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Independent Auditor's Report

HONORABLE JAMES PAXTON DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District, a component unit of the East Carroll, Madison and Tensas Parish Police Juries, as of December 31, 2016, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I 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 District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District'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 District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's internal control. Accordingly, I 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

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Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position and major fund of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity 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 7 through 10, the budgetary comparison information on pages 34 through 36, and the schedule of the District Attorney's proportionate share of the net pension liability on pages 37 through 38, 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. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information for consistency with managements's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's office basic financial statements. The supplemental information schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head on page 40 presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated May 22, 2017, on my consideration of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my 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 District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's internal control over financial control over financial reporting and compliance.

West Monroe, Louisiana May 22, 2017

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION PART I

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Management's Discussion and Analysis

December 31, 2016

As management of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District, I offer readers of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This Management Discussion and Analysis document introduces the district attorney's basic financial statements. The annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Government-wide Financial Statements) provide information about the financial activities as a whole and illustrate a longer-term view of the district attorney's finances. The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund (Fund Financial Statements) tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund Financial Statements also report the operations in more detail than the Government-Wide Financial Statements by providing information about the most significant funds. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Our auditor has provided assurance in her independent auditor's report that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. The auditor, regarding the Required Supplemental Information and the Supplemental Information is providing varying degrees of assurance. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Financial Section.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, earned, but unused, sick leave).

Fund financial statements. A*fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary (agency) funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District adopts an annual appropriated budget for the general fund and the special revenue fund. A budgetary comparison statement is provided for the major funds to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary (agency) funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Since these resources are not available to support the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's programs, Fiduciary (agency) funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement.

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

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's performance.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, assets of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District exceeded liabilities by \$465,363. Approximately 5% of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are not available for future spending.

An additional portion of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions (e.g., debt service). The balance in unrestricted net position is affected by two factors: 1) resources expended, over time, by the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District to acquire capital assets from sources other than internally generated funds (i.e., debt), and 2) required depreciation on assets.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION Governmental Funds

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$441,344	\$269,740
Receivables	109,825	60,369
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	22,587	40,598
TOTAL ASSETS	573,756	370,707
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related	130,406	53,365
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$704,162	\$424,072
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$66,601	\$17,960
Payroll withholdings payable	3,355	3,675
Net pension liability	113,290	29,042
TOTAL LIABILITIES	183,246	50,677
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related	55,553	64,416
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	22,587	40,598
Restricted	94,901	96,887
Unrestricted	347,875	171,494
TOTAL NET POSITION	465,363	308,979
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	
AND NET POSITION	\$704,162	\$424,072
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		
Judicial:	2016	2015
Personal services	\$1,236,859	\$1,187,334
Operating services	841,370	639,505
Materials and supplies	81,357	77,637
Travel	53,636	29,451
Depreciation expense	13,684	31,507
Total Program Expenses	2,226,906	1,965,434
Program revenues:	IV Ment Courses	
Commissions on fines & forfeitures	1,621,836	1,291,689
Use of money - interest	925	66
Federal grants	276,228	286,900
State grants	401,388	464,684
State grants	6,582	4,500
Total program revenues	2,306,959	2,047,839
Net Program Expenses	80,053	82,405
General revenues-		
Other revenues	80,658	55,080
Special item - gain (loss) on disposal of assets	(4,327)	
	156,384	137,485
Change in Net Position		
Change in Net Position Net Position - Beginning of year	308,979 \$465,363	\$308,979

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The focus of the governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of December 31, 2016, combined governmental fund balance of \$481,213 showed an increase of \$172,739 over December 31, 2015. The General Fund's portion of the unassigned fund balance of \$386,312 shows an increase (of approximately \$169,020) from the prior year amount.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The primary difference between expenditures of the original budget and the final budget were due to an increase in estimated personal services, materials and supplies and travel and other charges and a decrease in operating services. The primary difference between revenues of the original budget and the final budget were due to an increase in other revenues and decreases in state grants and charges for fines and forfeitures.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2016, amounts to \$22,587 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes furniture and equipment. There were no increase in capital assets for the year. There were deletions of \$185,209 for the year. These deletions were due to the agency performing a physical inventory.

