

**PROPOSAL FOR CONDUCTING
THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT
OF THE
NORTH COUNTY LIBRARY AUTHORITY**

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North County Library Authority
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We are pleased to have this opportunity to submit our proposal to provide auditing services for the North County Library Authority (the "Authority"). Our understanding of the work outlined in the request for proposal is that we will audit the financial statements of the Authority for fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, 2023 and 2024, with two option years.

Our audits will be performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards set forth for financial audits in the United States General Accounting Office's (GAO) *Government Auditing Standards*. We will also apply the necessary procedures to prepare the reports as requested in the RFP and noted in our cost proposal. As a result of our audit, we will express an opinion on the fair presentation of the basic financial statements, as listed in the RFP, in accordance with GAAP. We will also issue a report on internal controls over financial reporting and on compliance with applicable laws and regulations in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Throughout the contract period, we will provide consultation on accounting and compliance issues and attend meetings to discuss the audit and management comments. It is our commitment to the Authority that we will complete the work within the agreed time frame and that we have the resources, time and personnel to dedicate to this engagement for the entirety of the contact. We are confident Chavan & Associates LLP ("C&A") is the best-qualified firm to serve as your independent auditors. A brief list of reasons includes:

- We specialize in the audits of local governments and not for profit entities.
- Our partners have 87 years of combined experience auditing local governments.
- Our firm and key professionals are properly licensed to practice in the state of California.
- Our service will be dependable, reliable and timely.
- We will be sensitive to your workload. We understand you and your staff must keep up with your current work as well as deal with the audit.
- Our staff and partners are available twelve months of the year to serve our audit clients. You are important to our firm and we promise a high level of involvement and enthusiasm at all levels.
- The engagement partner will be the lead for your audit. He will attend all conferences and meetings and will supervise the audit directly during each year and phase of the engagement.



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- We offer flexible staffing and scheduling, especially during COVID-19. We can send a full team onsite, work 100% remotely, or send a small team on site to minimize exposure. All of our team members are vaccinated and will follow your policies in regard to COVID-19.
- To improve the efficiency of the audit process, we use an online software, Engagement Organizer (EO), to provide a list of information and monitor the workflow during the audit. The link to EO is provided early during the planning process and includes items for both interim and year-end work, such that we can edit the list as needed moving forward. All documents can be uploaded here and notes, status updates and comments are done through EO. We also have a secure portal as an additional way to share information.

We are secure in our belief that our firm is the best qualified to meet your needs and we commit to perform the services required in the time period specified. Once you have examined our proposal and contacted our references, we feel you will agree.

Staffing for the audit will include one Engagement Partner, one Associate Partner, one Supervisor, one Senior Auditor, one Professional Staff and one Administrative Staff. The Engagement Partner, one Senior and one Staff will be assigned to visit your offices, as feasible with regard to COVID-19 circumstances. The Engagement Partner, Associate Partner, Supervisor and Senior Auditor will be available throughout the entire contract period. The firm and all assigned key personnel are licensed to practice in California.

Sheldon Chavan (15105 Concord Circle, Suite 130, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037, 650-346-1329, Sheldon@cnallp.com) is the partner authorized to sign and obligate the firm contractually and represent the firm. He is empowered to submit the bid and authorized to sign a contract. This proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer for 60 days.

We look forward to being of service to you.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Chavan, C.P.A., Partner
Chavan & Associates, LLP

Section A

Background & Experience

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Independence

C&A is independent of the Authority and all of its component units as defined by generally accepted auditing standards and the **U.S. General Accountability Office's Government Auditing Standards**. *In all matters relating to the audit work, the audit organization and individual auditors, whether government or public, should be free from personal and external impairments to independence, should be fiscally independent, and should maintain an independent attitude and appearance.*

C&A did not have any professional relationships involving the North County Library Authority, or any of its agencies and component units, for the past five (5) years that would cause a conflict of interest relative to the scope of services identified in the request for proposal.

License to Practice in the State of California

C&A and all key professionals are properly licensed to practice as certified public accountants in the State of California and do not have any record of substandard work or unsatisfactory performance pending with the State Board of Accountancy. C&A is registered with the California State Board of Accountancy and our state number is PAR 7294.

Contractor Identification and Introduction

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Authorized to Sign: Sheldon Chavan, Partner; Paul Pham, Partner

Our partners have performed audits under Governmental Auditing Standards, the Single Audit Act and the State Controller's Office Minimum Audit Requirements for a combined 87 years; Sheldon for 23 years, Jeff for 40 years and Paul Pham for 14 years. In August of 2009, we established C&A as a limited liability partnership. C&A is a local audit firm in San Jose, CA specializing in local government auditing and consulting. We have audited and prepared Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (**ACFRs**) and basic financial statements as required by the Government Finance Officers Association (**GFOA**) and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (**GASB**) for cities, fire districts, water districts, sanitation districts, JPAs and other types of special districts. Our partners have been reviewers of ACFRs for the **GFOA and CSMFO**. Most recently, C&A prepared **ACFRs** of City of Saratoga, the City of Oroville, City of Suisun, City of Pacific Grove, and City of Carmel-by-the Sea for the year ending June 30, 2021. Our goal at C&A is to provide premium audit services at a reasonable fee. We believe that continuous partner involvement helps us achieve our goal, which is why our partners are constantly involved in every audit. Ultimately, minimizing on-the-job training allows us to focus exclusively on servicing our clients.



