

**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 Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinion*

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

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements 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, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinion*

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

#### *Responsibilities of Management 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; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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Dowden West Community Development District

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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



To the Board of Supervisors  
Dowden West Community Development District

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge 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 April 18, 2024 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 the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Dowden West Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank  
Certified Public Accountants PL  
Fort Pierce, Florida

April 18, 2024

**Dowden West Community Development District**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

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 special assessments.

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, 2023**

**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, 2023.

- ◆ The District's total liabilities exceeded total assets by \$318,325 (net position). Restricted net position was \$68,874 and net investment in capital assets was \$(695,472). Unrestricted net position was \$944,923.
- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$6,059,605 while governmental activities expenses and conveyances totaled \$4,375,943.

**Dowden West Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

**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**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Current assets	\$ 74,107	\$ 86,072
Restricted assets	414,890	392,205
Capital assets	8,579,586	4,211,854
Total Assets	<u>9,068,583</u>	<u>4,690,131</u>
Current liabilities	244,286	270,468
Non-current liabilities	8,505,972	5,785,000
Total Liabilities	<u>8,750,258</u>	<u>6,055,468</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	(695,472)	(462,232)
Restricted net position	68,874	40,203
Unrestricted	<u>944,923</u>	<u>(943,308)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 318,325</u>	<u>\$ (1,365,337)</u>

The increase in capital assets is related to infrastructure additions in the current year.

The increase in non-current liabilities is related to the issuance of long-term debt in the current year.

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

The increase in net position is related to revenues exceeding expenses in the current year.

**Dowden West Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

**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**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 1,051,579	\$ 702,642
Grants and contributions	4,996,262	79,897
General revenues	11,764	273
Total Revenues	<u>6,059,605</u>	<u>782,812</u>
Expenses		
General government	107,703	92,023
Physical environment	767,464	433,224
Interest and other charges	315,776	320,125
Total Expenses	<u>1,190,943</u>	<u>845,372</u>
Conveyance of capital assets	<u>(3,185,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	1,683,662	(62,560)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(1,365,337)</u>	<u>(1,302,777)</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 318,325</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (1,365,337)</u></u>

The increase in charges for services is related to the increase in special assessments in the current year.

The increase in contributions is related to the contribution of the utility system in the current year.

The increase in general government is primarily related to an increase in engineering and legal fees in the current year.

The increase in physical environment is related to the increase in landscape maintenance and street lighting expenses in the current year.

The increase in conveyances is related to a utility system conveyed to another governmental entity in the current year.

**Dowden West Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

**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, 2023 and 2022.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Infrastructure	\$ 9,229,818	\$ 4,628,846
Equipment	45,240	45,240
Accumulated depreciation	(695,472)	(462,232)
Total Capital Assets (Net)	<u>\$ 8,579,586</u>	<u>\$ 4,211,854</u>

The activity for the year consisted of depreciation of \$233,240, additions to infrastructure of \$7,785,972 and conveyances of \$3,185,000.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures primarily due to less engineering and legal expenditures than were anticipated.

The September 30, 2023 budget was amended for increased maintenance costs.

**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, 2023 was \$5,785,000.

During the year, the District acquired certain infrastructure from the Developer for \$2,825,972. The balance will be repaid to the Developer upon issuance of Series 2024 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds. The balance outstanding at September 30, 2023 was \$2,825,972.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

Dowden West Community Development District issued \$3,310,000 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 in March 2024. The District cannot anticipate the effect on the financial position or results of operations of the District in fiscal year 2024.

**Dowden West Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

**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 – SF, LLC, 5385 N Nob Hill Road, Sunrise, Florida 33351.

**Dowden West Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**September 30, 2023**

	<u><b>Governmental Activities</b></u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 34,779
Special assessments receivable	2,056
Due from developer	36,262
Prepaid expenses	1,010
Total Current Assets	<u>74,107</u>
Non-current Assets	
Restricted assets	
Investments	414,890
Capital assets, being depreciated	
Infrastructure	9,229,818
Equipment	45,240
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(695,472)</u>
Total Non-current Assets	<u>8,994,476</u>
Total Assets	<u>9,068,583</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	8,770
Bonds payable	105,000
Accrued interest	130,516
Total Current Liabilities	<u>244,286</u>
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable	5,680,000
Notes payable	2,825,972
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>8,505,972</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>8,750,258</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	(695,472)
Restricted for debt service	68,874
Unrestricted	944,923
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 318,325</u>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

