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## REQUIRED COMMUNICATION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (SAS 114)

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We have audited the financial statements of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (the Authority) for the year ended June 30, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 6, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Authority are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Authority implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*; Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*; GASB Statement No. 78, *Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*; GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*; and GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*, during fiscal year 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the Authority during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Authority's financial statements were:

- **Estimated Useful Lives of Capital Assets –** Management estimates the lives of capital assets for purposes of calculating annual depreciation expense to be reported in the Authority's Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. Estimated useful lives range from 9 to 13 years for revenue transit vehicles; 3 to 10 years for shop, office, other equipment, and service vehicles; and 30 years for building and structures.
- **Self-Insurance Liability –** This represents management's estimate of the liability for public liability claims and workers' compensation claims to be paid for which the Authority is self-insured, and includes management's estimate of the ultimate costs for both reported claims and claims incurred but not reported.
- **Net Pension Liability and Post-Employment Benefits Other than Pension Benefits Liability –** These are based on actuarial evaluations, which involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and probabilities about the occurrence of future events far into the future.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the accounting estimates used in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were the disclosures of capital assets and depreciation, employees' retirement pension plan and the net pension liability, self-insurance liability, and the liability for post-employment benefits other than pension benefits in Notes 5, 7, 8, and 11, respectively, of the financial statements.

*Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

*Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no such misstatements.

*Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 8, 2017.

*Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Authority's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Authority's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

**Other Matters**

We applied certain limited procedures to the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Contributions, and Schedule of Funding Progress – Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pension Benefits, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplement the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

**Restriction on Use**

This information is intended solely for the use of the Administrative and Finance Committee, Board of Directors, and management of the Authority and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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December 8, 2017