*Single Audit
Experience*

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Firm Size, Staff Size, Location and Staffing

We also have **twelve** professional, full-time staff in addition to our three partners and one administrative person that will be available to assist as needed throughout the engagement. Our engagement partners are directly involved with the audits. Our central office is located in Morgan Hill, CA. Staffing for the Authority’s audit will include the following professionals (audit experience):

Sheldon Chavan, CPA, Managing Partner (23 years)
 Paul Pham, CPA, Associate Partner (14 years)
 Niru Machiraju, Supervisor (6 years)
 Andrew Quintero, Senior Auditor (4 years)
 Matthew Ojeda, Senior Auditor (6 years)

One of the professional staff could change from year to year. The Authority will be notified of any staff changes prior to field work. The Engagement Partner, manager, and supervisor will be the same during each year of the engagement.

Range of Services

The following summarizes the range of services we provide:

Entity Type	Number of Clients	Percent by Entity	Auditing	Management, Accounting & Other	Contractor Prequalification Services	Nonprofit Tax
Local Education Agencies	37	37%	89%	0%	14%	0%
Charter Schools	11	11%	100%	0%	0%	100%
Non-profit Organizations	17	17%	94%	0%	0%	82%
Cities and Towns	10	10%	90%	0%	0%	0%
Special Districts	17	17%	88%	12%	0%	0%
Privately Held	7	7%	71%	29%	0%	0%

	GAS Audit	GAGAS Audit	Single Audit	Bond Audit	EAAP Audit	Other
Percent by Service Type	91%	73%	40%	22%	41%	39%

Contract Terminations and Affirmation Concerning Substandard Audit Work

C&A and all assigned personnel do not have any record of substandard work, contract failures, outstanding claims, litigation, investigations, or other unsatisfactory performance issues against us or pending with the State Board of Accountancy or any other entity. In addition, we have not had any federal or state desk review or field reviews of our audits. C&A has no record of lost clients or contract failures.

Section A

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Equal Opportunity Employer

C&A is an equal opportunity employer and is in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the State Fair Employment Practice Act, and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations relating to equality.

Subcontractor

C&A will not be engaged with any subcontractors during this engagement.

Business Licenses

C&A will obtain and maintain a valid business license with throughout the duration of the contract, as applicable.

Quality Control Review

We are enrolled in the AICPA quality control peer review program. Our peer review was performed in compliance with AICPA and GAO requirements and included a selection of government audit engagements. Our audits complied with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Generally Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards.

Insurance

C&A maintains the following insurance:

- Commercial General Liability Insurance (bodily injury and property damage) is \$4,000,000 per occurrence. The carrier is Hartford Insurance Company.
- Automobile Bodily Injury and Property damage liability insurance is \$2,000,000 per occurrence. The carrier is Hartford Insurance Company.
- Professional Liability Insurance carrier is Philadelphia Insurance Company. The per claim/aggregate limit of the liability is \$3,000,000.
- Workers Compensation Insurance carrier is Twin City Insurance Company. The per claim/aggregate limit of the liability is \$1,000,000.

Section B

Audit Methodology and Approach

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The C&A audit approach begins with an entrance conference between Sheldon Chavan and management to gather information for risk assessment and audit planning. Upon the conclusion of the entrance conference, Sheldon will plan and schedule C&A's **three phase audit** approach and prepare a list of items to be provided for Phase I of the audit. Significant aspects of each phase are outlined below as augmented based on our review of the Authority's financial reports, RFP, Budget documents, and Council and Finance Commission agendas and minutes:

Three Phase Audit Approach

Phase I - Planning and Risk Assessment

This phase is designed to evaluate your operating and accounting procedures and will provide the basis for a significant portion of our letter to management. The results of our work during this phase will determine our audit approach for significant accounts and compliance. We plan to begin this phase by meeting with management and relevant committees to plan the audit and discuss any significant issues with the proposed audit plan and timeline.

At least four weeks prior to the beginning of this phase, we intend to provide the Authority with a link to Engagement Organizer ("EO") detailing the information and timing that will be needed in order to facilitate the completion of the audit in a timely manner. Having all items in EO uploaded prior to the beginning of the audit field work will allow us to complete the audit within the allotted time frame or earlier. We will also begin the testing of federal compliance for major programs during this phase, if applicable. The EO will include Phase I, II, and III items once uploaded and will be updated during the year. The Authority will be able to leave notes on each item, upload attachments and message our team through EO.

We plan the audit and obtain our **understanding of the internal control structure**, control environment, and accounting system through:

Internal Controls Documentation

- Inquiries of appropriate management and staff personnel.
- Inspection of the Authority's documents, records, budget and related materials, organizational charts, manuals and programs.
- Observation of the Authority's activities and operations to corroborate the results of inquiries.
- Testing of the controls to determine they are operating as planned.
- Performance of preliminary analytical review on interim financials. The analytical review entails comparing similar information for the same time frame from the prior year and also comparing current year-to-date information to the budget to determine areas that may need additional attention during Phase II.
- Review and evaluation of the Authority's financial and other management **information system controls** and procedures. Our staff has gained invaluable experience with systems such as HTE, Multiple Operation Management (MOM), Springbrook, Pentamation, QuickBooks, Digital Schools, SunGuard, Escape, FUNDS, CECC, SACS, Financial 2000, SASi and many others. It is our goal to maximize the usage of your computer system during the audit.

This phase constitutes approximately 40% of all non-clerical hours of the engagement and may be combined with Phase II if desired. At the completion of Phase I, an exit conference will be held to discuss findings and recommendations and prepare for Phase II.

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Phase II - Substantive Audit Procedures and Compliance

This phase is designed to complete our substantive and compliance audit procedures on the accounts of the Authority. The approach for Phase II will be based on the results of Phase I. Audit programs will be tailored for your Authority's needs. This work will begin after the closing of your books.