Long-term debt. The District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District has debt outstanding of \$113,290 at the end of the year, which consists of net pension liability.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District, P.O. Box 1389, Tallulah, LA 71284.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Governmental Activities Statement of Net Position December 31, 2016

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$441,344
Receivables	109,825
Capital assets (net)	22,587
Total Assets	573,756
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Pension related	130,406
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	\$704,162
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$66,601
Payroll withholding payable	3,355
Net pension liability	113,290
Total Liabilities	183,246
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension related	55,553
Net Position	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	22,587
Unrestricted	442,776
Total Net Position	465,363
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF	
RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	\$704,162

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES December 31, 2016

EXPENSES	
Judicial:	
Personal services	\$1,236,859
Operating services	841,370
Materials and supplies	81,357
Travel	53,636
Depreciation expense	13,684
Total Program Expenses	2,226,906
REVENUES	
Program revenues:	
Commissions on fines and forfeitures	1,621,836
Use of money - interest	925
Federal grants	276,228
State grants	401,388
Local funds	6,582
Total program revenues	2,306,959
Net Program Expenses	80,053
General revenues:	
Other revenues	80,658
Special item - gain(loss) on disposal of assets	(4,327)
Change in Net Position	156,384
Net Position - Beginning of year	
Net Position - End of year	\$465,363

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Combined Balance Sheet, December 31, 2016

	MAJOR FUNDS IV-D		
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash	\$363,422	\$77,922	\$441,344
Receivables	89,049	20,776	109,825
TOTAL ASSETS	\$452,471	\$98,698	\$551,169
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$66,159	\$442	\$66,601
Payroll deductions payable		3,355	3,355
Total Liabilities	66,159	3,797	69,956
Fund Equity - fund balance:			
Restricted - other general government		94,901	94,901
Unassigned	386,312		386,312
Total Fund Equity		94,901	481,213
TOTAL LIABILITIES			
AND FUND EQUITY	\$452,471	\$98,698	\$551,169

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison, and Tensas, Louisiana

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Total Fund Balances at December 31, 2016 - Governmental Funds (Statement C)		\$481,213
Deferred outflows of resources		130,406
Cost of capital assets at December 31, 2016 Less: Accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2016	\$180,344 (157,757)	22,587
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Net pension liability		(113,290)
Deferred inflows of resources		(55,553)
Net Position at December 31, 2016 (Statement A)		\$465,363

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Major Funds		
	General	IV-D	Total
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenues:			
Federal grants		\$276,228	\$276,228
State grants	\$401,388		401,388
Local funds	6,582		6,582
Commissions on fines & forfeitures	1,621,836		1,621,836
Use of money - interest	635	290	925
Other revenues	29,413		29,413
Total revenues	2,059,854	276,518	2,336,372
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Judicial:			
Personal services and related benefits	961,090	226,180	1,187,270
Operating services	817,444	23,926	841,370
Materials and supplies	63,133	18,224	81,357
Travel and other charges	49,167	4,469	53,636
Total expenditures	1,890,834	272,799	2,163,633
EXCESS OF REVENUES			
OVER EXPENDITURES	169,020	3,719	172,739
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	217,292	91,182	308,474
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$386,312	\$94,901	\$481,213

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison, and Tensas, Louisiana

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

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Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (Statement D)	\$172,739
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different	
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation for the period.	(13,684)
Governmental funds do not report gain or loss on disposition of assets. In the Statement of Activities, gain on disposition of assets increased when the asset is disposed.	(4,327)
Non-employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plan	51,245
Pension expense	(49,589)
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	\$156,384

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets - Agency Fund

December 31, 2016

	SPECIAL ASSET FORFEITURE
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$43,086
LIABILITIES Deposits due others	\$43,086

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As provided by Article V, Section 26 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the district attorney has charge of every criminal prosecution by the state in his district, is the representative of the state before the grand jury in his district, and is the legal advisor to the grand jury. He performs other duties as provided by law. The district attorney is elected by the qualified electors of the judicial district for a term of six years. The judicial district encompasses the Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana.

