

November 29, 2022

To the Library Board  
Flint Public Library

We have audited the financial statements of the Flint Public Library (the "Library") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 and have issued our report thereon dated November 29, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

**Our Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards**

As stated in our engagement letter dated October 7, 2022, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Library. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

**Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters.

**Significant Audit Findings**

***Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices***

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Library are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2022.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Library during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

We noted no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

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

The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were the useful lives of capital assets, the net pension asset for MERS, and the Library's share of the MPSERS net liabilities for the pension and other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans. Management's estimate of the asset related to the MERS pension is based on estimates provided by specialists (third-party actuaries). Management's estimates of the pension and OPEB plan liabilities under MPSERS were based on data received from the Office of Retirement Services. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

***Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit***

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

***Disagreements with Management***

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

***Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements***

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. We did not detect any misstatements as a result of audit procedures.

***Significant Findings or Issues***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, business conditions affecting the Library, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement, with management each year prior to our retention as the Library's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship, and our responses were not a condition of our retention.

***Management Representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 29, 2022.

***Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants***

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

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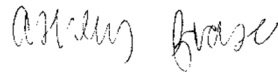
This information is intended solely for the use of the library board and management of the Flint Public Library and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

**Plante & Moran, PLLC**

Handwritten signature of Pamela J. Hill in black ink.

Pamela Hill, CPA  
Partner

Handwritten signature of Ashley Frase in black ink.

Ashley Frase, CPA  
Senior Manager

## Other Information

### **COVID-19 Resource Center**

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Plante & Moran, PLLC's COVID-19 task force of leaders across the firm has monitored, addressed, and provided insight related to the virus and the unique challenges our local governments have faced while continuing to provide essential services to their communities through our COVID-19 resource center at <https://www.plantemoran.com/explore-our-thinking/areas-of-focus/covid-19-government-resource-center>. This will continue as our nation emerges from this crisis.

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### **Michigan's COVID-19 Updates and Related Grant Programs**

The Michigan Department of Treasury has developed a webpage with numbered letters, memorandums, webinars, and resources regarding COVID-19 updates and related grant programs: [https://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,4679,7-121-1751\\_98769---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,4679,7-121-1751_98769---,00.html).

### **Cybersecurity and Information Technology Controls**

Cyberattacks are on the rise across the globe, and the cost of these attacks is ever increasing. Because of these attacks, municipalities stand to lose their reputation, the ability to operate efficiently, and proprietary information or assets. Communities potentially can also be subject to financial and legal liabilities. Managing this issue is especially challenging because even a municipality with a highly mature cybersecurity risk management program still has a residual risk that a material cybersecurity breach could occur and not be detected in a timely manner. We understand that the technology department continues to monitor and evaluate this risk, which are critical best practices. Additionally, periodic assessments of the system in order to verify that the control environment is working as intended are key parts of measuring associated business risk. We encourage administration and those charged with governance to work with the technology team on this very important topic. If we can be of assistance in the process, we would be happy to do so.

### **Upcoming Accounting Standards Requiring Preparation**

We actively monitor new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards and due process documents and provide periodic updates to help you understand how the latest financial reporting developments will impact the Library. In addition to the summaries below and to stay up to date, Plante & Moran, PLLC issues a biannual GASB accounting standard update. The most recent spring 2022 update and a link to previous fall and spring updates are available [here](#).

#### ***GASB Statement No. 99 - Omnibus 2022***

This new accounting pronouncement has various effective dates. This statement addresses accounting and financial reporting requirements for specific issues related to financial guarantees, derivative instruments, leases, public-public and public-private partnerships (PPPs), subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs), the transition from the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenue, the focus of government-wide financial statements, and terminology.

#### ***GASB Statement No. 100 - Accounting Changes and Error Corrections***

This new accounting pronouncement will be effective for fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and after. This statement enhances the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections.

## **Other Information (Continued)**

### ***GASB Statement No. 101 - Compensated Absences***

This new accounting pronouncement will be effective for fiscal years ending December 31, 2024 and after. This statement updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences under a unified model, requiring that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for leave that has not been used and leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. This statement also establishes guidance for measuring a liability for leave that has not been used and updates disclosure requirements for compensated absences.

### ***Significant GASB Proposals Worth Watching***

The GASB is working on three interrelated projects that result in a comprehensive look at financial reporting for state and local governments. Of these three efforts, two are likely to result in significant changes to governmental financial statements in the future.

The Financial Reporting Model exposure draft was issued in June 2020, and the final statement is expected to be released in late 2023. While this standard proposes changes to many aspects of the Library's financial statements, this proposed standard will most significantly impact the Library's governmental fund financial statements.

The Revenue and Expense Recognition project aims to develop a comprehensive accounting and financial reporting model for transactions that result in revenue and expenses. The GASB has issued a preliminary views document that proposes a new categorization framework that replaces the exchange/nonexchange transaction notion with a four-step categorization process for classifying a transaction. In addition to this new framework, the proposal also addresses recognition and measurement of revenue and expense transactions. The exposure draft for this project is expected sometime in 2025.

Plante & Moran, PLLC has spent significant time digesting these new proposed standards and recently testified to the GASB about our feedback. We strongly encourage the Library to monitor developments with these standards, as the potential impacts are quite broad.