CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Constable Lambert C. Boissiere, Jr. First City Court City of New Orleans New Orleans, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the general fund, and the agency fund of the **Constable of the First City Court, City of New Orleans (the Constable)**, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise **the Constable'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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Auditors' Responsibility, Continued

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the general fund and the agency fund of **the Constable**, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Constable Lambert C. Boissiere, Jr. First City Court City of New Orleans New Orleans, Louisiana

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5 to 10 and page 37, respectively, and the required pension information on pages 38 and 39 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 inquiries 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 Constable's** basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Constable on page 40 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Constable is 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. 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 our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Constable are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Constable Lambert C. Boissiere, Jr. First City Court City of New Orleans New Orleans, Louisiana

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 20, 2017, on our consideration of **the Constable'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 Constable's** internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

The **Constable of the First City Court, City of New Orleans' (the Constable)** management's discussion and analysis is intended to assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, provide an overview of **the Constable's** financial activity, and identify changes in **the Constable's** financial position and its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges. It also identifies any material deviations from the financial plan and identifies individual fund issues or concerns. This is a requirement of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 (GASB 34) "Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments" and is intended to provide the financial results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

The following is an illustration on how this financial report is presented.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Required and Supplementary Information)

Basic Financial Statements Government-Wide Financial Statements Fund Financial Statements Notes to the Financial Statements

Other Required Supplementary Information Required Supplementary Information

Supplementary Information

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS MANGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

As indicated in the illustration on the previous page, GASB 34 requires the presentation of two basic types of financial statements: Government-Wide Financial Statements and Fund Financial Statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide a perspective of **the Constable** as a whole. These statements use the full accrual basis of accounting similar to private sector companies. There are two government-wide statements: the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

The Statement of Net Position combines and consolidates governmental funds' current financial resources (short-term spendable resources) with capital assets and long-term obligations, regardless if they are currently available or not.

Consistent with the full accrual basis method of accounting, the Statement of Activities accounts for current year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. The intent of this statement is to summarize and simplify the user's analysis of the costs of various services.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund statements are similar to financial presentations of years past, but the focus is on the **Constable's** major funds rather than fund types as in the past. The two account groups: General Fixed Assets and General Long-term Debt are no longer reported. Consistent with previous years, the fund statements are reported using the modified accrual method of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when received except where they are measurable and available and therefore represent resources that may be appropriated. Expenditures are accounted for in the period that goods and services are used. In addition, capital asset purchases are expensed and not recorded as assets. Debt payments are recorded as expenditures in the current year and future debt obligations are not recorded.

The General Fund is the only governmental fund of **the Constable**. The General Fund is used primarily to account for the general operations. Its revenues are derived from fees and commissions earned from serving court pleadings, performing seizures, and conducting sales under the orders of the First City Court.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the governmental-wide financial statements because those resources for those funds are not available to support **the Constable's** own programs. **The Constable's** employs an agency fund to account for deposits held pending court action.

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS MANGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Financial Analysis of the Constable

	2016	2015	Change
Assets and Deferred Outflow:			
Current assets Capital assets, net	\$ 1,282,967 46,699	\$ 1,112,362 39,377	\$ 170,605 7,322
Deferred outflow of pension resources	427,609	189,153	238,456
Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	1,757,275	1,340,892	416,383
Liabilities and Deferred Inflow:			
Current liabilities Noncurrent liabilities Deferred intflow of pension	23,479 1,278,533	47,064 879,922	(23,585) 398,611
resources	45,218	134,365	(89,147)
Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	1,347,230	1,061,351	285,879
Net Position			
Invested in capital assets Unrestricted	46,699 363,346	39,377 240,164	7,322 123,182
Total net position	\$ 410,045	\$ 279,541	\$ 130,504

As indicated above, net position at December 31, 2016 was \$410,045. In 2016, the Constable's assets and deferred outflow of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflow of resources by \$410,045. Noncurrent liabilities in 2016 increased due to the increase in the net pension liability.

