

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

COMMUNICATION TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE
AND MANAGEMENT

As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2015

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

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**REQUIRED COMMUNICATION OF INTERNAL CONTROL RELATED MATTERS
IDENTIFIED IN THE AUDIT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE**

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Village Council
Village of Downers Grove, Illinois

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Village of Downers Grove as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered its internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing 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 its internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of its internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Village Council, and others within the organization and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

Oak Brook, Illinois
June 7, 2016

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

TWO WAY COMMUNICATION REGARDING YOUR AUDIT

As part of our audit of your financial statements, we are providing communications to you throughout the audit process. Auditing requirements provide for two-way communication and are important in assisting the auditor and you with more information relevant to the audit.

As this past audit is concluded, we use what we have learned to begin the planning process for next year's audit. It is important that you understand the following points about the scope and timing of our next audit:

- a. We address the significant risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, through our detailed audit procedures.
- b. We will obtain an understanding of the five components of internal control sufficient to assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to error or fraud, and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. We will obtain a sufficient understanding by performing risk assessment procedures to evaluate the design of controls relevant to an audit of financial statements and to determine whether they have been implemented. We will use such knowledge to:
 - > Identify types of potential misstatements.
 - > Consider factors that affect the risks of material misstatement.
 - > Design tests of controls, when applicable, and substantive procedures.

We will not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts or grant programs.

- c. The concept of materiality recognizes that some matters, either individually or in the aggregate, are important for fair presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles while other matters are not important. In performing the audit, we are concerned with matters that, either individually or in the aggregate, could be material to the financial statements. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that material misstatements, whether caused by errors or fraud, are detected.

We are very interested in your views regarding certain matters. Those matters are listed here:

- a. We typically will communicate with your top level of management unless you tell us otherwise.
- b. We understand that the Village Council has the responsibility to oversee the strategic direction of your organization, as well as the overall accountability of the entity. Management has the responsibility for achieving the objectives of the entity.
- c. We need to know your views about your organization's objectives and strategies, and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
- d. Which matters do you consider warrant particular attention during the audit, and are there any areas where you request additional procedures to be undertaken?
- e. Have you had any significant communications with regulators or grantor agencies?
- f. Are there other matters that you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements?

TWO WAY COMMUNICATION REGARDING YOUR AUDIT (cont.)

Also, is there anything that we need to know about the attitudes, awareness, and actions of the Village concerning:

- a. The Village's internal control and its importance in the entity, including how those charged with governance oversee the effectiveness of internal control?
- b. The detection or the possibility of fraud?

We also need to know if you have taken actions in response to developments in financial reporting, laws, accounting standards, governance practices, or other related matters, or in response to previous communications with us.

With regard to the timing of our audit, here is some general information. We generally complete preliminary financial audit work during the month of January. Our final financial fieldwork is scheduled during the spring to best coincide with your readiness and report deadlines. After fieldwork, we wrap up our financial audit procedures at our office. Final copies of our report and other communications are issued after approval by your staff.

Keep in mind that while this communication may assist us with planning the scope and timing of the audit, it does not change the auditor's sole responsibility to determine the overall audit strategy and the audit plan, including the nature, timing, and extent of procedures necessary to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence.

We realize that you may have questions on what this all means, or wish to provide other feedback. We welcome the opportunity to hear from you.

**COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATIONAL POINTS TO MANAGEMENT THAT ARE NOT MATERIAL
WEAKNESSES OR SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES**

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE

CYBER RISK ASSESSMENT

Cybersecurity is a growing challenge for many governments as threats and vulnerabilities constantly evolve. Information security is a significant issue for many organizations and is no longer considered to be strictly an Information Technology (IT) issue. The potential impacts of a security breach can be financial, operational, and reputational. Cyber risk should be a high priority and evaluated on a regular basis.

Security breaches can come in a number of forms, which are continually evolving with advances in and increased use of technology. It is important for governments to assess what types of information they have that are vulnerable to cyber-attack. Items to consider include processing, collecting, and/or storing personal information about employees, taxpayers, and/or customers. Social security numbers, bank accounts, addresses, medical information, birth dates, and credit cards are all common examples of information existing in systems of governmental entities. In addition, general ledger data and other supporting files can be compromised. Several instances of ransomware have been reported in governmental entities like yours during the last year. Ransomware restricts access to your files and demands a ransom to the malware operator in order to release the restriction. It is important to take inventory of all the information that flows through your systems in order to properly secure your data.