Sample size and selection is based on our assessment of risk and planned or actual deviations. A typical **sample size will be 25 to 60** items and be randomly selected. Our sampling methods vary depending

Sampling Methods

on the type of tests we perform. Sample selection for compliance work will be based on the respective compliance and audit guides, KC, our experience and judgment, and other various sources. We use Knowledge Coach (KC) audit programs by Commerce Clearing House (CCH) to assist in our risk determination and sampling selection. We also use **ProSystems fx Engagement** paperless audit, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word on laptops to perform the audit. Generally, we prefer

information provided in electronic format, however we use production scanners in the office and portable scanners in the field for information that is unavailable in electronic format.

Analytical procedures during Phase II involve comparing current data to prior year and budget data, calculating dollar and percentage variances and investigating differences. We also analyze trends and relationships of the various financial statement components and ratios.

Analytical Procedures & Laws and Regulations

Laws and regulations subject to audit will be determined based on inquiry and familiarity we gain with the Authority and with state and federal compliance requirements. We also attend seminars and webinars related to state and federal regulations to keep abreast of new requirements.

Phase II will take approximately 40% of the engagement hours. At this time, an exit conference will be held to discuss findings and recommendations, the status of new accounting principles and reporting requirements, and prepare for Phase III.

Phase III - Financial Statement Preparation and Review

This phase consists of preparing or assisting with the preparation of your financial statements, **as required in the RFP**, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We will also prepare all other financial and compliance reports required of us as listed on the RFP. The required reports and management letter will be submitted to management as noted in the timeline in the RFP, unless otherwise agreed. We will also ensure that new GASB pronouncements identified in phase I and II have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements and that the impact of these statements is sufficiently presented in our audit reports. The most efficient way to ensure we meet the reporting deadlines is to have the audited trial balance and final adjustment completed by the last day of field work. This, in combination of the automation provided by **Prosystems Engagement** will reduce the lag time from the completion of field work and report issuance.

Our reporting process is automated through our audit software. Once we obtain the Authority's trial balance in electronic format, we can import that into our system, which will automatically code and update all financial statements and most note disclosures in the financial statements and notes. We can

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also auto link tables, charts and other documents the Authority would like to generate. **All of this information can be shared through our online secure lockbox/files share website at www.cnallp.com** and through our **online engagement portal** which is linked to our list of items. All agreed upon adjustments will be linked in our audit software. This greatly reduces the report preparation time and involvement of Authority staff and creates more opportunity for review of information systems, internal controls and management recommendations. At the end of this phase we will provide a summary of audit adjustments and uncorrected misstatements (passed adjustments).

We anticipate that Phase III will comprise approximately 20% of the engagement hours, including the majority of the clerical hours. The timing of each phase of the audit is estimated based on the assumption that the Authority will meet their close schedule and responsibilities as noted in the request for proposal.

Please note that we generally hold entrance conferences at the beginning of Phase I and II and exit conferences at the end of Phase I, II and III. However, we are available to meet with the Authority at any time.

Compliance and Program Specific Auditing

Included in all phases are specific procedures required to complete individual compliance items. Analytic and sampling procedures generally follow those described in the preceding phase, but are modified, when needed, to meet specific guidelines of the programs audited.

Recommendations for Improved Operations

We feel we have accumulated valuable knowledge in accounting and auditing which has allowed us to offer a wide range of specific recommendations to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our audit clients. With our background, we can provide services that may be very beneficial to you presently and in the future. As our client, you can look to us for informed support **year-round in all areas of interest or concern**. In the course of our engagement with the Authority, we will provide prompt, knowledgeable answers to your questions regarding all aspects of accounting, finance, management, and operations. It is our policy to discuss discrepancies and recommendations with Authority staff directly involved and then with management, as necessary. If an item warrants inclusion in the report as a finding, we will obtain management's responses to each finding. All responses will be reviewed with management and relevant committees before they are presented to the Authority Board

Irregularities and Illegal Acts

We will make an immediate, written report of all irregularities and illegal acts or indications of illegal acts of which we become aware to the Audit Committee (or similar) and Attorney.

Control Risk Assessment

As part of our audit approach, we use KC forms, narratives, questionnaires and summary schedules to gain an understanding of the control environment and assess its overall effectiveness. This helps us identify the types of potential misstatements and factors that affect the risk of material misstatement and their impact on the audit plan.

Analytical Procedures

Analytical procedures are used at three points of time during our audit; planning, substantive testing, and final review of the completed financial statements. Analytical procedures are used to obtain

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knowledge of conditions and events, to indicate the presence of possible misstatements, to provide substantive evidence of balances and to assess the financial condition of the Authority.

As we obtain knowledge about the Authority, we will be able to direct our attention to areas requiring greater audit emphasis as well as provide substantive evidence in support of recorded account balances.

Identification of Potential Audit Problems

Each year we approach the audit objectively and use a risk-based approach to anticipate any potential audit problems. If anything were to come to our attention during the course of the audit, it would be reported to the proper management level depending on the nature of the problem and as noted in the RFP.

Resources Available for Standards Interpretations

In addition to the items published by GFOA, AICPA, FASB, and GASB, we use RIA checkpoint and Thompsons as our main online reference material. As our client, the Authority will have access to all our resources.