Invested in capital assets is a combination of capital assets at original cost less accumulated depreciation. The original cost of capital assets is \$122,483, which is an accumulation of capital assets year after year less any capital disposals. The accumulated depreciation is the accumulation of depreciation expense since acquisition. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, depreciation expense is recorded on the original cost of the asset, less an estimated salvage value, expensed over the estimated useful life of the asset. Total accumulated depreciation is \$75,784.

The remaining \$363,347 in net position is unrestricted. The unrestricted net position is an accumulation of prior years' operating results. This balance is directly affected each year by **the Constable's** operating results.

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Results of Operations

	2016	2015	Change
Program Revenues			
Fees	\$ 1,036,950	\$ 927,307	\$ 109,643
Commissions	171,054	163,829	7,225
Security services	366,535	317,168	49,367
General Revenues			
Other	1,849	2,259	(410)
Total revenues	1,576,388	1,410,563	165,825
Expenses			
Salaries	669,345	666,135	3,210
Employee benefits	305,448	199,877	105,571
Payroll taxes	51,755	55,248	(3,493)
Labor cost	152,745	119,767	32,978
Professional fees	150,943	161,482	(10,539)
Automobile and insurance	26,346	38,399	(12,053)
Telephone	9,106	11,388	(2,282)
Office supplies and services	8,228	11,466	(3,238)
Other operating expenses	13,948	22,366	(8,418)
Depreciation	17,683	11,835	5,848
Postage	7,390	7,582	(192)
Travel	13,904	10,857	3,047
Rent	13,854	14,053	(199)
Other expenses	5,189	510	4,679
Total expenses	1,445,884	1,330,965	114,919
Increase in net position	\$ 130,504	\$ 79,598	\$ 50,906

As indicated above, net position increased by \$130,504 in 2016. Program revenue fees increased in 2016 by 12% as compared to 2015 primarily due to the increased number of vehicle seizures serviced by **the Constable** in 2016.

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Constable had \$122,483 and \$97,478, respectively invested in property and equipment, automobiles and office improvements as follows:

Assets	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Capital assets	\$122,483	\$ 97,478
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(75,784)</u>	(58,101)
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 46,699</u>	\$ <u>39,377</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$17,683 and \$11,835, respectively. Additional information on **the Constable's** capital assets can be found in NOTE 4 on page 27 of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The major factor affecting the budget is the revenues earned for fees and commissions.

Original vs. Revised Budget

As required by state law, the Constable adopts the original budget for the office. The Constable amended its original budget once during the 2016 fiscal year.

Revenue Budget

The Constable's actual general fund revenues of \$1,576,388 were more than the budget by \$85,188.

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Expenditure Budget

The Constable's actual general fund expenditures of \$1,382,198 were less than the budget by \$42,802 or less than 1%.

Contacting the Constable's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of **the Constable's** finances for all those who have interest in **the Constable's** finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Mr. Lambert C. Boissiere, Jr., Constable, at 421 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112.

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT **CITY OF NEW ORLEANS** STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS

Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 912,122
Account receivable,	13,995
	321,770
	35,080
Total current assets	1,282,967
	15 500
	46,699
Total noncurrent assets	46,699
Total assets	1,329,666
Deferred Outflow of Resources:	
Pension resources (NOTE 6)	427,609
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of resources	1,757,275
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	2,243
Accrued liabilities	16,736
Compensated absences	4,500
Total current liabilities	23,479
Noncurrent Liabilities	
	44,981
	1,233,552
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,278,533
Total liabilities	1,302,012
Deferred Inflow of Resources:	
Pension resources (NOTE 6)	45,218
Total liabilities and deferred	
inflow of resources	1,347,230
NET POSITION	
	46,699
Unrestricted	363,346
Total net position	\$ 410,045
	Cash Account receivable, Investments (NOTE 3) Prepaid Total current assets Capital assets, net (NOTE 4) Total assets Total assets Total assets Deferred Outflow of Resources: Pension resources (NOTE 6) Total assets and deferred outflow of resources LABILITIES Current Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Compensated absences Total current liabilities Compensated absences Net pension liability Total noncurrent liabilities Compensated absences Net pension liability Total noncurrent liabilities Compensated absences Net pension liability Total noncurrent liabilities Compensated absences Net pension liability Total liabilities Compensated absences Net pension resources (NOTE 6) Total liabilities and deferred inflow of resources NET POSITION Net investment in capital assets Unrestricted