The accompanying financial statements of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis -for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Madison Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Madison Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Madison Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial responsibility. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - a. The ability of the district attorney to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the district attorney.

- 2. Organizations for which the district attorney does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the district attorney.
- Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury maintains and operates the parish courthouse in which the district attorney's office is located and provides partial funding for equipment, furniture and supplies of the district attorney's office, the district attorney was determined to be a component unit of the Madison Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district attorney and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the Madison Parish financial reporting entity.

B. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The district attorney's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the district attorney as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the district attorney's major funds). Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. All activities of the district attorney are classified as governmental.

The district attorney reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the district attorney's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Title IV-D Fund consists of incentive payments and reimbursement grants from the Louisiana Department of Social Services, authorized by Act 117 of 1975, to establish family and child support programs compatible with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The purpose of the fund is to enforce the support obligation owed by absent parents to their families and children, to locate absent parents, to establish paternity, and to obtain family and child support.

The Statement of Net Position (Statement A) and the Statement of Activities (Statement B) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the district attorney.

In the Statement of Net Position, governmental activities are presented on a consolidated basis and are presented on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term obligations. Net position is reported in three parts; invested in capital assets, net of any related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. The district attorney first uses restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from parties outside the district attorney's taxpayers or citizenry. Program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the district attorney's general revenues.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses - The district attorney reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense, which can be specifically identified by function, is included in the direct expenses of each function.

C. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial transactions of the district attorney are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the district attorney. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Funds are classified into three categories; governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". Governmental funds are used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on recovering the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees. The district attorney's current operations require the use of only governmental funds. The governmental fund types used by the district attorney is described as follows:

Governmental Fund Type

General Fund (District Attorneys' Expense)

The General Fund was established in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 15:571.11, which provides that twelve per cent of the fines collected and bonds forfeited be transmitted to the district attorney to defray the necessary expenditures of his office.

Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources such as federal and state grants and fees for services. Those revenues are legally restricted, either by grant agreement or state law, to expenditures for specified purposes such as family and child support programs, and specified expenses of the district attorney's office.

Fiduciary Fund Type - Agency Fund

The Special Asset Forfeiture Agency Fund accounts for all transactions involving money seized during controlled substance cases, sale of property seized during controlled substance cases and later declared forfeited by the courts, and the distribution of the above funds in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 40:2616. The fund was created by the Seizure and Controlled Dangerous Substance Property Forfeiture Act of 1989 and became effective January 1, 1990.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurement made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

1. Accrual:

The governmental type activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

2. Modified Accrual:

The governmental fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The district attorney considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Commissions on fines and bond forfeitures are recorded in the year they are collected by the parish tax collector.

Fees from the collection of worthless checks are recorded in the year they are collected. Grants are recorded when the district attorney is entitled to the funds. Interest income on time deposits is recorded when the time deposits have matured and the interest is available. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Based on the above criteria, commissions on fines and bond forfeitures, and grants have been treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

E. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements but not in the fund financial statements. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes by the district attorney, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 15 years
Equipment	5 - 20 years

F. VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

Employees of the district attorney's office receive from 5 to 20 days of non-cumulative vacation leave each year, depending on their length of service. Each employee is allowed 10 days of sick leave each calendar year. There is a limit of 90 days of sick leave that an employee can accumulate. However, at retirement or termination, the employee forfeits all unused sick leave.

