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**REQUIRED
COMMUNICATIONS
LETTER**

**TO THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2014**

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT
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RE: Required Communications

Ladies and gentlemen:

As part of our engagement to audit the basic financial statements of Southern Nevada Health District (the District) as of June 30, 2014, and for the year then ended, we are required under applicable auditing standards to communicate certain matters to those charged with governance responsibilities for the District for the purpose of assisting them in meeting their responsibilities with regard to the financial reporting process. This report contains those required communications.

The matters reported herein were considered in forming our opinion on the District's basic financial statements contained in our report dated December 8, 2014, and these matters do not change that report.

The purpose of this communication is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This communication is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Piercy Bowler Taylor & Kern

December 8, 2014

Copies provided to:
Joseph Iser, MD, Chief Health Officer
Andy Glass - Director of Administration
Mars Patricio, Jr - Financial Services Manager

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Prior to issuance of the District's annual basic financial statements and our report thereon, it is management's responsibility to provide those charged with governance responsibilities, with detailed information related to the District's 1) initial selection of, and changes in, significant accounting policies and practices, 2) significant estimates, 3) significant unusual transactions, and 4) corrected and uncorrected misstatements, if any.

Appended to this communication is a copy of the letter of representation, requested by us, to be executed by management with regard to our audit services.

SIGNIFICANT AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS (CORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS)

Our audit resulted in two significant adjustments to the District's basic financial statements. The effect thereof on the District's basic financial statements is summarized below and linked to a finding or comment about the significance of the related internal control deficiency in the "Matters Involving Internal Control" section.

<u>Adjustment(s) and related effect(s)</u>	<u>Link</u>
Recognition of grant revenue. To defer the recognition of \$452,949 of grant revenue at the fund level, which was not received by the District within the 60 day period to be considered available. Although the entry had no impact at the District-wide (<i>i.e.</i> , full accrual) level, it increased deferred inflow of resources (unavailable revenue) and reduced fund balance in the District's general fund by \$452,949.	1
Expenditure Cut-off. To properly accrue for approximately \$133,000 of expenses that were incurred for goods and services rendered and received prior to June 30, 2014. This entry increased liabilities and decreased fund balance as follows: General fund - \$79,810 (governmental activities) Capital projects fund - \$51,000 (governmental activities) Public Health Lab - \$2,389 (business-type activities)	2

DIFFICULTIES OR CONTENTIOUS MATTERS ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

Management cooperated fully, and no significant difficulties or contentious matters were encountered in completing the June 30, 2014, audit.

Although management cooperated fully during the audit, several grant compliance findings were noted which resulted in additional grant testing.

MATTERS INVOLVING INTERNAL CONTROL

We planned and performed our audit of the basic financial statements of the District as of June 30, 2014 and for the year then ended, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the District's basic financial statements. Such procedures were not performed 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.

The principal objectives of effective internal control are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that all transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The concept of reasonable assurance requires that management, in fulfilling its responsibility, make estimates and judgments to assess the expected benefit and related costs of control procedures. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control, errors or fraudulent acts, particularly when involving forgery and collusion, may occur and not be detected. In addition, there is a risk that procedures may become inadequate in future periods because of changes in conditions and the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Definitions. A *deficiency* in internal control over financial reporting 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 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 District's basic 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 with governance. Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

Findings. Our procedures identified the following that we are bringing to your attention:

<u>Link</u>	<u>Previously Reported</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Internal control deficiencies and/or other comments</u>
1	No	Significant deficiency	Revenue / receivable cut-off. The District's controls designed to ensure appropriate receivable and revenue cut-off did not function as intended, due to ineffective monitoring for compliance therewith. As a result, the District's receivables and revenues were understated by \$87,943 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014. In addition, approximately \$453,000 of grant revenue that was not received by the District within 60 days after year end was improperly recognized as revenue at the fund level.
2	No	Significant deficiency	Expenditure / payable cut-off. The District's controls designed to ensure appropriate payable and expenditure/expense cut-off did not function as intended, due to ineffective monitoring to evaluate the degree of compliance therewith. Specifically, the review of invoices received and paid subsequent to the end of the fiscal year did not result in the accrual of invoices for approximately \$133,000 of goods and services received by the District during fiscal 2014.
3	No	Significant deficiency	Internally developed software. The District's internal controls over financial reporting do not include policies and procedures regarding the proper accounting for internally-developed intangible assets, as required by GASB Statement No. 51, <i>Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets</i> (GASB 51). As a result, expenditures incurred during fiscal 2014 for the development of a new timekeeping software system were not tracked and evaluated for capitalization in accordance with the guidance included in GASB 51, and were therefore expensed as incurred.