Summary of Staff Hours by Phase

Level of Staff	Phases		Total Hours
	I & II	III	
Engagement Partner	4	4	8
Associate Partner	2	2	4
Manager	0	0	0
Supervisor	8	8	16
Senior Staff	16	8	24
Professional Staff	16	8	24
Administrative Staff	2	2	4
Totals	48	32	80

Summary Timeline

Segment	Estimated	Phase
Entrance Conference	June 30, 2022	I
Audit Planning C&A's Office	June 30, 2022	I
List of Items Required by Client and Audit Plan	July 15, 2022	I
Preparation and Mailing of Confirmation Letters to 3rd Parties	July 15, 2022	I/II
Year-end Field Work	November 21, 2022	I/II
Exit Conference	November 22, 2022	I/II
Progress List of Management Point and Recommendations	November 22, 2022	I/II
Final List of Management Point and Recommendations	November 30, 2022	I/II
Audit Adjustments	December 15, 2022	I/II
Draft Reports, Financials, Management Letters	December 15, 2022	III
Final Reports, Financials, Management Letters	December 31, 2022	III
Board, Committee & Public Presentations	As Needed	III

⁽¹⁾ The estimated dates are flexible based your needs and staff availability

Section C

Scope of Services

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Audit Scope

We understand, accept and have included in our work plan the following scope of services:

- A. Prepare and provide an engagement letter prior to each audit, detailing the scope of the audit;
- B. Perform an audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards as set for by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and in accordance with the “Minimum Audit Requirements and Reporting Guidelines for California Special Districts” as required by the State Controller’s Office;
- C. Prepare and deliver a letter to management and a completed audit report each contract year;
- D. Communicate in a letter to management any reportable conditions found during the audit. A reportable condition shall be defined as a significant deficiency in the design or operation of the internal control structure, which could adversely affect the organization’s ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statement;
- E. Conduct an exit conference with Authority Staff;
- F. Present at an Authority Board meeting each year;

Section D

Partner, Supervisory and Staff Resumes

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We are aware of the need for continuity of personnel on the engagement and promise that the Engagement Partner will be directly involved in the audit **during each year** of the contract. We believe that extensive partner involvement provides continuity that could not be achieved in any other way. All staff committed in this proposal will be available for the entire June 30, 2022 audit and are available 12 months a year for questions, comments and implementation support. We understand that the Engagement Partners, managers and other supervisory staff and specialists may be changed only with the express prior written permission of the Authority. Other audit personnel may be changed at our discretion as long as the replacements have substantially the same or better qualifications or experience. The Authority retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Sheldon Chavan, CPA

Managing Partner (Member CalCPA, AICPA, GFOA, CSMFO, GAQC)



Sheldon holds a B.S. in Accounting from San Jose State University. He began his career in public accounting in **1998** and has been auditing local governments and nonprofit organizations ever since. Sheldon is a CPA licensed in California and a member of AICPA, CalCPA, CSMFO, GAQC and GFOA. **He has also been a member of the GFOA Special Review Committee, with responsibility for reviewing ACFR's for award of the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting.** Sheldon has prepared/reviewed ACFR's for the City of Berkeley, City of Sunnyvale, City of Pittsburg and many others over his career. Most recently, Sheldon prepared the ACFR of the City of Oroville, City of Saratoga and the City of Pacific Grove for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 (partial listing).

ACFR
Preparation

Sheldon has managed governmental audits his entire career, which includes the technical review of all work papers, staffing, scheduling, reporting, state compliance, federal compliance, state controllers reports and much more. He is responsible for running the audit in the field and providing accounting and auditing technical support to other partners and staff, primarily in the areas of compliance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards set forth for financial audits in the United States General Accounting Office's (GAO) *Government Auditing Standards*, and the provisions of the Federal Single Audit Act and the United States Office of Management and Title 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Guidance). Sheldon also ensures that each staff has met the continuing professional education requirements under these standards and teaches several in-house seminars a year. He also administers our firm's quality control system as required by GAAS and Yellow Book standards. Sheldon has been performing audits under the Single Audit Act his entire career. Understanding the complexities of the various federal programs is one of his specialties. Over the years, Sheldon has audited major programs such as National School Lunch, Title II Education Technology, IDEA Special Education Local Assistance, Title I, Education Jobs Fund, Title IV Drug Free Schools, NCLB Title III, Title II Improving Teacher Quality, CDBG, Shelter Plus Care, Home Investment in Affordable Housing, HUD Section 8, Highway Planning and Construction, Medi-Cal, Low-income Low Energy Assistance, and many more.

Sheldon has extensive experience auditing government bond programs and can assist the Authority with bond covenant calculations, bond compliance, tax filings, bond arbitrage issues and any other general

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reporting requirements. In addition, we currently have multiple clients for which we complete special bond performance audits each year. We also provide contractor prequalification services for some clients who use restricted bond funds for modernization and infrastructure improvements.

Sheldon's recent continuing professional education:

Description of Program/Training
Yellow Book: Revised Government Auditing Standards Government Auditing Standards - Yellow Book Frequent Government and NPO Frauds: Misuse of Assets Governmental and Nonprofit Annual Update: Federal Government Activities Single Audit Lighting Round Governmental Audit Quality Center Annual Update Webcast Program-Specific Audits' plus 'Audit Tools and Guidance' Applying Risk Assessment Standards: Understanding the Entity and Its Environment GASB Updates Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference Webcast - 5121266C Not-for-Profit Organizations Conference Webcast - 5121343C Cases in NFP Acct. & Auditing: 'Financial Statement Requirements' plus 'Net Asset Classifications' Governmental Auditing: Course Two Performance Audits Governmental Auditing: Course Three Financial Audits, Attestation Engagements, and.. Governmental Accounting and Reporting Ethics: AA&C LLP - Accounting Firm Practice Development Committee State and Local Govt Planning Considerations Cases in NFP Acct. & Auditing: Contributions Field Work Documentation: Preparation, Maintenance, Types of Workpapers School District Update Including LCFF and LCAP Compliance School Districts Conference Understanding the Changes to Yellow Book Independence California Regulatory Review Course Fraud Audit Techniques Using Excel Applying the Uniform Guidance in Your Single Audits Testing Compliance' plus 'Reporting Requirements Fid Act Understanding impacts of GASB 84 Its Here! Fid Act Implementation Considerations Accounting and Auditing Conference Bernard Madoff Investment Securities' Auditor' The Detection and Prevention of Fraud in Financial Statements Governmental Auditing: Course One Fundamental Principles for Government Auditing

