

**Dowden West
Community Development District**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors
Dowden West Community Development District
City of Orlando, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Dowden West Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Accounting Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

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To the Board of Supervisors
Dowden West Community Development District

Opinion

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 Dowden West Community Development District, as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.


Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 28, 2022 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 and contracts. 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. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Dowden West Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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Fort Pierce, Florida

June 28, 2022

**Dowden West Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

Management's discussion and analysis of Dowden West Community Development District (the "District") financial performance provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities. The analysis provides summary financial information for the District and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District's basic financial statements comprise three components; 1) *Government-wide financial statements*, 2) *Fund financial statements*, and 3) *Notes to financial statements*. The *Government-wide financial statements* present an overall picture of the District's financial position and results of operations. The *Fund financial statements* present financial information for the District's major funds. The *Notes to financial statements* provide additional information concerning the District's finances.

The *Government-wide financial statements* are the **statement of net position** and the **statement of activities**. These statements use accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. Emphasis is placed on the net position of governmental activities and the change in net position. Governmental activities are primarily supported by developer contributions.

The **statement of net position** presents information on all assets and liabilities of the District, with the difference between assets and liabilities reported as net position. Net Position is reported in three categories; 1) net investment in capital assets, 2) restricted, and 3) unrestricted. Assets, liabilities, and net position are reported for all Governmental activities.

The **statement of activities** presents information on all revenues and expenses of the District and the change in net position. Expenses are reported by major function and program revenues relating to those functions are reported, providing the net cost of all functions provided by the District. To assist in understanding the District's operations, expenses have been reported as governmental activities. Governmental activities financed by the District include general government, physical environment and debt service.

Fund financial statements present financial information for governmental funds. These statements provide financial information for the major funds of the District. Governmental fund financial statements provide information on the current assets and liabilities of the funds, changes in current financial resources (revenues and expenditures), and current available resources.

**Dowden West Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fund financial statements include a **balance sheet** and a **statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances** for all governmental funds. A **statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – budget and actual** is provided for the District's General Fund. *Fund financial statements* provide more detailed information about the District's activities. Individual funds are established by the District to track revenues that are restricted to certain uses or to comply with legal requirements.

The *government-wide financial statements* and the *fund financial statements* provide different pictures of the District. The *government-wide financial statements* provide an overall picture of the District's financial standing. These statements are comparable to private-sector companies and give a good understanding of the District's overall financial health and how the District paid for the various activities, or functions, provided by the District. All assets of the District, including capital assets, are reported in the **statement of net position**. All liabilities, such as principal outstanding on bonds are included. In the **statement of activities**, transactions between the different functions of the District have been eliminated in order to avoid "doubling up" the revenues and expenses. The *fund financial statements* provide a picture of the major funds of the District. In the case of governmental activities, outlays for long lived assets are reported as expenditures and long-term liabilities, such as general obligation bonds, are not included in the fund financial statements. To provide a link from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*, reconciliation is provided from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*.

Notes to financial statements provide additional detail concerning the financial activities and financial balances of the District. Additional information about the accounting practices of the District and investments of the District are some of the items included in the *notes to financial statements*.

Financial Highlights

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the year ended September 30, 2021.

- ◆ The District's total liabilities exceeded total assets by \$(1,302,777) (net position). Restricted net position was \$35,629 and net investment in capital assets was \$(307,937). Unrestricted net position was \$(1,030,469).
- ◆ Governmental activities revenues and totaled \$2,295,846 while governmental activities expenses and conveyances totaled \$2,977,042.

**Dowden West Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following schedule provides a summary of the assets, liabilities and net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Current assets	\$ 76,909	\$ 64,381
Restricted assets	435,498	1,082,262
Capital assets	4,320,909	4,472,428
Total Assets	4,833,316	5,619,071
Current liabilities	251,093	255,652
Non-current liabilities	5,885,000	5,985,000
Total Liabilities	6,136,093	6,240,652
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	(307,937)	(153,968)
Restricted net position	35,629	28,946
Unrestricted	(1,030,469)	(496,559)
Total Net Position	\$ (1,302,777)	\$ (621,581)

The decrease in restricted assets is related to the capital additions that were conveyed in the current year.