<u>Link</u>	<u>Previously Reported</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Internal control deficiencies and/or other comments</u>
4	Yes	Material weakness	Timeliness of remediation of internal control deficiencies. The District has not addressed internal control deficiencies related to grant compliance in a timely manner. Certain findings regarding time and effort reporting and subrecipient monitoring were first reported as part of the fiscal 2012 audit. However, formal policies and procedures related to time and effort reporting were not fully implemented until March 2014, and formal policies and procedures related to subrecipient monitoring were not fully implemented until August 2014 (<i>i.e.</i> , fiscal 2015).

OTHER GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Auditors' responsibility under applicable professional standards. As stated in our report on the District's basic financial statements, our responsibility as independent auditors, under applicable professional standards, is to express an opinion, based on our audit, on the District's basic financial statements, which are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibilities, as contrasted with management's, are spelled out more fully in our letter of engagement.

Despite any limited assistance we may have provided to management in its preparation, our responsibility for information accompanying the District's basic financial statements is limited to 1) reading such information to ascertain that it is materially consistent with information presented in the District's basic financial statements 2) considering whether any statements contained therein may appear to be materially misstated, and 3) assuring the satisfactory resolution of our concerns, if any. In this instance, we performed the required procedures, and any changes requested by us in this process were satisfactorily made and all questions satisfactorily resolved.

In considering the matters reported herein, you should be cognizant of your responsibility for oversight of the financial reporting process and management's responsibilities for establishing and maintaining an effective internal control subject to regulatory and ownership approval, and for the District's basic financial statements.

Fraudulent or other illegal or abusive activities. We did not become aware of any possible fraudulent or other illegal or abusive activities or any significant complaints or concerns regarding the District's accounting and financial reporting.

Significant accounting policies. The significant accounting policies employed by the District are disclosed in the notes to the District's basic financial statements and are essentially as prescribed, recommended or permitted under applicable authoritative literature for, or commonly used by, other entities in your industry. The accounting policies have been consistently applied and are not controversial or lacking in authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant estimates. The basic financial statements do not contain any significant management estimates except with regard to the valuation of other post-employment benefits liability (including the related disclosures required by GASB Statement No. 45), workers compensation liability and the estimated useful lives of depreciable capital assets.

Significant unusual transactions. Significant unusual transactions are those that occur outside the normal course of business or that otherwise appear to be unusual due to their timing, size, or nature. We are not aware of any significant unusual transactions.

Recently issued accounting pronouncements. In June 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2014. The objective of this statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. This statement results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for pensions with regard to providing decision-useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and interperiod equity, and creating additional transparency. This statement replaces the requirements of Statement No. 27, *Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Governmental Employers*, as well as the requirements of Statement No. 50, *Pension Disclosures*, as they relate to pensions that are provided through pension plans administered as trusts or equivalent arrangements that meet certain criteria. Management is currently awaiting the completed evaluation from the Public Employees Retirement System to complete its evaluation and determine the effect on the District's basic financial statements.

In November 2013, the GASB issued Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date- an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*, to be applied simultaneously with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68. The objective of this Statement is to address an issue regarding application of the transition provisions of GASB Statement No. 68. The issue relates to amounts associated with contributions, if any, made by a state or local government employer or nonemployer contributing entity to a defined benefit pension plan after the measurement date of the government's beginning net pension liability. Management is currently awaiting the completed evaluation from the Public Employees Retirement System to complete its evaluation and determine the effect on the District's basic financial statements.

Related parties. No significant audit issues were encountered in connection with the District's related party transactions, for example, nondisclosure by management or questionable authorization/purpose.

Disagreements or pre-retention discussions with, and consultations with other accountants by, management. We are also required by professional standards to communicate any significant disagreements with management, consultations by management with other accountants that we become aware of, or discussions with us prior to our retention regarding any major issues, over the application of accounting principles, management's judgments about accounting estimates, disclosures to be made in the District's basic financial statements, the scope of the audit or the wording of the auditors' report, regardless of whether the matter was satisfactorily resolved. No such disagreements were encountered in our audit, nor are we aware of any consultations with other accountants, nor were we consulted prior to retention, regarding any such matters.