**Dowden West Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

<b>Functions/Programs</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Charges for Services</b>	<b>Program Revenues</b>		<b>Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities</b>
			<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Capital Contributions</b>	
Governmental Activities					
General government	\$ (107,703)	\$ 103,787	\$ 6,084	\$ -	\$ 2,168
Physical environment	(767,464)	514,798	30,178	4,960,000	4,737,512
Interest and other charges	(315,776)	432,994	-	-	117,218
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (1,190,943)</u>	<u>\$ 1,051,579</u>	<u>\$ 36,262</u>	<u>\$ 4,960,000</u>	<u>4,856,898</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>					
Investment income					<u>11,764</u>
Conveyances of capital assets					<u>(3,185,000)</u>
Change in Net Position					1,683,662
Net Position - October 1, 2022					<u>(1,365,337)</u>
Net Position - September 30, 2023					<u>\$ 318,325</u>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

**Dowden West Community Development District**  
**BALANCE SHEET –**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**September 30, 2023**

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 34,779	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,779
Special assessments receivable	1,064	992	-	2,056
Due from other funds	-	4,017	-	4,017
Due from developer	36,262	-	-	36,262
Prepaid expenses	1,010	-	-	1,010
Restricted Assets				
Investments	-	404,326	10,564	414,890
Total Assets	<u>\$ 73,115</u>	<u>\$ 409,335</u>	<u>\$ 10,564</u>	<u>\$ 493,014</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 8,770	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,770
Due to other funds	4,017	-	-	4,017
Total Liabilities	<u>12,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,787</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable-prepaid expenses	1,010	-	-	1,010
Restricted:				
Debt service	-	409,335	-	409,335
Capital projects	-	-	10,564	10,564
Unassigned	59,318	-	-	59,318
Total Fund Balances	<u>60,328</u>	<u>409,335</u>	<u>10,564</u>	<u>480,227</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 73,115</u>	<u>\$ 409,335</u>	<u>\$ 10,564</u>	<u>\$ 493,014</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, 2023**

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 480,227
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets, infrastructure, \$9,229,818, and equipment, \$45,240, net of accumulated depreciation, \$(695,472), used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	8,579,586
Long-term liabilities, bonds payable, \$(5,785,000), and notes payable, \$(2,825,972), are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	(8,610,972)
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use, and therefore, is not reported at the fund level.	<u>(130,516)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 318,325</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, 2023**

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 618,585	\$ 432,994	\$ -	\$ 1,051,579
Developer contributions	36,262	-	-	36,262
Investment income	-	11,453	311	11,764
Total Revenues	<u>654,847</u>	<u>444,447</u>	<u>311</u>	<u>1,099,605</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	107,703	-	-	107,703
Physical environment	534,224	-	-	534,224
Capital outlay	-	-	2,825,972	2,825,972
Debt service				
Principal	-	100,000	-	100,000
Interest	-	317,588	-	317,588
Total Expenditures	<u>641,927</u>	<u>417,588</u>	<u>2,825,972</u>	<u>3,885,487</u>
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditure	12,920	26,859	(2,825,661)	(2,785,882)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)				
Issuance of long-term debt	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,825,972</u>	<u>2,825,972</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	12,920	26,859	311	40,090
Fund Balances - October 1, 2022	<u>47,408</u>	<u>382,476</u>	<u>10,253</u>	<u>440,137</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2023	<u>\$ 60,328</u>	<u>\$ 409,335</u>	<u>\$ 10,564</u>	<u>\$ 480,227</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, 2023**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	40,090
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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 contributed capital, \$4,960,000, and capital outlay, \$2,825,972, exceeded depreciation, \$(233,240), and conveyances, \$(3,185,000), in the current period.		4,367,732
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The issuance of long-term debt is recognized as an other financing source at the fund level, however, it increases liabilities at the government-wide level.		(2,825,972)
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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.		100,000
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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.		<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block;">1,812</div>
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black; display: inline-block;">1,683,662</div>
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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, 2023**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</b>
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 605,457	\$ 617,446	\$ 618,585	\$ 1,139
Developer contributions	-	61,334	36,262	(25,072)
Total Revenues	<u>605,457</u>	<u>678,780</u>	<u>654,847</u>	<u>(23,933)</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	123,704	127,118	107,703	19,415
Physical environment	<u>481,753</u>	<u>551,662</u>	<u>534,224</u>	<u>17,438</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>605,457</u>	<u>678,780</u>	<u>641,927</u>	<u>36,853</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	12,920	12,920
Fund Balances - October 1, 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,408</u>	<u>47,408</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2023	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 60,328</u>	<u>\$ 60,328</u>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

**Dowden West Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2023**

**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

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**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 and developer contributions. 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.

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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**  
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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 (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.

