

**PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended September 30, 2020

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(A COMPONENT UNIT OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA)
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**INDEPENDENT
AUDITOR'S REPORT**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency
St. Petersburg, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida (the "County"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the CRA'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 opinions 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 Auditing 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 opinions.

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the general fund of the CRA, as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – budget and actual – general fund, on pages 3 to 6 and 18, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by 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 our report dated April 20, 2021 on our consideration of the CRA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 CRA'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 the CRA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Crowe LLP

Tampa, Florida
April 20, 2021

**MANAGEMENT'S
DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
UNAUDITED)**

Pinellas County, Florida
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA)
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
September 30, 2020

This section of the Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency (Agency) annual financial report presents a narrative overview and an analysis of the financial activities of the Agency for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. Please read the information presented here in conjunction with the financial statements and notes to the financial statements that follow.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Agency's assets and deferred outflows exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at September 30, 2020 by \$2,463,684 (net position). Net Position increased by \$1,027,394 from the previous fiscal year. The increase was a result of tax increment financing revenue and interest earnings exceeding expenditures in the current year.
- As of September 30, 2020, the Agency's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$2,431,128, an increase of \$1,035,052 from the previous fiscal year. The difference between the Agency's net position and fund balance is due to capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, which are reported in governmental activities, thereby increasing net position. Capital additions are recorded as expenditures when incurred in the governmental fund, thereby decreasing fund balance.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Agency's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) the notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Agency's overall financial status. These statements use a format similar to a private sector business. They include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on the Agency's assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows and the resulting net position using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. This is considered one way to measure the Agency's financial health.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Agency's net position changed during this fiscal year. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

Fund financial statements. Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the fund financial statements' presentation more familiar. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Agency, like other governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The Agency uses one governmental fund to account for its operations.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, this set of financial statements focuses on events that produce near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as on the balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year and is a narrower focus than the government-wide financial statements.

By comparing functions between the two sets of statements for governmental funds and governmental activities, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and change in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison.

The Agency adopts an annual appropriated budget for the governmental fund. A budgetary comparison statement is provided for the General Fund in order to present budgetary compliance.

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Notes to the financial statements. The financial statements also include notes. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The comparison of net position from year to year serves to measure a government's financial position. As of September 30, 2020, assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,463,684 (net position). Of this amount, \$2,431,128 is restricted for eligible activities associated with implementing the Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Redevelopment Plan.

	2020	2019
Current and other assets	\$ 2,524,229	\$ 1,401,937
Capital assets	32,556	40,214
Total assets	2,556,785	1,442,151
Current liabilities	93,101	5,861
Total liabilities	93,101	5,861
Net investment in capital assets	32,556	40,214
Restricted	2,431,128	1,396,076
Total net position	\$ 2,463,684	\$ 1,436,290

Investment in capital assets (land, building improvements, and equipment) represent 1.3 percent of the Agency's total net position as of September 30, 2020. Capital assets are used to achieve the mission of the Agency and have a long-term economic benefit. Restricted net position represents 98.7 percent of total net position and is obligated for a specific purpose. The Agency has no unrestricted net position because the Agency's total net position, less investment in capital assets, must be used to fulfill its CRA Redevelopment Plan (Plan). The Plan serves as a comprehensive framework for long-term development, economic development, and redevelopment revitalization strategies to address blighted conditions and improve the overall quality of life in the CRA.

The following schedule compares the revenues and expenses for governmental activities for the current and previous fiscal year.

	2020	2019
General Revenues		
Taxes	\$ 1,373,704	\$ 932,655
Investment income	40,822	36,655
Total revenues	1,414,526	969,310
Expenses		
Economic environment	387,132	251,840
Total expenses	387,132	251,840
Change in net position	1,027,394	717,470
Net position - beginning	1,436,290	718,820
Net position - ending	\$ 2,463,684	\$ 1,436,290