Licensing and independence. This will confirm that we are duly licensed to perform this engagement. In addition, in our professional judgment, we are independent of the District and, when applicable, its affiliated entities under all applicable rules, regulations, and interpretations, and we represent that we know of no relationships that a reasonably informed person might consider an impairment of our independence under such requirements with regard to this engagement.

Management consulting services. We have not provided the District with any management consulting services.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants. Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to the District is the responsibility of the District's management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. However, our objective was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions.

In accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, we have issued our report dated December 8, 2014, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

In accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, we have issued our report dated December 8, 2014, on our consideration of the District's compliance with requirements applicable to major programs and on internal control over compliance. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and internal control over compliance and the results of that testing, and to provide an opinion on the District's compliance with such requirements, but not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Material instances of noncompliance are failures to follow requirements or violations of prohibitions contained in laws, regulations, contracts and grants, that when aggregated, in our judgment, are material to the District's basic financial statements or a major grant program. The results of our tests of compliance and internal control over compliance did not disclose material instances of noncompliance or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance except as indicated in the above referenced reports.

**REPRESENTATIONS SOUGHT
FROM MANAGEMENT**



December 8, 2014

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To the Firm:

In this letter, the use of the phrase “financial statements” refers to the basic financial statements and related disclosures of the Southern Nevada Health District (the District), including any accompanying or supplemental information, as of June 30, 2014 and for the year then ended. It is in relation to these financial statements and in connection with the professional audit services that you provided that we make the representations contained herein.

Certain representations in this letter are described as referring or being limited to matters that are "material" to, or that could have a "material effect" on, the financial statements. We understand that items are considered qualitatively material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. However, such materiality considerations do not apply to those representations contained herein that are not directly related to amounts included in the financial statements. For purposes of these representations, any matters having a possible effect of \$80,000 individually or \$125,000 in the aggregate, on the financial statements are considered quantitatively material.

GENERAL REPRESENTATION OF TRUTHFULNESS

We have responded fully and truthfully to all inquiries made to us by you and confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, all representations we have previously made (or should have made) including, but not limited to, those specifically stated in this letter.

We agree to hold you harmless and indemnify you for any costs incurred as a result of your reliance on any false representations made to you by management personnel in connection with your services.

TRANSACTIONS, RECORDS, ESTIMATES, ADJUSTMENTS, AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

1. We are responsible for authorizing, initiating, processing, and reporting transactions only in connection with the legitimate business purposes and best interests of the District, including, but not limited to, all related party and other transactions outside the normal course of business, if any. It is also our responsibility to ensure that such transactions comply with various laws, regulations, and contractual agreements applicable to the District and the District has complied with all such

requirements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.

The District has complied with all restrictions on resources, including donor restrictions, and all aspects of contractual and grant agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements.

We are responsible for evaluating the classification of contract and grant revenues as either contributions or exchange transactions in accordance with the provisions of applicable standards and for ensuring that all such revenues are appropriately reported.

We have properly classified and reported the District's equity and changes therein, in accordance with the provisions of applicable standards.

The District has complied with all applicable laws and regulations in adopting and amending the budget, and the budget information presented in financial statements includes all approved amendments.

We have determined that there are no component units or joint ventures that require disclosure under applicable *Governmental Accounting Standards*.

2. We are unaware of any material transactions that have not been recorded in the financial records underlying the financial statements including, but not limited to, related party transactions, (such as sales or purchases of goods or services, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements or guarantees) and related amounts receivable or payable or illegal transactions.
3. We have made available to you all financial records and related data underlying the financial statements of which management is aware of and believes are relevant to the preparation of the financial statements and any additional items that you requested, including but not limited to, minutes of and related resolutions (or accurate and complete summaries of discussions held and actions taken at) all meetings of those charged with governance through the date of this letter. Such minutes or summaries include and fairly describe all decisions made and actions taken by the respective bodies that bear significantly on the financial statements. Furthermore, we have provided you with unrestricted access to persons within the District that you have selected to obtain audit evidence from.
4. We are responsible for and have identified all fair value and other accounting estimates that materially affect the financial statements including, specifically, those that are susceptible to material revision during the first year subsequent to the end of the most recent period presented as a result of evolving events that have a reasonable probability of occurrence. We have informed you of the key factors and significant assumptions that underlie those estimates.