We recommend performing a cyber risk assessment to align the internal controls and processes with the organizational objectives, initiatives, resources, and risk appetites with regards to cyber risk. We have cybersecurity experts on staff that are available to assist with this assessment.

NEW RESOURCES FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARDS

In recent years, our clients have told us that the roles of their board members have become increasingly demanding. Expectations and accountability are at all-time high and the knowledge required to be an effective board member is substantial. For these reasons, we have compiled a number of resources dedicated to educating state and local government board members. Go to our website www.bakertilly.com and click on the State and Local Government page.

Included in the “insights” section at the bottom of the State and Local Government page are four quick-hitting, informative videos:

1. Government financial statements 101
2. Understanding your government’s fraud risk
3. Financial ratios and benchmarks
4. Fund balance and other financial policies

Also included are links to other videos, case studies and news / events that you might find of interest.

We encourage you to subscribe to our complimentary newsletter “Government Connection” to stay abreast of the latest issues impacting state and local governments. You can do so by clicking on the “subscribe” button and indicating “State and Local Government” as an area of interest on the subscription form. Also, if you or your board members have suggested topics to feature on our Board Governance webpage or Government Connection newsletter, we invite you to submit your ideas in person or online.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE (cont.)

The following is a schedule of GASB projects:

Task or Event	Effective Date	Impact
GASB 72 – Fair Value Measurement and Application	December 31, 2016	Items that are now subject to fair value measurement that weren't before: private equity/hedge funds, real estate investments, many investments that were previously carried at cost or under the equity method, derivatives will now be measured using exit price, donated long term assets. Does not affect money markets, investments in 2a7-like pools, or assets held by the government that enhance the ability to provide services.
GASB 73 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68	December 31, 2017 for pensions that are not within the scope of GASB 68. December 31, 2016 for pensions within the scope of GASB 67 and 68.	Part I extends the approach of GASB 68 to all pensions (with some modifications). Part II clarifies certain requirements of GASB 67 and 68.
GASB 74 – Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans and GASB 75 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions	GASB 74: December 31, 2017 GASB 75: December 31, 2018	These standards have similarities to the previous OPEB standards, most notably the definition of an OPEB and the option of the alternative measurement method for small governments. However, the calculation and reporting of the OPEB liability and various required disclosures will change under the new standards, becoming similar to the pension standards.
GASB 76 – The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments	December 31, 2016	Officially established accounting principles – GASB statements (Category A) and GASB Technical Bulletins, implementation guides and literature of the AICPA cleared by the GASB (Category B)

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE (cont.)

Task or Event	Effective Date	Impact
GASB 77 – Tax Abatement Disclosures	December 31, 2016	<p>Tax abatements are a reduction in tax revenue that has the following characteristics: (1) An agreement between one or more governments and an individual or entity in which: (a) one or more governments promise to forgo tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and; (b) the individual or entity promises to take specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.</p> <p>This definition is limited and excludes many incentive and other programs because they do not meet one or more of the requirements.</p>
GASB 78 – Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans	December 31, 2016	This addresses a specific issue regarding the ability of state and local governmental employers to obtain necessary information related to pensions that are provided through certain multiple-employer benefit pension plans that are not a state or local governmental pension plan.
GASB 79 – Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants	December 31, 2016	It establishes criteria for an external investment pool to qualify for making the election to measure all its investments at amortized costs for financial reporting purposes.
GASB 80 – Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14	December 17, 2017	This Statement amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The additional criterion does not apply to component units included in the financial reporting entity pursuant to the provisions of Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units.
GASB 81 – Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements	December 31, 2017	The objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement.
Current Agenda Project: Pension Issues	Proposed effective date – June 30, 2017 (Exposure Draft issued in December 2015)	The object of this project is to consider the need for revisions to certain of the requirements in GASB 67 and 68, as a result of issues raised by stakeholders.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE (cont.)

Task or Event	Effective Date	Impact
Current Agenda Project: Fiduciary Activities	Proposed effective date – December 31, 2018 (Exposure draft issued December 2015)	This project is to develop guidance regarding whether and how governments should report fiduciary activities in their general purpose external financial reports.
Current Agenda Project: Asset Retirement Obligations	Proposed effective date – December 31, 2018 (Exposure Draft issued in December 2015)	The objective of this project is to improve financial reporting by developing requirements on recognition and measurement for asset retirement obligations, other than landfills.
Current Agenda Project: Leases	The GASB Board is scheduled to issue an Exposure Draft in January 2016	The objective of this project is to reexamine issues associated with lease accounting, considering improvements to existing guidance.
Current Agenda Project: Certain Extinguishments Using Existing Resources	The GASB Board is scheduled to issue an Exposure Draft in August 2016	The project will consider improvements to the existing guidance related to debt extinguishments using existing resources. Debt extinguishments connected with troubled debt restructurings and bankruptcy, which are addressed in other pronouncements, are not included.

