, whether or not they acted in doing so in your interests or for your benefit, and to hold Eide Bailly harmless from any claims, losses, settlements, judgments, awards, damages and attorneys' fees from any such misstatement, provided that the services performed hereunder were performed in accordance with professional standards, in all material respects.

If a claim is brought against you by a third-party that arises out of or is in any way related to the services provided under this engagement, you agree to indemnify Eide Bailly LLP, its partners, affiliates, officers and employees, against any losses, including settlement payments, judgments, damage awards, punitive or exemplary damages, and the costs of litigation (including attorneys' fees) associated with the services performed hereunder provided that the services were performed in accordance with professional standards, in all material respects.

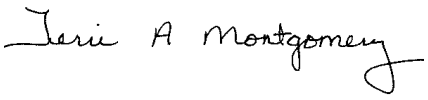
ASSIGNMENTS PROHIBITED

You agree that you will not and may not assign, sell, barter or transfer any legal rights, causes of actions, claims or Disputes you may have against Eide Bailly LLP, its partners, affiliates, officers and employees, to any other person or party, or to any trustee, receiver or other third party.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the financial statements including our respective responsibilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to be your certified public accountants and look forward to working with you and your staff.

Respectfully,



Terri A. Montgomery
Partner

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RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth our understanding.

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of San Leandro Unified School District by:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____