We understand that the service(s) provided by you did not include preparing, or assisting in the preparation of, any fair value estimates contained in the District's financial statements.

5. We are responsible for all recorded accounting estimates, including all asset valuation allowances. Such estimates reflect management's best judgment considering all reasonably available facts, including management's knowledge and experience about past events and current circumstances, and expected courses of action and are not materially misstated.

We have allocated certain expenses among functional expense categories (program services and supporting activities) based upon our knowledge and experience as to the benefit associated with each activity, including program services only to the extent a program objective was benefited from such expenditures.

6. We have evaluated and have recorded (or will record) adjustments to the books of account for all

financial statement misstatements identified by us or by you, if any, during the course of your engagement, except for those listed in the attached Schedule of Unadjusted Differences, which includes all adjustments and disclosures that we have concluded are immaterial, both individually and, if applicable, in the aggregate.

7. We are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. In other words, it is our responsibility to ensure that the financial statements and related disclosures are free of material misstatements in relation to the requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which financial reporting framework we have evaluated and determined to be acceptable and appropriate.

We are responsible for the fair presentation of the accompanying supplemental information.

We are responsible for the financial statements including all disclosures required by laws and regulations or other applicable standards to which the District is subject.

We are responsible for the proper classification of revenues in the statement of activities and reporting of all inter-fund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as amended.

We are responsible for identifying all funds that meet the quantitative criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as amended for presentation as a major fund and for ensuring that all qualifying funds are reported as such. In addition, any fund presented as a major fund that does not meet the quantitative criteria has qualitative significance to users of the financial statements.

Any assistance that you provided to us in connection with the preparation of the financial statements and/or analysis of accounts including that which resulted in proposed adjustments was evaluated, reviewed, and approved by Mars Patricio, Jr., Financial Services Manager, a member of the District's management team, who possesses suitable skills, knowledge, and/or experience to do so, meaning that this individual understands the services performed sufficiently to oversee them, but is not required to possess the expertise to perform or re-perform the services.

8. There have been no significant changes in business activities, accounting practices or internal controls that might affect the financial statements.
9. We have reviewed and approved what we intend to be the final draft of the financial statements.

SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE REPRESENTATIONS

1. **Related party transactions and balances.** There are no material related party transactions and related amounts receivable or payable.
2. **Concentrations, risks and uncertainties.** Except as disclosed in the financial statements or an attachment to this letter, there are no concentrations of credit or other business or economic risks (including, but not limited to, customers, suppliers, lenders, products, services, sources of labor or materials, franchise or other licenses, operating areas, markets, *etc.*) that make the District vulnerable to a severe impact within the first year subsequent to the end of the most recent period presented. In addition, we are not aware of any undisclosed matters regarding the financial stability of depository banks or other financial institutions that might affect your judgment about the significance of any risk of loss to the District associated with uninsured deposits.

3. **Receivables.** All material receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims arising as a result of sales, loans or advances or other transactions occurring within or before the end of the most recent period presented and have been reduced to their estimated net realizable value by appropriate collection and/or other applicable valuation allowances.
4. **Financial instruments.** Management has used the methods and assumptions disclosed in the financial statements, and taken all reasonable, appropriate and practical steps in the circumstances, to ascertain the appropriate accounting for and objectively estimate the fair value of material financial instruments and other assets carried or reflected in the financial statements or disclosures, if any, including instruments that do not have readily determinable market values, pursuant to applicable standards.
5. **Title, carrying values and classification of assets.** There are no management plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of any District assets and the District has satisfactory title to such assets. All recorded carrying costs are recoverable, net of any impairment write-downs and other recorded valuation allowances and provisions, which are adequate, and we are unaware of any undisclosed value impairment indications, including those relating to long-lived assets, liens, encumbrances or other title impairments as of the end of the most recent period presented.
6. **Inventories.** There are no material amounts of obsolete, damaged, slow-moving, excessive or otherwise unsaleable or overvalued inventories, or commitments to purchase inventory quantities in excess of normal requirements or at a price in excess of market that have not been appropriately written down (or reserved).
7. **Commitments, contingencies and accruable liabilities.** Except as disclosed in the financial statements or an attachment to this letter, there are no matters of pending or threatened litigation, asserted or unasserted claims or assessments that we are aware of that are probable of assertion, that could have a material effect on the financial statements, including, but not limited to, 1) environmental remediation obligations, 2) gain or loss contingencies that require recognition or disclosure in accordance with applicable accounting standards, 3) guarantees (written or oral) or "in-substance" guarantees of the obligations of other entities or individuals (including, for example, general partnership interests), 4) warranties or rights of return, 5) arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other restrictions on cash balances, 6) lines-of-credit or similar arrangements, 7) unconditional promises to contribute or otherwise transfer cash or other assets, 8) conditional promises to contribute or otherwise transfer cash or other assets that would require accrual or disclosure under applicable standards, 9) potential losses from unfavorable sales commitments, 10) other commitments requiring disclosure in the financial statements (including for the issuance of capital stock or partnership or other equity units, asset repurchase agreements, capital stock reserved for options, warrants, conversions or similar rights), or 11) other unrecorded liabilities.

