ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish Covington, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish (the Authority), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



To the Board of Trustees Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish Covington, Louisiana

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish, as of December 31, 2018, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquires of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation paid to board members and schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Act 706 of the 2014 Louisiana Legislative Session and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our



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opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

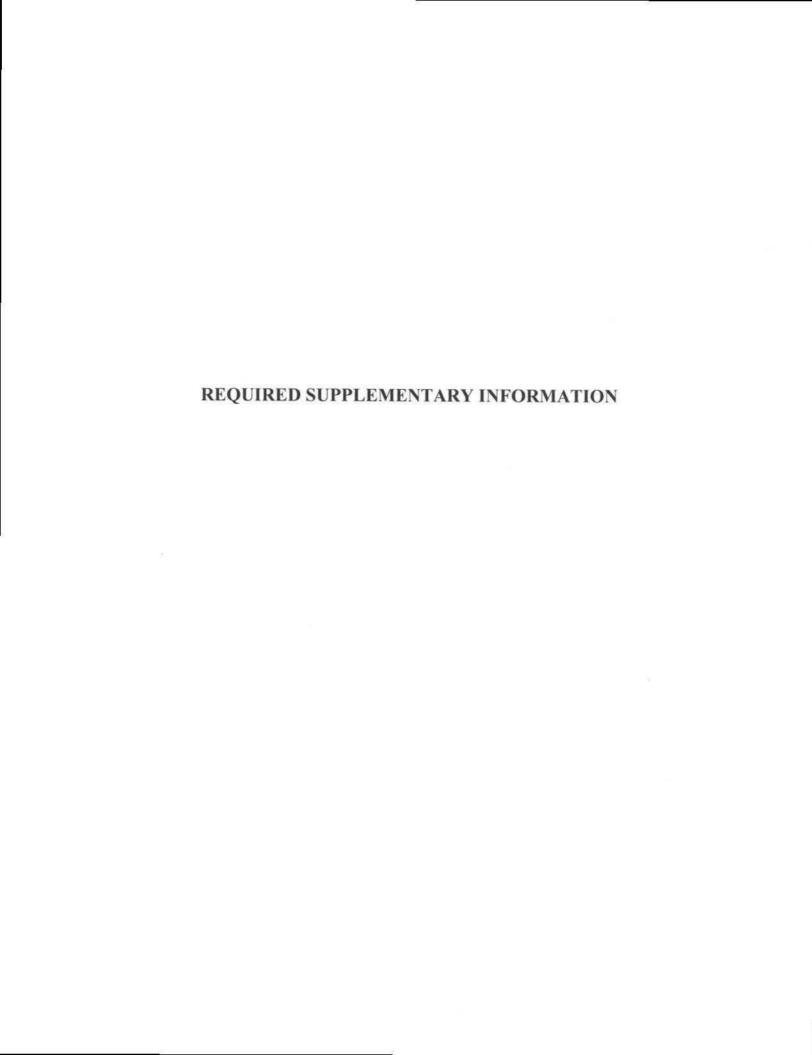
Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 26, 2019, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mandeville, Louisiana November 26, 2019

Certified Public Accountants

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

This section of the Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish's (the Authority) annual financial report presents management's analysis of the Authority's financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2018. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Authority's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$855,499 at December 31, 2018. The total net position of the Authority increased \$12,372.

The Authority's general and program revenues were \$27,480 in 2018 compared to \$612,228 in 2017, which is a decrease of \$584,748. This is due to the redemption of investment accounts and related retirement of outstanding bonds payable during 2017.

Total expenses for the Authority during the year ended December 31, 2018 were \$15,108. These expenses compared to total expenses of \$117,802 during the year ended December 31, 2017 result in a decrease of \$102,694.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report consists of two sections: Management's Discussion and Analysis and audited financial statements. The financial statements also include notes that provide additional detail of the information included in the financial statements.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Authority report information about the Authority using accounting methods similar to those used by private companies. These financial statements provide financial information about the activities of the Authority.

The Statement of Net Position presents information that includes all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases and decrease in net position may provide a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Position presents information on how the Authority's net position changed as a result of current period operations.

The Statement of Cash Flows presents information showing how the Authority's cash changed as a result of current year operations. The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method and includes the reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities (indirect method) as required by GASB 34.