Revenues for governmental activities increased 45.9 percent over the prior year, largely related to the \$441,049 increase in tax revenue due to rising property values. Expenses for governmental activities increased 53.7 percent over the prior year due primarily to \$116,510 of costs incurred in fiscal year 2020 due to the Lealman Alleyway Assessment project.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Governmental Funds: The Agency’s governmental fund provides a short-term view of the Agency’s operations and services provided. Governmental fund information helps determine the amount of short-term financial resources available for the Agency’s programs. The General Fund is the operating fund of the Agency and accounts for all of its financial resources. As of September 30, 2020, total fund balance for the Agency’s General Fund was \$2,431,128, increasing from the prior year by \$1,035,052, or 74.1 percent. There was no capital-related activity in fiscal year 2020; thus, revenues and expenditures in the General Fund were identical to governmental activities, with the exception of annual depreciation of \$7,658 on existing depreciable capital assets that was absorbed into program expenses in the government-wide financial statements.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Program expenditures under the fiscal year 2020 amended budget of the Agency totaled \$1,979,540, which was an increase of \$785,600, or 65.8 percent, over the fiscal year 2019 amended budget. Total revenues budgeted in the General Fund for fiscal year 2020 were \$1,391,900, of which \$1,378,560 were related to taxes. In fiscal year 2019, budgeted revenues were \$913,870, of which \$909,870 related to taxes. The higher budgeted tax revenue in the current fiscal year is reflective of the anticipated increases in property values within the community redevelopment area. The fiscal year 2020 budget projected a \$587,640 deficiency of revenues under expenditures. Actual amounts consisted of \$1,035,052 of revenues in excess of expenditures. This \$1,622,692 difference resulted from program expenditures incurred that were \$1,600,066 less than budgeted.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The Agency’s investment in capital assets is \$32,556, net of accumulated depreciation. This includes land, improvements other than buildings, and equipment. There was no capital-related activity in fiscal year 2020, except for annual depreciation of \$7,658.

	2020	2019	2018
Land	\$ 10,060	\$ 10,060	\$ 10,060
Improvements other than buildings	5,204	6,004	6,805
Equipment	17,292	24,150	31,039
Total	\$ 32,556	\$ 40,214	\$ 47,904

The Agency’s capital assets consisted of the following:

- Land – Relates to the acquisition of a parcel in St. Petersburg, Florida
- Improvements – Relates to the Lealman Heights wiring project, completed in fiscal year 2017
- Equipment – Relates to the purchase of information technology equipment, consisting of a computer, monitor, and network switches

The Agency has no long term debt as of September 30, 2020.

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ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

For the fiscal year 2021 adopted budget, revenues include \$1,646,440 of tax revenue and \$38,000 of investment earnings. Tax revenues consist of \$460,630 of tax increment financing contributed from the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) and \$1,185,810 of tax increment financing contributed by Pinellas County. Total expenditures in the fiscal year 2021 budget are \$3,577,630, which include the following components:

- \$234,690 of contracted personnel services provided by Pinellas County
- \$2,953,670 of operating expenditures - grants & aids
- \$89,270 of other operating expenditures
- \$300,000 of capital outlay

Major initiatives in the upcoming fiscal year impacting the fiscal year 2021 budget adoption include the following:

- Neighborhood Revitalization through financial assistance for commercial and residential structures to reduce the costs associated with the repair, rehabilitation, and enhancement to the site.
- Improve multi-modal mobility, accessibility and safety by improving streets, sidewalks, bike lanes and trails, and upgraded pedestrian and transit amenities.
- Providing improvements to existing parks, including Lealman Park and the Raymond H. Neri Community Park, and other recreational facilities, including parking, landscaping, art installations, and new recreational equipment.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Pinellas County, Florida
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA)
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2020

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 567,181
Investments	1,949,175
Accrued interest receivable	7,873
Capital assets, net	<u>32,556</u>
Total assets	<u>2,556,785</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	<u>93,101</u>
Total liabilities	<u>93,101</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	32,556
Restricted for	
Redevelopment plan	<u>2,431,128</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 2,463,684</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Pinellas County, Florida
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
EXPENSES	
Economic environment	\$ 387,132
Total expenses	<u>387,132</u>
GENERAL REVENUE	
Taxes	1,373,704
Investment income	<u>40,822</u>
Total general revenue	<u>1,414,526</u>
 INCREASE IN NET POSITION	 1,027,394
Net position - beginning of year	<u>1,436,290</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 2,463,684</u>

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Pinellas County, Florida
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
September 30, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 567,181
Investments	1,949,175
Accrued interest receivable	7,873
Total assets	\$ 2,524,229
LIABILITIES	
Vouchers payable	\$ 83,663
Accrued liabilities	9,438
Total liabilities	93,101
FUND BALANCE	
Restricted	2,431,128
Total fund balance	2,431,128
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 2,524,229

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Pinellas County, Florida
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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2020

Total fund balance - governmental fund \$ 2,431,128

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, not reported in the fund	<u>32,556</u>
Total net position - governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,463,684</u>