G. RISK MANAGEMENT

The district attorney is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the district attorney maintains commercial insurance policies covering his automobile, professional liability and surety bond coverage. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years which exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year ended December 31, 2016.

H. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under state law, the district attorney may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The district attorney may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2016, the district attorney has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$484,430.

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. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 2016, total \$547,307 and are fully secured by federal deposit insurance and pledged securities.

I. PENSION PLANS

The District Attorney's Office is a participating employer in a cost-sharing, multipleemployer defined benefit pension plan as described in Note 4. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources

related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each of the plans, and additions to/deductions for the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments have been reported at fair value within the plan.

2. RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 20	16:	Title IV-D	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
Intergovernmental revenues:		e20 77(\$20.776
Federal-Department of Health and Human Services Fees, charges and commissions, etc.	\$89.049	\$20,776	\$20,776 89,049
Total	\$89,049	\$20,776	\$109,825
3. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS			
A summary of changes in office equipment follows:			
Balance, January 1, 2016		\$36	55,553
Additions			NONE
Deletions		(18	35,209)
Balance at December 31, 2016		18	30,344
Less accumulated depreciation		(1:	57,757)
Net capital assets		\$2	22,587

The deletions were due to the agency performing a physical inventory.

4. PENSION PLAN

District Attorney's Retirement System of Louisiana (System)

Plan Description

The District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District contributes to the District Attorneys' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) which is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. The System was established on August 1, 1956 and was placed under the management of the board of trustees for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits as stated under the provisions of Louisiana R.S. 11, Chapter 3 for district attorneys and their assistants in each parish. All persons who are district attorneys of the State of Louisiana or assistant district attorneys in any parish shall become members as a condition of their employment, provided in the case of assistant district attorneys, they must be paid an amount not less than the minimum salary specified by the board for assistant district attorneys.

Any member of the Plan who was hired prior to July 1, 1990, and who have elected not to be covered under the new provisions, are eligible to receive normal retirement benefit if one of the following criteria is met:

- 1. Age 62 after 10 or more years of creditable service.
- 2. Age 60 after 18 or more years of creditable service.
- 3. Age 55 after 23 or more years of creditable service.
- 4. Any age after 30 or more years of creditable service.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of the Plan shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the employee's final compensation for each year of creditable service. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts. Retirement benefits may not exceed 100% of final average compensation.

Any member of the Plan who was hired after July 1, 1990, or who have elected to be covered under the new provisions, are eligible to receive normal retirement benefit if one of the following criteria is met:

- 1. Age 60 after 10 or more years of creditable service.
- 2. Age 55 after 24 or more years of creditable service.
- 3. Any age after 30 or more years of creditable service.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of the Plan shall consist of an amount equal to 3.5% of the employee's final compensation multiplied by years of membership service. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts. Retirement benefits may not exceed 100% of final average compensation.

The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's total payroll for all employees was \$1,129,539. Total covered payroll was \$687,670. Covered payroll refers to all compensation paid by the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District to active employees covered by the Plan.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to the District Attorneys' Retirement System of Louisiana, 1645 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, or by calling (225) 267-4824, or by visiting the System's website www.ladars.org.

Contributions

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the actual employer contribution rate was 3.5% for January through June and 0% for July through December, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. In accordance with state statute, the System receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations.

Members are required by state statute to contribute 8.00% of their annual covered salary. The contributions are deducted from the employee's wages or salary and remitted by the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District to the System monthly. The District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's contributions to the System for the year ending December 31, 2016 were \$12,536.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2016, the Employer reported a liability of \$113,290 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2016 and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the District Attorney's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2016, the District Attorney's proportion was 0.5919%, which was an increase of 0.0527% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District recognized pension expense of \$12,536 plus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, which was \$49,589. Total pension expense for the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$62,125.