The decrease in non-current liabilities is related to the bond principal payments in the current year.

The decrease in net investments in capital assets is related to current year depreciation.

**Dowden West Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following schedule provides a summary of the changes in net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

Change In Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 601,782	\$ 602,010
Capital contributions	1,694,013	-
General revenues	51	2,549
Total Revenues	<u>2,295,846</u>	<u>604,559</u>
Expenses		
General government	78,323	88,801
Physical environment	237,351	202,156
Interest and other charges	321,086	331,616
Total Expenses	<u>636,760</u>	<u>622,573</u>
Conveyance of capital assets	<u>(2,340,282)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	(681,196)	(18,014)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(621,581)</u>	<u>(603,567)</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>\$ (1,302,777)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (621,581)</u></u>

The decrease in general government is primarily related to a decrease in legal fees and legal advertising in the current year.

The increase in physical environment is related to the increase in field management and streetlighting expenses in the current year.

The capital contribution and conveyance relates to a utility system that was contributed to the District and immediately conveyed to another governmental entity.

**Dowden West Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets Activity

The following schedule provides a summary of the District's capital assets as of September 30, 2021 and 2020.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Construction in progress	\$ -	\$ 7,315
Infrastructure	4,628,846	4,619,081
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(307,937)</u>	<u>(153,968)</u>
Total Capital Assets (Net)	<u>\$ 4,320,909</u>	<u>\$ 4,472,428</u>

The activity for the year consisted of depreciation of \$153,969, transfers of \$7,315 from construction in progress, additions to infrastructure of \$2,350,057, and a conveyance of infrastructure of \$2,340,282.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures primarily due to less legal fee, water and sewer and mitigation monitoring expenditures than were anticipated.

There were no amendments to the September 30, 2021 budget.

Debt Management

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

In December 2018, the District issued \$6,170,000 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2018. These bonds were issued to finance a portion of the cost of acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of the 2018 Project. The balance outstanding on the Series 2018 Bonds at September 30, 2021 was \$5,985,000.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Dowden West Community Development District does not expect any economic factors to have any significant effect on the financial position or results of operations of the District in fiscal year 2022.

**Dowden West Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Dowden West Community Development District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Dowden West Community Development District, Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801.

Dowden West Community Development District
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 65,329
Prepaid expenses	11,580
Total Current Assets	76,909
Non-current Assets	
Restricted assets	
Investments	435,498
Capital assets, being depreciated	
Infrastructure	4,628,846
Accumulated depreciation	(307,937)
Total Non-current Assets	4,756,407
Total Assets	4,833,316
 LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	16,952
Bonds payable	100,000
Accrued interest	134,141
Total Current Liabilities	251,093
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable	5,885,000
Total Liabilities	6,136,093
 NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	(307,937)
Restricted for debt service	35,629
Unrestricted	(1,030,469)
Total Net Position	\$ (1,302,777)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Dowden West Community Development District
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities				
General government	\$ (78,323)	\$ 86,715	\$ -	\$ 8,392
Physical environment	(237,351)	92,317	1,694,013	1,548,979
Interest and other charges	(321,086)	422,750	-	101,664
Total Governmental Activities	\$ (636,760)	\$ 601,782	\$ 1,694,013	1,659,035
General Revenues				
Investment income				51
Conveyance of capital assets				(2,340,282)
Change in Net Position				(681,196)
Net Position - October 1, 2020				(621,581)
Net Position - September 30, 2021				\$ (1,302,777)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Dowden West Community Development District
BALANCE SHEET –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2021