Furthermore, no attorney services were retained or received by the District during the most recent period presented or subsequent thereto through the date of this letter.

8. **Multiple-employer, cost sharing, defined benefit plan(s).** We have no intention to terminate or materially modify the District's defined benefit plan(s). Although it is possible that a liability would be incurred by the District in the event of its withdrawal from participation in, or the termination of, such plan(s), the liability is not subject to reasonable estimation based on available information. Furthermore, all contributions required for the District's defined benefit plan(s) have been made or recorded as liabilities as of the end of the most recent period presented.
9. **Solvency.** We understand that you have neither determined nor will opine as to whether the

District is solvent or insolvent for bankruptcy or other purposes since such would be a legal determination that may be made only by a court.

10. **Use of a specialist in connection with the valuation of assets or liabilities.** For assets and liabilities valued with the assistance of a valuation specialist, we made an objective evaluation of the specialist's qualifications to perform the assignment and did not give instructions to, or have any prior relationship with, the specialist that might have the effect of materially biasing or influencing the specialist's conclusion and advice to the District. In addition, there are no other matters of which we are aware that might have had an impact on the objectivity or independence of the specialist.
11. **Subsequent events.** We are responsible for evaluating events or transactions that have occurred subsequent to the end of the most recent period presented, but before the financial statements are issued or available for issuance (subsequent events), through the date of this letter, for recognition and disclosure. We have performed appropriate subsequent events evaluation procedures, which are sufficient in the circumstances. Except as disclosed in the financial statements or an attachment to this letter, there have been no significant events subsequent to the end of the most recent period presented that, in our judgment, would materially affect and, therefore, require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND FRAUD

1. We are responsible for designing, implementing, establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting that provides reasonable assurance that 1) the financial statements are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, 2) the District's resources are adequately safeguarded, 3) the District is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and contractual requirements, and 4) fraudulent and other illegal acts are detected and prevented, including those involving both fraudulent financial reporting and misappropriation of assets possibly leading to financial statement misstatements.
2. We are responsible for evaluating the qualifications of all service organizations employed by the District including, but not limited to, computer service bureaus, financial institutions, investment advisors, brokers and other agents that we engage, particularly as to their integrity and ability to perform the services requested in accordance with management's authorization(s), and do not use or rely upon any services that your Firm performs in making these evaluations.
3. We are unaware of any fraud that is either material, probably material or that, although not material, involves management or other employees who have a significant role in internal control over financial reporting.
4. There has been no communication from or action by law enforcement or regulatory agencies concerning possible, alleged or suspected fraud, deficiencies in financial reporting practices or other noncompliance with laws, regulations or contractual requirements or any other illegal acts that should be considered for disclosure or for recording a loss contingency.
5. We are responsible for assessing the expected benefits and the related costs of all control procedures, including any additional or alternative procedures recommended by you.
6. We are responsible for considering and have considered the cause(s) of proposed adjustments (whether or not made and without distinction between those proposed by us or you), if any, including those that may have resulted, in whole or in part, from deficiencies in the design and

operation of related controls.

7. There have been no changes in internal control over financial reporting or any other factors subsequent to the end of the most recent period presented that might significantly affect internal control over financial reporting, including any corrective actions taken by management with regard to any identified material weaknesses and other significant deficiencies.
8. We understand that a *deficiency* in internal control over financial reporting 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, that is less severe than a material weakness yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.
9. We are responsible for and continually assess the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting including disclosure controls, and do not use or rely upon procedures performed by your Firm for this purpose.
10. We have disclosed to you all known deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting, including disclosure controls, that were identified as part of management's assessment or otherwise, specifically identifying all such deficiencies that are material weaknesses and other significant deficiencies as defined above, if any.
11. Except as disclosed in the financial statements or an attachment to this letter, all control deficiencies identified by management, or by you during or as a result of previous engagements, if any, have been communicated to those charged with governance of the District and resolved to management's satisfaction.