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The following is a **partial list** of Sheldon’s clients over the years:

Cities and Towns	Special Districts/JPA's	School Districts/COE's	Nonprofits and Other
City of Albany	Bay Area Water Services & Cons	Antelope Elementary	2006 Washington St.
City of Berkeley	Central Marin Sanitation Agency	Belmont Redwood Shores	Bay Area Special Education JPA
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea	East Bay Dischargers Authority	Burlingame	Bay Area Water Users Association
City of Del Rey Oaks	Fairfield-Suisan Sanitation	Cabrillo Unified	Black Adoption Placement
City of Marina	Half Moon Bay Fire Protection	Campbell Union	Boys and Girls Clubs of Sonoma
City of Novato	Hayward Area Parks and Rec	Cloverdale Unified	Center for Empowering Refugees
City of Oroville	Highland Recreation District	Cotati Rohnert Park	Children of Grace
City of Pacific Grove	Los Trancos Water District	Hillsborough City	Collective Roots
City of Pittsburg	Mckinney Water District	La Honda Pescadero	Credo High School
City of Point Arena	Menlo Park Fire Protection	Lakeside	Diagnostics for the Real World
City of Salinas	Midpen Regional Open Space	Las Lomas Elementary	Hidaya Foundation
City of San Rafael	Pleasant Hill Parks and Rec	Lassen View Elementary	Livebooks
City of Saratoga	Point Montara Fire District	Los Altos Elementary	Mashery
City of Scotts Valley	Santa Clara Regional Open Space	Luther Burbank	Mission Charter
City of Sonoma	Saratoga Cemetery District	Manton Joint Union	Mission Language and Vocational
City of South San Francisco	South Bayside System Authority	Menlo Park City	Morgan Hill Charter Foundation
City of Suisun City	South San Francisco Conf. Ctr.	Millbrae Elementary	Morgan Hill Charter School
City of Sunnyvale	Sausalito-Marin City Sanitation	Mineral	Nob Hill Home Owners Assoc.
City of Tracy	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	Mountain View Whisman	O'Conner Water
Town of Los Gatos	The Cities Group	Orchard	One Million Lights
Town of Windsor	Valley of the Moon Fire	Pacifica	Orange County Charter School
	West Bay Sanitary District	Plum Valley	Pathway to Choices
	West County Wastewater District	Portola Valley Elementary	Pyramid Alternatives
	Westborough Water District	Red Bluff	Redwood City Education Foundation
	Woodside Fire Protection District	Salinas Union High	San Jose Conservation Charter
		San Bruno Park	San Jose Conservation Corps
		San Carlos Elementary	Singularity University
		San Mateo County Office	Sociometrics
		San Mateo Union High	South Tahoe Area Transit Authority
		Scotts Valley Unified	Stone Bridge Charter School
		Sequoia Union High	Woodside Atherton Authority
		Sonoma Valley Unified	Work2future Foundation
		Union School District	
		West County Agency (LEA)	
		Windsor Unified	
		Woodside Elementary	

Jeffrey J. Ira, CPA

Reviewing Partner, (Member CalCPA, AICPA, GFOA, CSMFO, GAQC)



Jeffrey is a graduate of Humboldt State University with a B.S. in Business with a concentration in Accounting. He is a CPA licensed in California, a member of the AICPA, the California Society of CPAs, the GFOA and the CSMFO. Jeff joined our firm in 2017 and has been auditing local governments since 1981. Jeff is a member of the GFOA Special Review Committee, with responsibility for reviewing CAFR’s for award of the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. **Jeff served as a Councilmember and the Mayor for Redwood City.** He has also served on various local governing boards and committees, which makes him acutely aware of both your financial and management needs. Jeff will be responsible for concurrent review of your audit, which is a quality control measure designed to ensure the audit is completed effectively and in compliance with governmental auditing standards, compliance requirements and uniform guidance requirements.

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Jeff has forty years of professional experience and has participated in a variety of auditing and consulting engagements with cities, school districts, and special districts including the following (partial listing):

Cities and Towns	Special Districts	School Districts/COE's
City of Berkeley	Bay Area Water Supply Conserv. Agency	Antelope Elementary
City of Cloverdale	Central Marin Sanitation Agency	Cabrillo Unified
City of Oroville	East Bay Dischargers Authority	Cotati Rohnert Park
City of Point Arena	Half Moon Bay Fire Protection	La Honda Pescadero
City of Saratoga	Los Trancos Water District	Lassen View Elementary
City of Sonoma	Menlo Park Fire Protection	Las Lomitas Elementary
City of Tracy	Pleasant Hill Parks and Rec	Los Altos Elementary
Town of Los Gatos	Point Montara Fire Protection District	Luther Burbank
City of Pittsburg	Santa Clara Regional Open Space Auth	Redwood City Elementary
City of San Rafael	Saratoga Cemetery District	Menlo Park City
City of Concord	South Bayside Systems Authority	Millbrae Elementary
City of Salinas	South San Francisco Conf. Ctr.	Santa Cruz City
City of Sunnyvale	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	Mountain View Whisman
City of San Carlos	The Cities Group	Orchard School District
City of South San Francisco	West Bay Sanitary District	Burlingame
City of Marina	West County Wastewater District	Jefferson Union High
City of San Bruno	Westborough Water District	Portola Valley Elementary
City of Campbell	Woodside Fire Protection District	Red Bluff
City of Novato	Highland Recreation	San Bruno Park
Town of Atherton	Coast side Water District	San Mateo County Office
City of Cupertino		Sequoia Union High
		Sonoma Valley Unified
		San Mateo Unified
		Ravenswood Elementary
		Windsor Unified
		Woodside Elementary