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Pinellas County, Florida
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>
REVENUES	
Taxes	\$ 1,373,704
Investment income	<u>40,822</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,414,526</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current	
Economic environment	<u>379,474</u>
Total expenditures	<u>379,474</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>1,035,052</u>
 Net change in fund balance	 1,035,052
 Fund balance - beginning	 <u>1,396,076</u>
 Fund balance - ending	 <u><u>\$ 2,431,128</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Pinellas County, Florida

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE OF
THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

Net change in fund balances - total governmental fund	\$ 1,035,052
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. However, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense in the statement of activities. In the current period these amounts are:	
Depreciation expense	<u>\$ (7,658)</u>
	<u>(7,658)</u>
Change in net position - governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,027,394</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency's (Agency) financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles in the United States of America. The more significant of the Agency's accounting policies are described below.

B. The Reporting Entity

Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency was established by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of Pinellas County, Florida (County) on June 07, 2016 through Resolution No. 16-40. The Board declared the Lealman Study Area of Pinellas County to be a blighted area, known as the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). As this district is in the Board's unincorporated area, the General Fund of the County contributes Tax Increment Financing (TIF) resources based on both the Countywide and the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) property tax collections. The County's obligation to annually appropriate to the fund continues until 2046. The creation of the CRA district is enabled by the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969, as amended, and codified as Part III, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes (the Redevelopment Act).

While the Agency is a separate legal entity, it is treated as a blended component unit of the County and is part of the County's primary government operations for financial reporting purposes. The Agency is reported as a special revenue fund of the Board and is included in the County's comprehensive annual financial report as a nonmajor governmental fund. This standalone report of the Agency is not a complete presentation of the Board.

C. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting

Basis of Presentation

The Agency's basic financial statements are presented in two separate and distinct formats. These consist of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. Governmental activities, which are activities supported primarily by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which are supported by fees and charges. The Agency does not have any business-type activities and only has governmental activities.

Government-wide Statements. The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information on the primary government. These statements distinguish between governmental activities, normally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange activities.

The statement of activities presents a comparison of direct expenses and program revenues for each governmental function of the Agency. Direct expenses are those associated with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (a) fees, fines, and charges for services paid by the recipients of the goods or services provided by programs, and (b) grants and contributions restricted to meeting the requirement of a particular program. General revenues include all taxes and other revenue not classified as program revenue.

Fund Financial Statements. The fund financial statements provide information about the Agency's governmental fund. The Agency reports all of its operations in a single governmental fund, which is the General Fund. This fund is used to account for TIF revenues and investment earnings thereon that fund redevelopment activities in the CRA district. These specific revenue sources are legally restricted to expenditures for this specific purpose.

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Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Nonexchange transactions include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year for which taxes are levied. Grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements are met.

Fund Financial Statements. The fund financial statements report information at a higher level of detail, focusing on the reporting of the individual major fund, rather than consolidating the information into the broad category of governmental activities. The Agency's General Fund is classified as a governmental fund. Governmental funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are available and measurable, generally meaning revenues that are collected with 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred, if measurable.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

The Agency considers all cash on hand, demand deposits, cash with fiscal agent, revolving funds and short-term investments, including restricted assets with original maturities of three months or less from acquisition date to be cash and cash equivalents. The Agency's monies are held by the County's bank deposits and the majority of investments are pooled for investment purposes. Earnings from pooled activity are allocated based on a participating fund's average daily cash and investment balance.

Investments are stated at fair value. For investments held by a specific fund, all earnings are applied to the specific fund.

E. Receivables

The Agency's receivable balance of \$7,873 consists of interest earned by the Agency through the County's pooled cash and investment program but not yet received in cash as of September 30, 2020.

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F. Capital Assets

Capital assets of the Agency include land, improvements other than buildings, and equipment. Capital assets are items with individual costs of \$1,000 or more with useful lives of more than one year. All land acquisitions are recorded as capital assets regardless of cost or acquisition value. Purchased or constructed capital assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical costs. Donated assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not increase the value or useful life of the asset is not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated over their useful lives unless they are inexhaustible. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Improvements other than buildings	10 - 65
Equipment	5 - 20

G. Fund Balances

Fund balances are reported in classifications depending on whether the amounts are spendable or nonspendable. Spendable amounts are further classified based on external and/or internal constraints. The Agency has no nonspendable fund balance. Within the spendable classification, restricted fund balance can only be spent for specific purposes imposed by external parties such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes, regulates community redevelopment and requires that monies may only be expended for undertakings of a community redevelopment agency as described in its community redevelopment plan and only pursuant to an annual budget adopted by the board of commissioners of the community redevelopment agency and for specific purposes outlined within Section 163.387(6)(c), Florida Statutes. Thus, the entire amount of the Agency's spendable fund balance is classified as restricted.

H. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management of the Community Redevelopment Agency to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2 - Cash and Investments

The Agency does not currently maintain accounts with either financial institutions or brokerages titled under its name. Cash and investments as presented in these financial statements reflects Agency's equity in the County's pooled cash and investments. The County serves as the Agency's fiscal agent and maintains a cash pool for the Agency's deposits. The consolidated cash pool concept allows each participating fund of the County to benefit from the economies of scale and improved yield which are inherent within a larger investment pool.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

According to Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, County monies must be deposited with financial institutions designated as qualified public depositories by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida. In accordance with this statute, qualified public depositories are required to pledge eligible collateral in varying percentages. Any losses to public depositors are covered by applicable deposit insurance, by the sale of pledged securities and, if necessary, by assessments against other qualified public depositories. At fiscal year end, all deposits were covered by Federal depository insurance or by pledged collateral.

Credit Risk – Investments

The County's investment policy limits credit risk by restricting investments to the list provided above. Money market funds must maintain the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Commercial paper must have a credit quality rated A1, P1 from a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments

The County's investment policy requires the County to execute a third-party custodial safekeeping agreement with a commercial bank's trust department, which is separately chartered by the United States Government or the State of Florida. All securities purchased and collateral obtained by the County shall be properly designated as an asset of the County and held in safekeeping by the trust department.

Concentration of Credit Risk – Investments

The County's investment policy provides guidelines on maximum limits for security diversification with the option to further restrict or increase investment percentages from time to time based on market conditions, with bond covenant requirements excluded from the composition calculation. The portfolio was maintained within those guidelines.

Interest Rate Risk – Investments

Section 218.415 of the Florida Statutes requires that the County's investment policy be structured to place the highest priority on the safety of principal and liquidity of funds. Investment of construction funds, bond fund reserves, and other non-operating funds shall have a term appropriate to the need of the funds, but in no event shall the maturities exceed five years. Reserve funds may be invested up to ten years if the maturity of such investments is made to coincide as nearly as practicable with the expected use of the funds. The weighted average duration of the portfolio shall not exceed three years. No surplus funds may be invested in a derivative investment, as defined in Section 218.45(5), Florida Statutes.

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NOTE 3 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital asset not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 10,060	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,060
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Improvements other than buildings	8,006	-	-	8,006
Equipment	<u>33,687</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,687</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>51,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,753</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Improvements other than buildings	2,002	800	-	2,802
Equipment	<u>9,537</u>	<u>6,858</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,395</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>11,539</u>	<u>7,658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,197</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 40,214</u>	<u>\$ (7,658)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 32,556</u>

Depreciation expense of \$7,658 was charged to program expenses within governmental activities.

NOTE 4 - Risk Management

As of September 30, 2020, the Agency had not separately established a Risk Management Fund or Pool. Insurance coverage is provided entirely through the County's risk management pool for property, general liability, employee liability, and workers' compensation coverage. All risk from such claims is borne by the County.

NOTE 5 - Related Party Transactions

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, the Agency incurred expenditures of for contractual services provided by the County totaling \$128,385. Of that amount, \$101,686 related to personal service charges for the use of County employees performing functions of the Agency and \$26,689 of intergovernmental cost allocations and other County charges.

As of September 30, 2020, the Agency owed the County \$9,438 for accrued wages and benefits of County employees providing services on behalf of the Agency.

NOTE 6 - COVID-19 Pandemic

In December 2019 a respiratory disease caused by a novel strain of coronavirus was detected in China. The disease has since spread to other countries, including the United States of America, producing sickness and death in the places where it has spread. The disease was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020 and named "COVID-19" on February 11, 2020, each by the World Health Organization. The outbreak of COVID-19 has affected travel, commerce and financial markets globally, and is widely expected to have a significant impact on economies worldwide. The Agency, however, did not experience any financial losses as a result of the pandemic. Its major revenue source, tax increment financing (TIF) revenues, totaled \$1,373,704 for FY2020 and \$932,655 for FY2019, a 47 percent upward trend. The Agency has budgeted for increased TIF revenues in FY2021 totaling \$1,646,440. Historically, economic downturns have negatively impacted the housing market over time, and there is uncertainty regarding future market value of commercial properties due to vacancies and shutdowns. The Agency will continue to assess spending and ensure that it continues to budget future revenues and appropriations for expenditure in line with its redevelopment plan in a responsible manner.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION**