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**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 and equipment, 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
Equipment	20 years

**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, \$480,227, differs from “net position” of governmental activities, \$318,325, 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	\$ 9,229,818
Equipment	45,240
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(695,472)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,579,586</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, 2023 were:

Bonds payable	<u>\$ (5,785,000)</u>
Notes payable	<u>\$ (2,825,972)</u>

**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>\$ (130,516)</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, \$40,090, differs from the “change in net position” for governmental activities, \$1,683,662, 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	\$ 2,825,972
Contributed capital	4,960,000
Depreciation	(233,240)
Conveyance	(3,185,000)
Total	<u>\$ 4,367,732</u>

**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.

Issuance of long-term debt	<u>\$ 2,825,972</u>
Payments of long-term debt	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Net change in accrued interest	<u>\$ 1,812</u>

**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, 2023, the District's bank balance and carrying value were \$34,779. 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.

Investments

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
US Bank Managed Money Market	N/A	<u>\$ 414,890</u>

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.

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 money markets 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.

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**NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

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, 2023 were typical.

**NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

	Balance October 1, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2023
<b><u>Governmental Activities:</u></b>				
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Infrastructure	\$ 4,628,846	\$ 7,785,972	\$ (3,185,000)	\$ 9,229,818
Equipment	45,240	-	-	45,240
Accumulated depreciation	(462,232)	(233,240)	-	(695,472)
Total Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 4,211,854</u>	<u>\$ 7,552,732</u>	<u>\$ (3,185,000)</u>	<u>\$ 8,579,586</u>

Depreciation of \$233,240 was charged to physical environment.

The District is a party to the construction activity in which the Developer is funding construction within the District's boundaries that will be conveyed from the Developer to the District and subsequently to other governmental entities, or solely to the District. As the construction is ongoing and the Developer is funding the remaining construction costs, any conveyances of property and improvements from the Developer will be appropriately accounted for upon completion of the project.

**NOTE E – INTERFUND ACTIVITY**

Interfund balances at September 30, 2023, consisted of the following:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund General Fund
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 4,017</u>

Interfund balances are the result of the General Fund collecting funds on behalf of the Debt Service Funds that were not remitted as of year-end.

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**NOTE F – LONG-TERM DEBT**

The following is a summary of activity for long-term debt of the District for the year ended September 30, 2023:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2022	\$ 5,885,000
Issuance of long-term debt	2,825,972
Principal payments	<u>(100,000)</u>
Long-term debt at September 30, 2023	<u>\$ 8,610,972</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 \$385,000 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 \$105,000.

\$ 5,785,000

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2023 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 105,000	\$ 313,238	\$ 418,238
2025	110,000	308,145	418,145
2026	115,000	302,810	417,810
2027	125,000	297,233	422,233
2028	130,000	291,170	421,170
2029-2033	760,000	1,349,805	2,109,805
2034-2038	1,000,000	1,120,238	2,120,238
2039-2043	1,305,000	817,163	2,122,163
2044-2048	1,730,000	410,978	2,140,978
2049	405,000	22,475	427,475
Totals	<u>\$ 5,785,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,233,255</u>	<u>\$ 11,018,255</u>

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**NOTE F – 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.

	<u>Reserve Balance</u>	<u>Reserve Requirement</u>
Series 2018 Special Assessment Revenues Bonds	<u>\$ 209,945</u>	<u>\$ 209,945</u>

Developer Advance

The District acquired certain infrastructure for \$2,825,972 from the Developer during the year. Upon the issuance of the Series 2024 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, the advance of \$2,825,972 is to be repaid by the District. The Developer advance balance as of September 30, 2023 was \$2,825,972.

**NOTE G – 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, 2023, three board members are affiliated with the Developers.

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**NOTE H – 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.

**NOTE I – SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

In March 2024, the District issued Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 in the amount of \$3,310,000 to fund the Series 2024 Project.



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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, as listed in the table of contents, of Dowden West Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 18, 2024.

### **Report on 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.



To the Board of Supervisors  
Dowden West Community Development District

### **Report on 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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April 18, 2024



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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, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated April 18, 2024.

### 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 April 18, 2024, 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, 2023.

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: 0
- 2) The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year: 0
- 3) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$0
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$0
- 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, 2022, together with the total expenditures for such project: \$0
- 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 amended, see next page.

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:

- 1) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District: General Fund, \$713.61 – 1,712.67 and Debt Service, \$500 – \$1,200.
- 2) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: Total special assessments collected was \$1,051,579.
- 3) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds: Series 2018, \$5,785,000 maturing May 2049.

To the Board of Supervisors  
Dowden West Community Development District

	Original Budget	Actual	Variance with Original Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues			
Special assessments	\$ 605,457	\$ 618,585	\$ 13,128
Developer Contributions	-	36,262	36,262
Total Revenues	605,457	654,847	49,390
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	123,704	107,703	16,001
Physical environment	481,753	534,224	(52,471)
Total Expenditures	605,457	641,927	(36,470)
Net changes in fund balance	-	12,920	12,920
Fund Balances - October 1, 2022	-	46,398	46,398
Fund Balances - September 30, 2023	\$ -	\$ 59,318	\$ 59,318

### 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, 2023. 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, 2023.

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