The GASB has a project on hold (conceptual framework for recognition) pending the reexamination of the financial reporting model.

The GASB revisits GASB standards ten (10) years after issuance. The GASB is currently revisiting GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, as well as reporting model-related pronouncements including Statements Nos. 37, 41, and No. 46 and Interpretation No. 6, *Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements*. The GASB has indicated that they are revisiting the following major provisions of these standards: management’s discussion and analysis, government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, capital asset reporting, budgetary comparisons, special purpose government reporting, and related notes to financial statements. In addition, the GASB is revisiting debt extinguishments, which includes a reexamination of GASB Statement Nos. 7, 23, and 62. We will share updates with you as they become available.

Full lists of projects, as well as many resources, are available on GASB’s website which is located at www.gasb.org.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE (cont.)

OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) REPORTING CHANGES ON THE HORIZON

GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, addresses reporting by OPEB plans that administer benefits on behalf of governments. GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, addresses reporting by governments that provide OPEB to their employees and for governments that finance OPEB for employees of other governments. The new OPEB standards parallel the pension standards GASB Nos. 67 and 68. Together, the pension and OPEB standards provide consistent and comprehensive guidance for all postemployment benefits.

OPEB plans will implement the new standards beginning with the year-end December 31, 2017. Governments that provide OPEB benefits to their employees will need to implement these standards beginning with the year-end December 31, 2018.

This standard has similarities to the previous OPEB standards, most notably the definition of an OPEB and the option of the alternative measurement method for small governments. However, the calculation and reporting of the OPEB liability and various required disclosures will change under the new standards, becoming similar to the pension standards.

To implement this standard, your government will need to plan ahead for obtaining a new actuarial study. The selection of a measurement date and timing for the study will be important to consider well in advance of implementation. We are available to further discuss this standard, the timing, and impact on your government.

REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS BY THE AUDITOR TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE



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To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Village Council
Village of Downers Grove, Illinois

Thank you for using Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP as your auditor.

We have completed our audit of the financial statements of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois for the year ended December 31, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated June 7, 2016. This letter presents communications required by our professional standards.

***OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS
GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA***

The objective of a financial statement audit is the expression of an opinion on the financial statements. We conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error or fraud. Our audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit does not relieve management or the Village Council of their responsibilities.

As part of the audit we obtained an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing and extent of further audit procedures. The audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control.

OTHER INFORMATION IN DOCUMENTS CONTAINING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our responsibility does not extend beyond the audited financial statements identified in this report. We do not have any obligation to and have not performed any procedures to corroborate other information contained in client prepared documents, such as official statements related to debt issues.

PLANNED SCOPE AND TIMING OF THE AUDIT

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our letter accompanying the December 31, 2014 audit dated June 16, 2015.

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Village Council
Village of Downers Grove

QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF THE ENTITY'S SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

Accounting Policies

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 Village are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Village changed accounting policies related to financial reporting for pensions by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27 and GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68* in 2015. Beginning net position has been restated as a result of adopting these pronouncements.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Village during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting Estimates

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:

- > Depreciation expense for capital assets
- > Insurance claims payable
- > Net pension liabilities
- > Other post-employment benefit obligation

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

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

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Village Council
Village of Downers Grove

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.

A summary of uncorrected financial statement misstatements follows this required communication. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter 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.

CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' 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.

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter. This letter follows this required communication.

INDEPENDENCE

We are not aware of any relationships between Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP and the Village of Downers Grove that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

Relating to our audit of the financial statements of the Village of Downers Grove for the year ended December 31, 2015, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP hereby confirms that we are, in our professional judgment, independent with respect to the Village in accordance with the Code of Professional Conduct issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We provided no services to the Village other than audit services provided in connection with the audit of the current year's financial statements and non-audit services which in our judgment do not impair our independence:

- > Compiled TIF compliance reports

This non-audit service does not constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards.