A summary of Jeff's recent professional education includes:

Description of Program/Training	
GAGAS - Ethical Principles In Government Auditing	Government Auditing
GAGAS - Field Work and Reporting Standards	Major Changes to Auditing Standards
GAGAS - Field Work Standards For Financial Audits	Limiting Auditor Liability
GAGAS - General Field Work And Reporting Standards	Auditor Communications: Critical New Requirements
GAGAS - General Standards	School Districts Conference
GAGAS - Reporting Standards For Financial Audits	Governmental Accounting, Reporting, and Auditing Update
GAGAS - Use and Application of GAGAS	GASB Basic Financial Statements for State and Local Governments

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Paul Pham, CPA

Associate Partner (AICPA, CalCPA)



Paul received his Bachelor of Science from Pacific University and hopes to pursue a Master of Accountancy in the near future. Paul has been working in public and private accounting since 2007 and has completed Fourteen governmental audit seasons. He has completed financial and compliance audits for the entities listed below since 2007. Besides the standard control documentation and substantive testing required for GAAS audits, Paul has performed audits and prepared reports under OMB Subpart F and the Single Audit Act for most of the entities listed below. He has audited Federal grants from various agencies, including FEMA, HUD, FTA, the Department of Education (Title I, Special Education, Title II, Adult Ed) and much more.

Paul's recent continuing professional education:

Description of Program/Training	
GAGAS - Ethical Principles In Government Auditing	Government Auditing
GAGAS - Field Work and Reporting Standards	Major Changes to Auditing Standards
GAGAS - Field Work Standards For Financial Audits	Limiting Auditor Liability
GAGAS - General Field Work And Reporting Standards	Auditor Communications: Critical New Requirements
GAGAS - General Standards	School Districts Conference
GAGAS - Reporting Standards For Financial Audits	Governmental Accounting, Reporting, and Auditing Update
GAGAS - Use and Application of GAGAS	GASB Basic Financial Statements for State and Local Governments

The following is a partial list of Paul's clients over the years:

Cities and Towns	Special Districts	School Districts/COE's	Nonprofits and Charter Schools
City of Albany	Bay Area Water Services & Cons	Antelope Elementary	Bay Area Water Users Association
City of Berkeley	Central Marin Sanitation Agency	Burlingame	Black Adoption Placement
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea	Fairfield-Suisan Sanitation District	Cabrillo Unified	Boys and Girls Clubs of Sonoma
City of Del Rey Oaks	Menlo Park Fire Protection	Cotati Rohnert Park	Center for Empowering Refugees
City of Oroville	Midpen Regional Open Space	Hillsborough City	Children of Grace
City of Pacific Grove	Santa Clara Regional Open Space	La Honda Pescadero	Collective Roots
City of Point Arena	Saratoga Cemetery District	Las Lomitas Elementary	Crede High School
City of Rocklin	South Bayside System Authority	Lassen View Elementary	Hidaya Foundation
City of Saratoga	South San Francisco Conf. Ctr.	Los Altos Elementary	Livebooks
City of Sonoma	Suasalito-Marin City Sanitation District	Luther Burbank	Mashery
City of Suisun City	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	Manton Joint Union	Mission Charter
City of Tracy	The Cities Group	Millbrae Elementary	Mission Language and Vocational School
Town of Los Gatos	Valley of the Moon Fire	Mineral	NASA AMES Exchange
	West Bay Sanitary District	Mountain View Whisman	Orange County Charter School
	Westborough Water District	Orchard	Pathway to Choices
		Pacifica	Pyramid Alternatives
		Plum Valley	Redwood City Education Foundation
		Portola Valley Elementary	San Jose Conservation Charter
		Red Bluff	San Jose Conservation Corps
		San Bruno Park	Sociometrics
		San Carlos Elementary	South Tahoe Area Transit Authority
		San Lorenzo Valley Unified	Stone Bridge Charter School
		San Mateo County Office	Work2future Foundation
		Scotts Valley Unfied	
		Sequoia Union High	
		Sonoma Valley Unified	
		Soquel Elementary	
		Union School District	
		West County Agency (LEA)	
		Windsor Unified	
		Woodside Elementary	

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Niru Machiraju

Audit Supervisor

Niru received her Bachelor and Master of Science in Accounting from the University of Saint Thomas. Niru has been working in public accounting since 2015 and has completed six audit seasons. During the 2021 audit season, she completed the financial and compliance audits for the entities listed below and has additional experience in the manufacturing, distribution, and non-profit industries. Niru has audited over sixty local governments and nonprofits since 2015. Besides the standard control documentation and substantive testing required for GAAS audits, Niru has performed audits and prepared reports under GAGAS and Uniform Guidance. She has also audited Federal grants from various agencies, including HUD and the Department of Education (Title I, Special Education) and much more.

Andrew Quintero

Senior Auditor

Andrew has successfully completed three seasons of governmental auditing. Andrew has performed tests of controls, substantive tests, state compliance testing and Federal compliance testing for various special districts and cities. He has been the Senior Auditor in-charge of clients such as the Town of Yountville, City of Suisun City, Fairfield-Suisun Sanitary District and many more. Besides the standard control documentation and substantive testing required for GAAS audits, Andrew has performed audits and prepared reports under OMB Subpart F and the Single Audit Act. He has audited Federal grants from various agencies, including Special Education, National School Lunch, Title I, Department of Education grants and others.

Matthew Ojeda

Senior Auditor

Matthew graduated from the San Jose State University, with a B.S. in Accounting. Starting in public accounting in 2014, he has successfully completed six seasons of governmental auditing. Matthew has performed tests of controls, substantive tests, state compliance testing and Federal compliance testing for various special districts and school districts. Besides the standard control documentation and substantive testing required for GAAS audits, Matthew has performed audits and prepared reports under OMB Subpart F and the Single Audit Act. He has audited Federal grants from various agencies, including Special Education, National School Lunch, Title I, Department of Education grants and others.