At December 31, 2016, the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Beginning balance	\$53,365	\$64,416
Change in system deferred outflows and inflows	82,275	(13,267)
Changes in proportionate share	7,302	4,404
Contributions for the measurement period	(12,536)	
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	-0-	
Total	\$130,406	\$55,553

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31,	
2017	4,617
2018	4,617
2019	36,152
2020	15,864
2021	(463)

Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2016, are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2016		
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal costs		
Actuarial Assumptions:			
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%, per annum		
Salary increases	5.5% (2.5% inflation, 3.0% merit)		
Mortality rates	RP 2000 Combined Healthy with White Collar Adjustment Sex Distinct Table(set back 1 year for females) RP 2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table set back 5 years for males and 3 years for females		
Expected remaining service lives	7 years		
Cost of Living Adjustments	Only those previously granted		

The estimated long-term rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The resulting long-term rate of return is 9.04% for the year ended June 30, 2016. Best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return		
Equities	57.70%	3.56%		
Fixed income	33.00%	2.26%		
Alternatives	4.80%	0.50%		
Real estate	4.50%	0.02%		
Totals	100%	6.34%		
Inflation		2.70%		
Expected arithmetic nominal return		9.04%		

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from participating employers will be made at actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the District Attorney's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.00%) or one percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount	1.0% Increase
	(6.00%)	Rate (7.00%)	(8.00%)
Employer's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$427,495	\$113,290	(\$76,395)

Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the System's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued District Attorneys' Retirement System of Louisiana Audit Report at www.ladars.org.

5. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

The District Attorney's office does not pay retirees group insurance upon retirement.

6. CHANGES IN AGENCY FUND BALANCES

A summary of changes in unsettled deposits due to others for the year ended December 31, 2016, follows:

Balance, January 1, 2016	\$27,576
Additions	32,007
Reductions	(16,497)
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$43,086

7. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

At December 31, 2016, the district attorney is not involved in any lawsuits.

8. EXPENDITURES OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain expenditures of the district attorney paid out of the funds of the criminal court, the parish police jury, or directly by the state.

9. FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the district attorney participated in the following federal financial assistance programs:

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR NAME/ PROGRAM TITLE	PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR'S NUMBER	CFDA NUMBER	EXPENDITURES
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
Passed through Louisiana Department of Social Services - Child Enforcement Title IV-D	509089	93.563	\$276,228

Required Supplemental Information (Part II)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State grants	\$401,388	\$398,888	\$401,388	\$2,500
Local funds			6,582	6,582
Charges for fines & forfeitures	1,198,131	1,143,443	1,621,836	478,393
Use of money - interest	3	84	635	551
Other revenues	15,838	17,290	29,413	12,123
Total revenues	1,615,360	1,559,705	2,059,854	500,149
Expenditures Current: Judicial:				
Personal services and related benefits	781,098	868,238	961,090	(92,852)
Operating services	925,347	558,955	817,444	(258,489)
Materials and supplies	32,355	44,989	63,133	(18,144)
Travel and other charges	23,100	41,558	49,167	(7,609)
Total expenditures	1,761,900	1,513,740	1,890,834	(377,094)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(146,540)	45,965	169,020	123,055
Fund Balance - Beginning	200,000	217,292	217,292	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$53,460	\$263,257	\$386,312	\$123,055

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Budgetary Comparison Schedule IV-D Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

			Variance With Final Budget
	Budget	Actual	Positive (Negative)
Revenues			
Intergovernmental revenues - Federal	\$276,228	\$276,228	
Use of money - interest		290	\$290
Other revenues	-		
Total revenues	276,228	276,518	290
Expenditures			
Current:			
Judicial:			
Personal services and related benefits	226,180	226,180	
Operating services	23,926	23,926	
Materials and supplies	18,224	18,224	
Travel and other charges	4,469	4,469	
Total expenditures	272,799	272,799	NONE
Excess of Revenues			
over Expenditures	3,429	3,719	290
Fund Balance - Beginning	91,182	91,182	NONE
Fund Balance - Ending	\$94,611	\$94,901	\$290

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District Attorney for the 6th Judicial District Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Comparison Schedules for Major Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

The proposed budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, is made available for public inspection at least fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The budget is then legally adopted by the district attorney and amended during the year, as necessary. The budget is established and controlled by the district attorney at the object level of expenditure. The district attorney does not utilize encumbrance accounting. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. All changes in the budget must be approved by the district attorney.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statement include the original adopted budget amounts.