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Village Council
Village of Downers Grove

OTHER AUDIT FINDINGS OR ISSUES

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Village of Downers Grove's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

OTHER MATTERS

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the supplementary information which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. With respect to the supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the other information, which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

RESTRICTION ON USE

This information is intended solely for the use of the Village Council and management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the information included in this letter and any other matters. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Baker Tilly Vuchow Kronae, LLP

Oak Brook, Illinois
June 7, 2016

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS



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We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Village of Downers Grove, the Village of Downers Grove Ogden Avenue Corridor Tax Increment Financing Fund, and the Village of Downers Grove Downtown Redevelopment Tax Increment Financing Fund as of December 31, 2015 and for the year then ended for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Downers Grove and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the previously mentioned financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining internal control over financial reporting, and preventing and detecting fraud.

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Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter.
2. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government and all component units required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to be included in the financial reporting entity.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility 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.

PUBLIC WORKS
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4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
5. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, if any, are reasonable.
6. Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
7. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. No other events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.
8. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
9. We believe the effects of the uncorrected financial statement misstatements summarized in the attached schedule are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the basic financial statements as a whole. In addition, you have recommended adjusting journal entries, and we are in agreement with those adjustments.
10. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
11. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Village is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

Information Provided

12. We have provided you with:
 - a. Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as financial records and related data, documentation, and other matters.
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d. Minutes of the meetings of Village of Downers Grove Council, Downers Grove Police Pension Board, Downers Grove Fire Pension Board, and Downers Grove Library Board or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
13. We have disclosed to you results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
14. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - a. Management,
 - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

15. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
16. We have no knowledge of known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
17. There are no known related parties or related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Other

18. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
19. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
20. We have identified to you any previous financial audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
21. The Village has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.
22. We are responsible for compliance with federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits, debt contracts, and IRS arbitrage regulations; and we have identified and disclosed to you all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
23. There are no:
 - a. Violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, federal, state, and local laws or regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance, except those already disclosed in the financial statement, if any.
 - b. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - c. Nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances that were not properly authorized and approved.
 - d. Rates being charged to customers other than the rates as authorized by the applicable authoritative body.
 - e. Violations of restrictions placed on revenues as a result of bond resolution covenants such as revenue distribution or debt service funding.

24. In regards to the nonattest services performed by you listed below, we have 1) accepted all management responsibility; 2) designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services; 3) evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed, and 4) accepted responsibility for the results of the services.

a. Compiled TIF financial statements

None of these nonattest services constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including *Government Auditing Standards*.

25. The Village of Downers Grove has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.

26. The Village of Downers Grove has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statement in the event of noncompliance.

27. The financial statements include all component units as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations, if any.

28. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.

29. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34 and No. 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.

30. Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and components of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.

31. The Village of Downers Grove has no derivative financial instruments such as contracts that could be assigned to someone else or net settled, interest rate swaps, collars or caps.

32. Provisions for uncollectible receivables, if any, have been properly identified and recorded.

33. Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.

34. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues and general revenues.

35. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.

36. Deposits and investment securities are properly classified as to risk, and investments are properly valued. Collateralization agreements with financial institutions, if any, have been properly disclosed.

37. Provision, when material, has been made to reduce excess or obsolete inventories to their estimated net realizable value.

38. Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated/amortized. Any known impairments have been recorded and disclosed.

39. Tax-exempt bonds issued have retained their tax-exempt status.

40. We have appropriately disclosed the Village of Downers Grove's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available and have determined that net position were properly recognized under the policy. We have also disclosed our policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available.
41. We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
42. With respect to the supplementary information, (SI):
- a. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the SI in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and we believe the SI, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The methods of measurement and presentation of the SI have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
 - a. If the SI is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.
43. We assume responsibility for, and agree with, the findings of specialists in evaluating the net OPEB obligation and net pension liability and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialists in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give or cause any instructions to be given to specialists with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had impact on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.
44. We agree with the restatement presented in the current year's financial statements.

Sincerely,

Village of Downers Grove

Signed:  _____

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Village of Downers Grove
SUMMARY OF UNCORRECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT MISSTATEMENTS

December 31, 2015

	Total Assets/ Deferred Outflows	Total Liabilities/ Deferred Inflows	Financial Statements Effect - Debit (Credit) to Financial Statement Total				Change in Net Position/ Fund Balances	Beginning Net Position/ Fund Balances
			Total Net Position/ Fund Balances	Total Revenues	Total Expenses/ Expenditures	Total		
Governmental Activities	-	212,021	(212,021)	-	20,603	20,603	(232,624)	
Discretely Presented Component Units	-	47,089	(47,089)	-	4,576	4,576	-	
Water Fund	-	22,945	(22,945)	-	2,229	2,229	(25,174)	
Stormwater Utility Fund	-	15,780	(15,780)	-	1,534	1,534	(17,314)	