Professional Education and Training

Our professionals complete 80 hours of continuing professional education every two years in auditing and accounting which includes at least 80 hours of governmental auditing and accounting training specific to local governments. We use a combination of in-house seminars, self-study and outside seminars sponsored by AICPA, GFOA, the California Education Foundation and other recognized groups.

All assigned staff meet the educational requirements for Governmental engagements as specified by the California Board of Accountancy, Federal General Accounting Office, Governmental Accounting Standards Board, and the AICPA as appropriate.

Section E

Similar Engagements

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Client References and Similar Engagements

The following projects were completed by C&A:

Entity Name	Bay Area Water Supply & Cons Agency	City of Carmel	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space
Contact Person	Deborah Grimes	Robin Scattini	Andrew Taylor
Title	Finance Manager	Finance Director	Finance Director
Address	155 Bovet Rd., Ste 650, San Mateo, CA 94402	PO Box CC, Carmel-by-the Sea, CA 93921	330 Distel Circle, Los Altos, CA 94022
Phone	650-349-3000	831-620-2019	650-691-1200
E-mail	DGrimes@bawsca.org	rscattini@ci.carmel.ca.us	ataylor@openspace.org
Audit Period	6/30/2021	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Hours	160	300	250
Contract Amount	15,000	27,000	23,500
Fiscal Years Audited	7	3	6
Partner	Sheldon Chavan	Sheldon Chavan	Sheldon Chavan
GFOA Award	No	Yes	Yes
Entity Type	Special District	City	Special District
Finance Dept Staff	2	4	4
Scope of Work	Revenue Bond Audit GAGAS Audit SCO Min Audit Req Review SCO Report SAS 114 Report Management Letter Year Round Consultation	ACFR Single Audit/OMB SAS 114 Report Management Letter GANN Limit AUP Measure S Audit SCO AFTR/Streets Year Round Consultation	ACFR GO Bond Audit GAGAS Audit SCO Min Audit Req GASB 34 Reconciliation SAS 114 Report Management Letter Year Round Consultation

Entity Name	City of Del Rey Oaks	City of Saratoga	City of Suisun City
Contact Person	Roberto Moreno	Dennis Jaw	Elizabeth Luna
Title	Chief Business Officer	Finance Manager	Accounting Services Manager
Address	650 Canyon Del Rey Road, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940	13777 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070	701 Civic Center Blvd., Suisun City, CA 94533
Phone	831-394-8511	408-868-1227	707-421-3215
E-mail	RobertoM@GovernmentFinancialSolutionsInc.com	djaw@saratoga.ca.us	eluna@suisun.com
Audit Period	6/30/2021	6/30/2021	6/30/2021
Hours	260	360	400
Contract Amount	26,750	39,000	38,000
Fiscal Years Audited	3	5	5
Partner	Sheldon Chavan	Sheldon Chavan	Sheldon Chavan
GFOA Award	No	Yes	Yes
Entity Type	City	City	City
General Fund Budget	\$10,000,000	\$17,200,000	\$36,800,000
Finance Dept Staff	3	6	10
Scope of Work	Report Prep GAGAS Audit SAS 114 Report Management Letter GANN Limit AUP Measure S Audit Year Round Consultation	CAFR Review GAGAS Audit Single Audit/OMB SAS 114 Report Management Letter TDA Audit GANN Limit AUP Year Round Consultation	ACFR GAGAS Audit Single Audit/OMB SAS 114 Report Management Letter GANN Limit AUP TDA Audit Successor Agency Audit Year Round Consultation

Section F

Additional Information

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Current Client List

Cities/Towns	CAFR	GAS	GAGAS	Single Audit	EAAP	Other	Bond (P39)
City of Albany	✓	✓	✓			✓	
City of Del Rey Oaks		✓	✓				
City of Lincoln	✓					✓	
City of Marina	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
City of Oroville	✓	✓	✓	✓			
City of Pacific Grove	✓	✓	✓	✓			
City of Point Arena		✓	✓				
City of Rocklin	✓	✓	✓	✓			
City of Saratoga	✓	✓	✓	✓			
City of Suisun City	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Town of Yountville	✓	✓	✓			✓	

Local Education Agencies	CAFR	GAS	GAGAS	Single Audit	EAAP	Other	Bond (P39)
Antelope School District		✓	✓		✓		
Berkeley Unified School District						✓	
Burlingame School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Cabrillo Unified School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Corning Union High School District		✓	✓	✓			
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Cottonwood Union School District		✓	✓		✓		
Golden Valley Unified School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Hillsborough City School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Jefferson Union High School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
John Swett Unified School District			✓			✓	
Las Lomas School District		✓	✓		✓		✓
Lassen View Union Elementary School District		✓	✓		✓		
Los Altos School District	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Luther Burbank School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Menlo Park City School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Millbrae School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Mountain View Whisman School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Napa Valley Unified School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Orchard School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Pacifica School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Red Bluff Joint Union High School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Red Bluff Union Elementary School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Roseland Elementary School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
San Bruno Park School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		
San Carlos School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
San Mateo Foster City School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
San Rafael City Schools						✓	
Santa Rosa City Schools		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Sequoia Union High School District		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sonoma Valley Unified School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Soquel Union Elementary School District		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
South San Francisco Unified School District						✓	✓
Union School District			✓	✓			✓
West County Transportation Agency		✓	✓		✓		
Woodside Elementary School District		✓	✓		✓		✓