District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability December 31, 2016

Actuarial Valuation	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	Employer's Covered Employee	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension
Date June 30, 2015	(Asset) 0.539160%	(Asset) \$29,042	Payroll \$739,675	Payroll 3.93%	Liability 98.56%
June 30, 2016	0.591879%	\$113,290	\$687,670	16.47%	95.09%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District Schedule of Employer Contributions December 31, 2016

			Contributions in Relations to	Employer's	Contributions as a	
19	Actuarial Valuation Date	Contractually Required Contribution	Contractual Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Employee Payroll	Percentage of Covered Payroll
	June 30, 2015	\$38,601	\$38,601	\$0	\$739,675	5.22%
	June 30, 2016	\$12,536	\$12,536	\$0	\$687,670	1.82%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART III

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

JAMES PAXTON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Salary	\$120,327
Salary-State	50,000
Salary-Police Juries	4,500
Benefits-retirement-DA office	2,106
Benefits-retirement-State	875
Benefits-retirement-Police Jury	79
Benefits-insurance - Police Jury	27,846
Auto Allowance	9,600
Per Diem	305
Registration fees	375
Hotels	1,137
Mileage	418
Professional fees-insurance	123

REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS PART III

Independent Auditor's Report Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

The following independent auditor's report on compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and internal control is presented in compliance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

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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 *Government Auditing Standards*

HONORABLE JAMES PAXTON DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

I 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 District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District, a component unit of the East Carroll, Madison and Tensas Parish Police Juries, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated May 22, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District Attorney of the Sixth District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exist 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.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance And Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, etc. December 31, 2016

My 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 my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be a material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and is included as finding 2016-01 in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District'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 District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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West Monroe, Louisiana May 22, 2017

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District.
- 2. One instance of noncompliance material to the financial statements of District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District was disclosed during the audit.
- No significant deficiency relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

Finding 2016-001 Need to Comply with Louisiana Local Government Budget Act

Finding: The district attorney's office did not comply with the Local Government Budget Act. LSA-R.S. 39:1310-1311 requires, among other things, that the political subdivisions with proposed expenditures greater than five hundred thousand dollars shall afford the public an opportunity to participate in the budgetary process, and that an advertisement for a public hearing must be published at lease 10 days prior to the public hearing. The district attorney's office did not advertise ten days in advance for a public hearing to adopt the budget. The district attorney's office failed to amend the expenditures, actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by approximately 25%.

Recommendation: I recommend that the district attorney comply with all the requirements of the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Finding 2015-001 Need to Comply with Louisiana Local Government Budget Act

Finding: The district attorney's office did not comply with the Local Government Budget Act. LSA-R.S. 39:1310-1311 requires, among other things, that the political subdivisions with proposed expenditures greater than five hundred thousand dollars shall afford the public an opportunity to participate in the budgetary process. The district attorney's office did not advertise for a public hearing or budget adoption.

Status: This finding has not been corrected and is included as Finding 2016-01.

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Louisiana Legislative Auditor Daryl G. Purpera:

Dear Mr. Purpera:

Finding 2016-001 Need to Comply with Louisiana Local Government Budget Act:

We failed to advertise the budget a full ten (10) days prior to the public hearing. This has been corrected for 2017. Due to misposting we failed to meet the 5% between budgeting and expenditures. This has been corrected. In the future the District Attorney's Office will comply with all requirements of the Budget Act.

Sincerely, Jaslore James E. Paxton