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 65,329	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,329
Due from other funds	-	2	-	2
Prepaid expenses	11,580	-	-	11,580
Restricted Assets				
Investments	-	379,713	55,785	435,498
Total Assets	<u>\$ 76,909</u>	<u>\$ 379,715</u>	<u>\$ 55,785</u>	<u>\$ 512,409</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 16,652	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 16,952
Due to other funds	2	-	-	2
Total Liabilities	<u>16,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>16,954</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable-prepaid expenses	11,580	-	-	11,580
Restricted:				
Debt service	-	379,715	-	379,715
Capital projects	-	-	55,485	55,485
Unassigned	48,675	-	-	48,675
Total Fund Balances	<u>60,255</u>	<u>379,715</u>	<u>55,485</u>	<u>495,455</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 76,909</u>	<u>\$ 379,715</u>	<u>\$ 55,785</u>	<u>\$ 512,409</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Dowden West Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2021**

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 495,455
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets, infrastructure, \$4,628,846, net of accumulated depreciation, \$(307,937) used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	4,320,909
Long-term liabilities, bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	(5,985,000)
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use, and therefore, is not reported at the fund level.	<u>(134,141)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ (1,302,777)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Dowden West Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 179,032	\$ 422,750	\$ -	\$ 601,782
Investment income	-	19	32	51
Total Revenues	<u>179,032</u>	<u>422,769</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>601,833</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	78,323	-	-	78,323
Physical environment	83,382	-	-	83,382
Capital outlay	-	-	648,719	648,719
Debt service				
Principal	-	95,000	-	95,000
Interest	-	326,070	-	326,070
Total Expenditures	<u>161,705</u>	<u>421,070</u>	<u>648,719</u>	<u>1,231,494</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	17,327	1,699	(648,687)	(629,661)
Fund Balances - October 1, 2020	<u>42,928</u>	<u>378,016</u>	<u>704,172</u>	<u>1,125,116</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2021	<u>\$ 60,255</u>	<u>\$ 379,715</u>	<u>\$ 55,485</u>	<u>\$ 495,455</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Dowden West Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ (629,661)
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of that capital outlay \$648,719, and contributions, \$1,694,013, were exceeded by depreciation, \$(153,969), and conveyances, \$(2,340,282) in the current period.	(151,519)
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Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	95,000
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In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds; whereas in the governmental funds, interest expenditures are reported when due. This is the change in accrued interest in the current period.	<u>4,984</u>
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ (681,196)</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Dowden West Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 177,294	\$ 177,294	\$ 179,032	\$ 1,738
Developer contributions	89,968	89,968	-	(89,968)
Total Revenues	<u>267,262</u>	<u>267,262</u>	<u>179,032</u>	<u>(88,230)</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	108,442	108,442	78,323	30,119
Physical environment	158,820	158,820	83,382	75,438
Total Expenditures	<u>267,262</u>	<u>267,262</u>	<u>161,705</u>	<u>105,557</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	17,327	17,327
Fund Balances - October 1, 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,928</u>	<u>42,928</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2021	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 60,255</u>	<u>\$ 60,255</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Dowden West Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District's more significant accounting policies are described below.

1. Reporting Entity

The District was established on April 10, 2017, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and City of Orlando Ordinance 2017-20, as a Community Development District. The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the infrastructure necessary for community development within its jurisdiction. The District is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of financing, funding, planning, establishing, acquiring, constructing district roads, landscaping, and other basic infrastructure projects within or outside the boundaries of the Dowden West Community Development District. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors who are elected to four year and two-year terms. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the Dowden West Community Development District (the primary government) as a stand-alone government. The reporting entity for the District includes all functions of government in which the District's Board exercises oversight responsibility including, but not limited to, financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, significant ability to influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

Based upon the application of the above-mentioned criteria as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards the District has identified no component units.

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The basic financial statements of the District are composed of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to financial statements

Dowden West Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

a. Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Government-wide financial statements report all non-fiduciary information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the governmental activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

Governmental activities are supported by special assessments. Program revenues are netted with program expenses in the statement of activities to present the net cost of each program.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets, rather than reported as an expenditure. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as an other financing source.

Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability, rather than as an expenditure.

b. Fund Financial Statements

The underlying accounting system of the District is organized and operated on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund financial statements for the primary government's governmental funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually.

Dowden West Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds

The District reports fund balance according to Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54 – Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. The Statement requires the fund balance for governmental funds to be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

The District has various policies governing the fund balance classifications.

Nonspendable Fund Balance – This classification consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance – This classification includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

Assigned Fund Balance – This classification consists of the Board of Supervisors' intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The assigned fund balances can also be assigned by the District's management company.

Unassigned Fund Balance – This classification is the residual classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. Unassigned fund balance is considered to be utilized first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Fund Balance Spending Hierarchy – For all governmental funds except special revenue funds, when restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances are combined in a fund, qualified expenditures are paid first from restricted or committed fund balance, as appropriate, then assigned and finally unassigned fund balances.

Dowden West Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be a measure of “available spendable resources”.

Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types excludes amounts represented by non-current liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

Amounts expended to acquire capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the year that resources are expended, rather than as fund assets. The proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as an other financing source rather than as a fund liability.

Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

3. Basis of Presentation

a. Governmental Major Funds

General Fund – The General Fund is the District’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Dowden West Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

a. Governmental Major Funds (Continued)

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund accounts for debt service requirements to retire the Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2018 issued to finance a portion of the cost of acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of the 2018 project.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund accounts for acquisition and construction of infrastructure improvements located within the boundaries of the District.

b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

GASB Statement 34 requires that non-current governmental assets, such as construction in progress, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as general obligation bonds be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity

a. Cash and Investments

Florida Statutes require state and local governmental units to deposit monies with financial institutions classified as "Qualified Public Depositories," a multiple financial institution pool whereby groups of securities pledged by the various financial institutions provide common collateral from their deposits of public funds. This pool is provided as additional insurance to the federal depository insurance and allows for additional assessments against the member institutions, providing full insurance for public deposits.

The District is authorized to invest in those financial instruments as established by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The authorized investments consist of:

1. Direct obligations of the United States Treasury;
2. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperative Act of 1969;
3. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in authorized qualified public depositories;

Dowden West Community Development District
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

a. Cash and Investments (Continued)

4. Securities and Exchange Commission, registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.

Cash and investments include time deposits, certificates of deposit, money market funds, and all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less.

b. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which includes infrastructure, is reported in the applicable governmental activities column.

The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. The valuation basis for all assets is historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market 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 its useful life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Capital assets of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Infrastructure	30 years
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c. Budgets

Budgets are prepared and adopted after public hearings for the governmental funds, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The District utilizes the same basis of accounting for budgets as it does for revenues and expenditures in its various funds. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level. All budgeted appropriations lapse at year end. Formal budgets are adopted for the general and debt service funds. As a result, deficits in the budget columns of the accompanying financial statements may occur.

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NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position

“Total fund balances” of the District’s governmental funds, \$495,455, differs from “net position” of governmental activities, \$(1,302,777), reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheet. The effect of the differences is illustrated below:

Capital related items

When capital assets (infrastructure that is to be used in governmental activities) are purchased or constructed, the cost of those assets is reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, the Statement of Net Position included those capital assets among the assets of the District as a whole.

Infrastructure	\$ 4,628,846
Accumulated depreciation	(307,937)
Total	<u>\$ 4,320,909</u>

Long-term debt transactions

Long-term liabilities applicable to the District’s governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities (both current and long-term) are reported in the Statement of Net Position. Balances at September 30, 2021 were:

Bonds payable	<u>\$ (5,985,000)</u>
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Accrued interest

Accrued liabilities in the statement of net position differ from the amount reported in governmental funds due to accrued interest on bonds.