The following presents condensed financial information of the Authority.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

SUMMARY OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017

ASSETS

	Dec	2018	De	2017
Current assets Investments	\$	855,499	\$	843,127
Total assets		855,499		843,127
LIABILITIES	Dec	ember 31, 2018	Dec	ember 31, 2017
Current liabilities Long-term liabilities	19	·=		
Total liabilities		-		
NET POSITION				
Unrestricted Restricted for debt service Restricted for program expenses	03	812,880 42,619		795,058 - 48,069
Total net position	<u>\$</u>	855,499	\$	843,127

Total assets increased by \$12,372 and total liabilities were unchanged. Net position increased by \$12,372 as a result of operations.

Restricted net position represents those assets that are not available for spending as a result of program agreements. Conversely, unrestricted net position, if any, are those that do not have any limitations for which those amounts may be used.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	December 31, Dec		2017	
Program revenues	\$	27,460	\$	17,069
General revenues		20		595,159
Program expenses		(5,450)		(5,589)
General expenses	S	(15,108)		(112,213)

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Change in net position

\$ 12,372 \$ 494,426

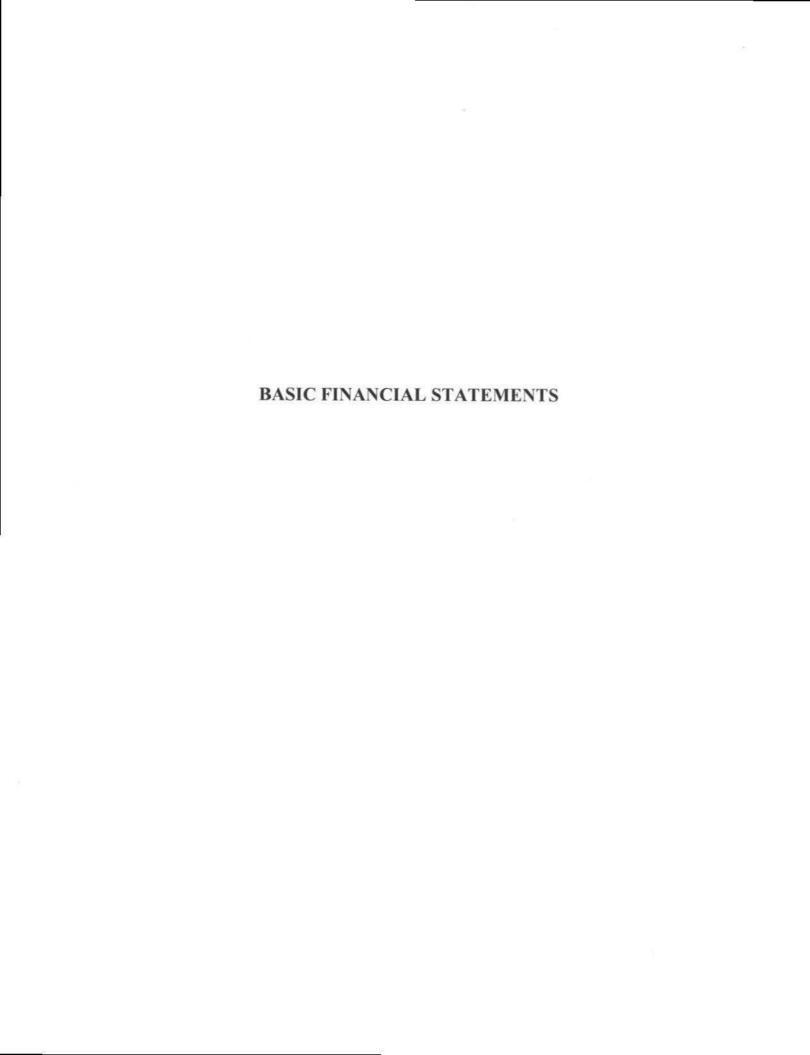
The change in net position for the Authority's eleventh year of operations was an increase of \$12,372.

LONG-TERM DEBT

There was no long term debt as of the years ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY'S MANAGEMENT

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for its finances. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, please contact Matt Faust, Chairman, Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish, 401 N. Columbia Street, Covington, LA 70433.



STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	855,499
Total assets		855,499
NET POSITION:		
Unrestricted		812,880
Restricted for program expenses	-	42,619
Total net position	S	855,499

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

REVENUES:		
Mortgage assistance program revenue	\$	27,460
Investment return, net of loss	-	20
Total revenues		27,480
EXPENSES:		
Soft second mortgage program expenses		5,450
Operating expenses	<u> </u>	9,658
Total expenses		15,108
Change in net position		12,372
NET POSITION:		
Beginning of the year		843,127
End of the year	\$	855,499

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	:	
Interest receipts	\$	20
Receipts from operating grant		27,460
Administrative expenses		(9,658)
Payments for program expenses	=	(5,450)
Net cash provided by operating activities		12,372
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		12,372
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	£	843,127
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	855,499
RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Change in net position	\$	12,372
Adjustments to reconcile change in net position to net cash	Φ	12,372
provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Gain on sale of investments		
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:		
Interest receivable		-
Accrued interest		H-1
Commitment fees	-	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	12,372

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

<u>DECEMBER 31, 2018</u>

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

Reporting Entity

The Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish (the Authority) was created through a Trust Indenture dated September 11, 2006, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. The initial legislation and subsequent amendments granted the Authority the power to obtain funds and to use the proceeds to promote the financing of owner-occupied single family residences located in St. Tammany Parish to be owned and occupied by families or persons with qualifying incomes.

The Authority's operations consist of two single family mortgage revenue bond programs whereby the Authority promotes residential home ownership through the acquisition of mortgage loans secured by first mortgage liens on single family residential housing. The funds of these programs were obtained through the issuance of \$39,754,080 of 2007 Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, dated February 1, 2007.

The administration of the Authority is governed by a board of trustees consisting of five members. All members are appointed by the St. Tammany Parish Council and serve staggered terms ranging from one to three years.

Basis of Presentation

The Authority's financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Authority are discussed below.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments, issued in June 1999 and as amended by GASB Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position.

Basis of Accounting

The Authority follows the accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the related liability is incurred. The Authority operates certain funds established by the Trust Indenture. The funds, which are maintained by the Trustee, provide for the accounting of bonds issued, debt service and bond redemption requirements, investments, and related revenues and expenses.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

<u>DECEMBER 31, 2018</u>

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The individual funds within each bond program are aggregated in the accompanying financial statements. The Authority has no government or fiduciary funds.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Under state law, the Authority may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, these are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as eash equivalents. Investments are stated at amortized cost.

Use of Estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through November 26, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(2) <u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>

At December 31, 2018, the Authority has eash (book balances) totaling \$855,499.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

DECEMBER 31, 2018

(2) <u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)</u>

Cash and deposits are categorized into three categories of credit risk:

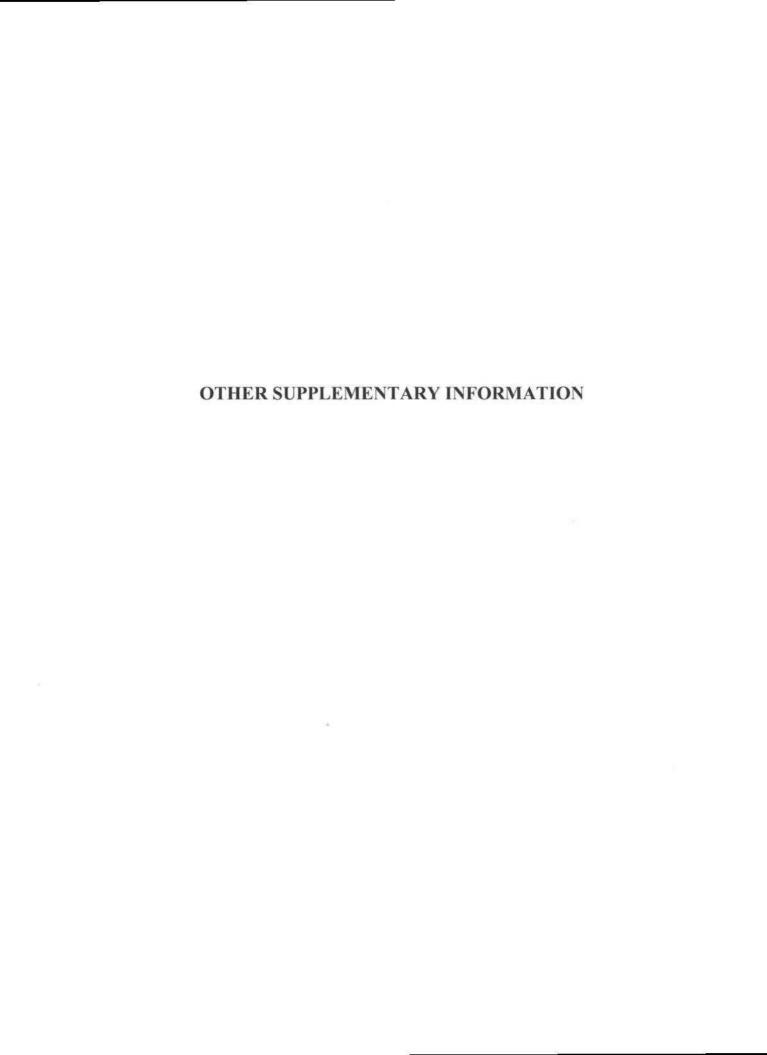
Category 1 includes deposits covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the Authority or its agent, in the Authority's name.