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Charter Schools	CAFR	GAS	GAGAS	Single Audit	EAAP	Other	Bond (P39)
Charter School of Morgan Hill		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Cottonwood Creek Charter School		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Credo High School		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Kid Street Charter School		✓	✓			✓	
The Reach Charter School		✓	✓			✓	
Mission Preparatory School		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Pathways Charter School		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Roseland Charter School		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
RSTEM Academy Charter School		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Stone Bridge Charter School		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Woodland Star Charter School		✓	✓		✓	✓	

Special Districts	CAFR	GAS	GAGAS	Single Audit	EAAP	Other	Bond (P39)
Bay Area Water Supply Conservation Agency		✓	✓	✓			
Castro Valley Sanitary District		✓	✓				
El Dorado Hills Community Services District	✓	✓	✓				
Lake Canyon Community Services District		✓	✓				
Mid-Peninsula Water District						✓	
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District		✓	✓	✓			
Purissima Hills Water District						✓	
Ross Valley Sanitary District	✓	✓	✓				
Sausalito-Marín City Sanitation District		✓	✓	✓			
Stege Sanitary District		✓	✓				
Silicon Valley Clean Water		✓	✓				
South San Francisco Conference Center		✓	✓				
The Cities' Group		✓	✓				
Valley of the Moon Fire District		✓	✓				
West Bay Sanitary District		✓	✓				
West Valley Sanitation District		✓	✓				
Westborough Water District						✓	

NonProfit Organizations	CAFR	GAS	GAGAS	Single Audit	EAAP	Other	Bond (P39)
Boys and Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley		✓				✓	
Center for Empowering Refugees & Immigrants		✓				✓	
Children of Grace						✓	
Far West Wheel Chair Association		✓					
Hidaya Foundation		✓				✓	
Mission Language and Vocational School		✓				✓	
Morgan Hill Charter School Foundation		✓				✓	
NASA AMES Exchange		✓				✓	
O'Connor Tract Co-Operative Water Co.		✓				✓	
Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center		✓				✓	
Redwood City Education Foundation		✓				✓	
San Mateo County Exposition and Fair Association		✓				✓	
Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation		✓				✓	
The Moca Foundation		✓				✓	
The San Jose Library Foundation		✓				✓	
Tru		✓				✓	
Work2future Foundation		✓	✓	✓		✓	

Privately Held Corporations	CAFR	GAS	GAGAS	Single Audit	EAAP	Other	Bond (P39)
Air Filter/Control						✓	
Dfusion, Inc.		✓	✓	✓			
Diagnostics for the Real World		✓	✓	✓			
FRTek US, LLC		✓					
Pathway to Choices		✓					
Roberts of Woodside						✓	
Sociometrics		✓	✓	✓			

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Technology in the Audit

C&A is a paperless firm and we use secure cloud servers for file sharing. We have Lenovo laptops and Fujitsu scanners that we use in the field. Our secured laptops are synchronized to our cloud server every day to avoid loss of data. The scanners allow for flexibility during the audit since it is not feasible to expect every document in electronic format.

Our secure online file share and engagement organizer provide for a better option over e-mailing electronic files. Each of our clients has an account login username and password through our website or an emailed link that allows them to upload files. This is especially helpful with sensitive information such as payroll data as it is much more secure than e-mail.

Our audit software is **ProSystems fx Engagement** which we compliment with Knowledge Coach (KC) audit programs and workpapers. These programs allow us to roll-forward audit information without having to replace the audit programs in the binder because they automatically update with changes in auditing and accounting standards every month. Finally, we have purchased data extraction software for each of our laptops that convert Adobe and other file types to Word and Excel.

All of the above-mentioned technological innovations make the audit more efficient and provides us the opportunity to spend time in areas that are more meaningful to the Authority. It also reduces the time and effort required by Authority staff to provide information and minimizes redundancy from year to year in the audit.

Proposal Exceptions

C&A did **not** have any exceptions or requested changes to the Authority's RFP conditions or requirements.

C&A's Responsibility for Detecting Fraud

While audits are not designed to root out every instance of fraud, we have a responsibility to detect material misstatements in the financial statements caused by either fraud or error. Accordingly, generally accepted auditing principles prescribe specific audit procedures to detect fraud that must be carried out during each audit. C&A must hold a fraud brainstorming session at the beginning of the audit. This session is designed to provide a time for the audit team to consider how the client could commit fraud. The brainstorming meeting is used to set a tone of professional skepticism in the audit. Because committing material financial statement fraud often requires adjustments to financial records, C&A will test journal entries for any signs of manipulation. Another likely place for fraud is in accounting estimates since management may be able to influence accounting estimates to manipulate the financial statements. Generally, we perform procedures to determine if the methodology for completing accounting estimates has changed from the prior year and examine the directionality of estimates as a whole. We also closely examine significant unusual transactions outside of normal operations. This examination requires organizations to explain the purpose and rationale for the transaction and we corroborate management's response with other information received during the audit.

Attachments



REPORT ON THE FIRM'S SYSTEM OF QUALITY CONTROL

June 18, 2021

To the Partners of Chavan & Associates, LLP
and the Peer Review Committee
of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Chavan & Associates, LLP in effect for the year ended December 31, 2019. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements are identified as not having been performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards* including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

To the Partners of Chavan & Associates, LLP
and the Peer Review Committee
of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants
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Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Chavan & Associates, LLP in effect for the year ended December 31, 2019, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. Chavan & Associates, LLP has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

The Peer Group, LLP

Santa Ana, California

March 04, 2022

Sheldon Chavan
Chavan & Associates LLP
11135 Sunrise Ridge Cir
Auburn, CA 95603-6012

Dear Sheldon Chavan:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on February 22, 2022, the California Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is June 30, 2023. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Peer Review Committee

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Firm Number: 900005340457

Review Number: 577158