Accrued interest on bonds payable	<u>\$ (134,141)</u>
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Dowden West Community Development District
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NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities

The “net change in fund balances” for government funds, \$(629,661), differs from the “change in net position” for governmental activities, \$(681,196), reported in the Statement of Activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds. The effect of the differences is illustrated below:

Capital related items

When capital assets that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the Statement of Activities, the costs of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. As a result, fund balances decrease by the amount of financial resources expended, whereas net position increases by the amount of capital outlay for the year.

Capital outlay	\$	648,719
Capital contribution		1,694,013
Conveyance		(2,340,282)
Depreciation		(153,969)
Total		\$ (151,519)

Long-term debt transactions

Repayments of bond principal are reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds and, thus, have the effect of reducing fund balance because current financial resources have been used. Also interest is recognized when due at the fund level, but is accrued at the government-wide level.

Payments of long-term debt	\$	95,000
Net change in accrued interest		\$ 4,984

**Dowden West Community Development District
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NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

All deposits are held in qualified public depositories and are included on the accompanying balance sheet as cash.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk, however, they follow the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2021, the District's bank balance was \$78,017 and the carrying value was \$65,329. Exposure to custodial credit risk was as follows. The District maintains all deposits in a qualified public depository in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, which means that all deposits are fully insured by Federal Depositors Insurance or collateralized under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

Investment	Maturities	Fair Value
US Bank Managed Money Market	N/A	\$ 435,498

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy recently established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. The District uses a market approach in measuring fair value that uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or similar assets, liabilities, or groups of assets and liabilities.

Assets or liabilities are classified into one of three levels. Level 1 is the most reliable and is based on quoted price for identical assets, or liabilities, in an active market. Level 2 uses significant other observable inputs when obtaining quoted prices for identical or similar assets, or liabilities, in markets that are not active. Level 3 is the least reliable and uses significant unobservable inputs that uses the best information available under the circumstances, which includes the District's own data in measuring unobservable inputs.

Based on the criteria in the preceding paragraphs the investment listed above is a level 1 asset.

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NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Interest Rate Risk

The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, the District follows Section 218.415, Florida Statutes for their investments.

Credit Risk

The District's investments in treasury funds, money markets, and government loans are limited by state statutory requirements and bond compliance. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. The District's investments in US Bank Managed Monet Market are not rated.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one fund. The investments in the US Bank Managed Money Market Fund represent 100% of the District's total investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2021 were typical.

NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2021 was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2021
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Construction in progress	\$ 7,315	\$ -	\$ (7,315)	\$ -
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Infrastructure	4,619,081	2,350,047	(2,340,282)	4,628,846
Accumulated depreciation	(153,968)	(153,969)	-	(307,937)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	4,465,113	2,196,078	(2,340,282)	4,320,909
Total Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 4,472,428</u>	<u>\$ 2,196,078</u>	<u>\$ (2,347,597)</u>	<u>\$ 4,320,909</u>

Depreciation of \$153,969 was charged to physical environment.

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NOTE E – LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of activity for long-term debt of the District for the year ended September 30, 2021:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2020	\$ 6,080,000
Principal payments	95,000
Long-term debt at September 30, 2021	<u>\$ 5,985,000</u>

In December 2018, the District issued \$6,170,000 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2018, due in annual principal installments beginning May 2020, maturing May 2049. Interest is due semi-annually on May 1 and November 1, beginning May 2019, at a rate of 4.35% on the \$3,855,000 bonds, with a maturity date of May 1, 2023, 4.85% on the \$720,000 bonds, with a maturity date of May 1, 2029, 5.40% on the \$1,860,000 bonds, with a maturity date of May 1, 2039, and 5.55% on the \$3,205,000 bonds, with a maturity date of May 1, 2049. Current portion is \$100,000.