Category 2 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department, or its agent in the Authority's name.

Category 3 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution, or its trust department or agent but not in the Authority's name, and deposits which are uninsured or uncollateralized.

At December 31, 2018, the carrying amount and the bank balances of deposits of the primary government are summarized as follows:

	Ban	k Balances Cates	gory	
	1	2	3	Bank Balance
Cash	\$ 347,882	\$ 507,617	\$ -	\$ 855,499



FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Board of Trustees	Compensation
Matt Faust, President	None
701 N. Columbia Street	
Covington, LA 70433	
Ronald Randolph, Secretary-Treasurer	None
P.O. Box 1364	
Slidell, LA 70459	
Mike Grambel	None
1695 W. Causeway Approach	
Mandeville, LA 70471	
Pete Cavignac	None
1338 Gause Blvd.	
Slidell, LA 70458	

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Matt Faust, President	
Time served	01/01/2018	8 - 12/31/2018
Reimbursements for travel expenses	\$	601
Total compensation, benefits, or other payments	\$	601



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Trustees Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish Covington, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish (the Authority), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 26, 2019.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



To the Board of Trustees Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish Covington, Louisiana

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2018-001.

Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish's Response to Finding

Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Mandeville, Louisiana November 26, 2019

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Certified Public Accountants

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

SECTION I SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

- 1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish.
- No significant deficiencies disclosed during the audit are reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
- One instance of noncompliance disclosed during the audit is reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
- 4. A management letter was not issued for the year ended December 31, 2018.

SECTION II FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

2018-001 Non-Compliance with Louisiana's Financial Reporting Laws

<u>Criteria</u>: According to Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513 and 24:514, the Authority is required to provide an annual financial report to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor no later than six months after its year end.

<u>Condition</u>: The Authority failed to comply with these laws, submitting the required report approximately 4 months after the required deadline.

Effect: The Authority is not in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513 and 24:514.

<u>Cause</u>: The Authority did not have the proper procedures in place to ensure compliance with these laws.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The Board of Trustees should put policies and procedures in place to ensure that required annual reports are filed in a timely manner.

<u>Views of Responsible Officials</u>: Management agrees with the finding and will implement procedures to become compliant with Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513 and 24:514. See Management's Corrective Action Plan for further information.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

None Noted

SECTION II INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS

None Noted

SECTION III MANAGEMENT LETTER

None Noted



November 26, 2019

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Finance Authority of St. Tammany Parish respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Ericksen Krentel, L.L.P. 2895 Highway 190, Ste 213 Mandeville, LA 70471

Audit Period: January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

The finding from the December 31, 2018 schedule of findings and responses is discussed below. The finding is numbered consistently with the number assigned in the schedule.

SECTION II FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

2018-001 Non-Compliance with Louisiana's Financial Reporting Laws

Recommendation: The Board of Trustees should put policies and procedures in place to ensure that required annual reports are filed in a timely manner.

<u>Response</u>: Management agrees with the finding and will implement procedures to become compliant with Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513 and 24:514.

If there are any questions regarding this plan, please contact Ron Randolph, Treasurer, at (985) 640-4058.

Sincerely,

Signature

SECRETALY TREASURER