Pinellas County, Florida
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA)
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 1,378,560	\$ 1,378,560	\$ 1,373,704	\$ (4,856)
Investment income	<u>13,340</u>	<u>13,340</u>	<u>40,822</u>	<u>27,482</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,391,900</u>	<u>1,391,900</u>	<u>1,414,526</u>	<u>22,626</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Economic environment	<u>1,979,540</u>	<u>1,979,540</u>	<u>379,474</u>	<u>1,600,066</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,979,540</u>	<u>1,979,540</u>	<u>379,474</u>	<u>1,600,066</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(587,640)</u>	<u>(587,640)</u>	<u>1,035,052</u>	<u>1,622,692</u>
Fund balance - beginning	<u>587,640</u>	<u>587,640</u>	<u>1,396,076</u>	<u>808,436</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,431,128</u>	<u>\$ 2,431,128</u>

Pinellas County, Florida
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA)
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

Section 189.016, Florida Statutes, governs the preparation, adoption, and administration of the Agency's annual budget. The budget shall be balanced: that is, the total of the estimated receipts, including balances brought forward, shall equal the total of the appropriations and reserves. The budget for the Agency's fund is prepared in accordance with GAAP, using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The annual budget, both operating and capital improvement, serves as the legal authorization for expenditures. Any revision that alters the total expenditures is presented to the Board's chairman and the Board of County Commissioners for approval. In instances where budget appropriations and estimated revenues have been revised during the year, the budget date presented in the Agency's financial statements represents final authorized amounts. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

The adopted budget cannot be changed except by an amendment or a budget supplement. The budgetary data presented is as amended by the Board for the fiscal year. State statutes provide that the Board may amend the adopted budget when:

1. Appropriations for a fund are increased and decreased by the same amount so that total appropriations do not change;
2. Reserves for future construction and improvements are appropriated by a resolution;
3. A receipt from a source not anticipated in the budget and received for a particular purpose may be appropriated by a resolution; and
4. A receipt from a source not anticipated in the budget and not designated for a particular purpose is presented by budget supplement to the Board.

This requires proper public notice to allow public comments before adoption.

**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**

Board of Commissioners
Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency
St. Petersburg, 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 the governmental activities and the general fund of the Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the CRA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 20, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the CRA'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 the CRA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the CRA'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 a 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.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the CRA'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 financial statements. 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 CRA'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.



Crowe LLP

Tampa, Florida
April 20, 2021

Board of Commissioners
Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency
St. Petersburg, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida (“County”), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated April 20, 2021.

Auditor’s Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; 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 Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of The Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and Independent Accountant’s Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated April 20, 2021, 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 annual financial audit report. There were no findings noted in the preceding financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. This information is disclosed in the financial statements.

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 the CRA has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), *Florida Statutes*, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that CRA did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), *Florida Statutes*.

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 the County in which CRA is presented as a component unit and included in the County's assessment. It is management's responsibility to monitor the CRA's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and review of financial information provided by same.

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

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address 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 which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have 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 Commissioners, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Crowe LLP

Tampa, Florida
April 20, 2021

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

Board of Commissioners
Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency
St. Petersburg, Florida

We have examined the Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency's ("CRA"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, compliance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, concerning the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2020. Management of the CRA is responsible for the CRA's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the CRA's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and those standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the CRA complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the CRA complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the CRA's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, the CRA complied, in all material respects, with the requirements contained in Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes* during the year ended September 30, 2020.

The purpose of this report is solely to comply with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Crowe LLP

Tampa, Florida
April 20, 2021

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
SECTIONS 163.387(6) and (7), *FLORIDA STATUTES*

Board of Commissioners
Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency
St. Petersburg, Florida

We have examined the Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency's (the "Agency") compliance with Sections 163.387(6) and (7), *Florida Statutes*, concerning the expending of Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funds only for CRA undertakings as described in the Agency's CRA plan and pursuant to the Agency's CRA adopted budget and funds remaining after the payment of expenses during the year ended September 30, 2020. Management of the Agency is responsible for the Agency's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Agency's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Agency complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Agency complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Agency's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Agency complied, in all material respects, with the requirements contained in Sections 163.387(6) and (7), *Florida Statutes* for the year ended September 30, 2020.

The purpose of this report is solely to comply with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Florida Auditor General*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Crowe LLP

Tampa, Florida
April 20, 2021