\$ 5,985,000

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2021 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 100,000	\$ 321,938	\$ 421,938
2023	100,000	317,588	417,588
2024	105,000	313,238	418,238
2025	110,000	308,145	418,145
2026	115,000	302,810	417,810
2027-2031	685,000	1,422,073	2,107,073
2032-2036	900,000	1,220,138	2,120,138
2037-2041	1,170,000	948,960	2,118,960
2042-2046	1,545,000	587,468	2,132,468
2047-2049	1,155,000	130,422	1,285,422
Totals	<u>\$ 5,985,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,872,780</u>	<u>\$ 11,857,780</u>

Dowden West Community Development District
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NOTE E – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Significant Bond Provisions

The Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2018 are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity, in whole or in part, at any time after May 1, 2029 at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2018 to be redeemed, together with accrued interest to the date of redemption. The Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2018 are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Trust Indenture.

The Trust Indenture established certain amounts be maintained in a reserve account. In addition, the Trust Indenture has 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 levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements.

Depository Funds

The bond resolution establishes certain funds and determines the order in which revenues are to be deposited into these funds. A description of the significant funds, including their purposes, is as follows:

1. Reserve Fund – The 2018 Reserve Accounts are funded from the proceeds of the Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2018 in amounts equal to fifty percent of the maximum annual debt service requirement for all outstanding Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2018. Monies held in the reserve accounts will be used only for the purposes established in the Trust Indenture.

	Reserve Balance	Reserve Requirement
Series 2018 Special Assessment Revenues Bonds	\$ 209,945	\$ 209,945

NOTE F – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Developers own a significant portion of land within the District. The District’s activity is dependent upon the continued involvement of the Developers, the loss of which could have a material adverse effect on the District’s operations. At September 30, 2021, two board members are affiliated with the Developers.

NOTE G – 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 for which the government carries commercial insurance. There were no claims or settled claims from these risks for each of the past three years.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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
Dowden West Community Development District
City of Orlando, 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 Dowden West Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 28, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Dowden West Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Dowden West Community Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Dowden West Community Development 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

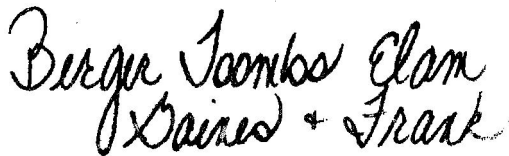
To the Board of Supervisors
Dowden West Community Development District

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Dowden West Community Development District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant 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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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors
Dowden West Community Development District
City of Orlando, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Dowden West Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated June 28, 2022.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in that report, which is dated June 28, 2022, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the preceding financial audit report.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Dowden West Community Development District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Dowden West Community Development District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1) Florida Statutes.

To the Board of Supervisors
Dowden West Community Development District

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for Dowden West Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Dowden West Community Development District's financial condition; our financial condition assessment was based in part on the representations made by management and the review of the financial information provided by the same as of September 30, 2021.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Specific Information

The information provided below was provided by management and has not been audited; therefore, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, the Dowden West Community Development District reported:

- 1) The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year: 1
- 2) The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year: 8
- 3) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$1,000
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$809,424
- 5) Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1, 2020, together with the total expenditures for such project: The District had no construction projects started during the year.
- 6) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the District amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes: The budget was not amended.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)8, Rules of the Auditor General, the Dowden West Community Development District reported:

- 7) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District: General Fund, \$315.13 – 756.32 plus off roll, \$96,839 and Debt Service, \$500 - \$1,200 plus off roll, \$292,340.
- 8) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: Total Special Assessments collected was \$601,782.
- 9) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds: Series 2018, \$5,985,000 maturing May 2049.

To the Board of Supervisors
Dowden West Community Development District

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate 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 warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

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, the Board of Supervisors, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT/COMPLIANCE
WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

To the Board of Supervisors
Dowden West Community Development District
City of Orlando, Florida

We have examined Dowden West Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2021. Management is responsible for Dowden West Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Dowden West Community Development 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 and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about Dowden West Community Development District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Dowden West Community Development District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, Dowden West Community Development District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2021.

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June 28, 2022