COMPLIANCE WITH AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

1. We are responsible for complying, and have complied, with the requirements of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, various other laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts, including grant agreements applicable to each of the District's federal programs and represent that the District has complied, in all material respects, with all such requirements.

We have specifically identified and disclosed to you the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have a direct and material effect on each of the District's federal programs.

We have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known instances of non-compliance with the requirements of federal awards, including the results of, or current status of, other audits or program reviews through the date of this letter.

We are responsible for tracking the status of all audit and program review findings and have identified and disclosed to you all such findings. In addition, we are responsible for the preparation and implementation of the corrective action plan and a copy thereof has been provided to you.

2. We have made available to you all records and related data for our federal programs, including but

not limited to: 1) a schedule of expenditures of federal awards prepared in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, which includes all expenditures made during the most recent period presented for all awards provided by federal agencies (including those passed through other entities) in the form of grants, federal cost reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property, donated surplus property, cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations and other assistance; 2) all contracts and grant agreements, including amendments, if any, and other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities related to the District's federal programs; and 3) all documentation related to the compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports, and claims for advances and reimbursements.

3. We have specifically identified and disclosed to you all amounts that have been awarded to us under the authority of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, including any such amounts expended or received by us.
4. All federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared. The copies of federal program financial reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted (including electronically transmitted) to the applicable federal agency or pass-through entity.
5. We are responsible for and have monitored subrecipients compliance with applicable laws and regulations including OMB Circular A-133, reviewed and issued decision(s) as to subrecipient audit findings, if any, and ensured that corrective action was taken timely. In connection with reviewing the subrecipients' audit findings, we have considered the possible need for adjustment to our own books and records and made such adjustments as determined to be necessary.
6. All costs charged to federal programs, including allocated indirect costs, if any, are in compliance with applicable cost principles.
7. We are responsible for the accurate preparation of the summary schedule of prior audit findings, which includes all findings required to be included by OMB Circular A-133. We are also responsible for the completion of the "data collection form" and the submission of our "reporting package" as required by OMB Circular A-133.
8. We are responsible for designing, implementing, establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance for federal programs that provides reasonable assurance that we are managing federal awards in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts, including grant agreements, which could have a material effect on our federal programs.
9. There have been no changes in internal control over compliance for federal programs subsequent to the most recent financial reporting period presented that might significantly affect internal control over compliance or have a direct and material effect on any of the District's federal programs. In addition, there have been no known instances of non-compliance occurring subsequent to the most recent financial reporting period presented through the date of this letter.

INTENDED USERS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements are intended solely for the third party users specified in the District's letter of engagement with you or in a supplemental written communication to you and no others without your prior written approval.

There are no current plans for the issuance of public debt (*i.e.*, municipal bonds including revenue bonds)

during the first year subsequent to the end of the most recent period presented; and therefore, the financial statements are not expected to be included in any offering documents.

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE YOUR FIRM PROVIDED

Purpose of audit. We understand that your audit of the District's financial statements was made for the purpose of enabling you to express an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

We understand that the required supplementary information (management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedules and other required information) presented with the financial statements is not a required part of the financial statements, but is required by applicable standards to be presented and that although you applied limited procedures to this information you did not audit it; and therefore, you will express no opinion on the required supplementary information.

We understand that the other supplementary information (introductory section, combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, statistical section and other information) presented with the financial statements is not a required part of the financial statements.

We understand that the introductory section, statistical section and other information were not subjected to the procedures applied in the audit of the District's financial statements; and therefore, you will express no opinion on this information.

We understand that the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules were subjected to the procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements; and therefore, you will express an opinion on this information in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

We understand that the nature of the service that you provided requires that your service team exercise professional judgment in connection with virtually every aspect of and throughout the engagement, and that such judgment(s) might vary from those of another professional in the same or similar circumstances.

Very truly yours,

Southern Nevada Health District



Dr. Joseph Iser, Chief Health Officer



Andrew Glass, Director of Administration



Mars Patricio, Financial Services Manager