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

REVENUES:	Governmemtal Activities
Program revenues:	
Fees	\$ 1,036,950
Commissions	171,054
Security services	366,535
General revenues:	
Other	1,849
Total operating revenues	1,576,388
EXPENSES:	
Salaries	669,345
Employees benefits	305,448
Payroll taxes	51,755
Labor cost	152,745
Professional fees	150,943
Automobile and insurance	26,346
Telephone	9,106
Office supplies and services	8,228
Other operating expenses	13,948
Depreciation	17,683
Postage	7,390
Travel	13,904
Rent	13,854
Other expenses	5,189
Total operating expenses	1,445,884
Change in net position	130,504
Net position, beginning of year	279,541
Net position, end of year	\$ 410,045

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND – GENERAL FUND DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 912,122
Account receivable	13,995
Investments	321,770
Prepaid expenses	35,080
Total assets	\$ 1,282,967
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 2,243
Accrued liabilities	21,236
Total liabilities	23,479
Fund Balance (NOTE 2)	
Nonspendable	35,080
Spendable - unassigned	1,224,408
Total fund balance	1,259,488
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 1,282,967

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET- GOVERNMENTAL FUND – GENERAL FUND - TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2016

Total fund balance – Governmental Fund – General Fu	und	\$ 1,259,488
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position is different because: Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund (NOTE 4): The cost of capital assets is	\$ 122,483	
Accumulated depreciation is	(75,784)	46,699
Deferred outflow of resources related to pension		427,609
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period therefore are not reported in the fund:	(44.001)	
Compensated absences Net pension liability	(44,981) (1,233,552)	(1,278,533)
The pension natinity	(1,233,332)	(1,270,333)
Deferred inflow of resources related to pension		(45,218)
Net position of governmental activities		\$410,045

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUND – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

REVENUES:	
Program revenues:	
Fees	\$ 1,036,950
Commissions	171,054
Security services	366,535
General revenues:	
Other	1,849
Total revenues	1,576,388
EXPENSES:	
Salaries	669,345
Employees benefits	234,440
Payroll taxes	51,755
Labor cost	152,745
Professional fees	150,943
Automobile and insurance	26,346
Telephone	9,106
Office supplies and services	8,228
Other operating expenses	13,948
Capital outlays	25,005
Postage	7,390
Travel	13,904
Rent	13,854
Other expenses	5,189
Total expenditures	1,382,198
Net change in fund balance	194,190
Fund balance, beginning of year	1,065,298
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 1,259,488

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUND -GENERAL FUND - TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Total net change in fund balance – Governmental Fund – General Fund	\$ 94,190
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position is different because: The Governmental Fund reported capital outlays as expenditures whereas in the Statement of Activities, these costs are depreciated over their estimated lives:	
Capital outlays Depreciation expense	25,005 (17,683)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
Increase in compensated absences Pension expense	(6,441) (64,567)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>130,504</u>

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES -AGENCY FUND DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ <u>8,403</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>8,403</u>
LIABILITIES	
Escrow deposits	\$ <u>8,403</u>
Total liabilities	\$ <u>8,403</u>

NOTE 1 - <u>INTRODUCTION</u>:

The Constable of the First City Court, City of New Orleans (the Constable), was established by Sections 89 and 92 of Article 7 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921 and retained by virtue of the revised provisions of Article 5, Section 15(A) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974. Act No. 461 of the 1978 Louisiana Regular Session established a fund for the Office of Constable, First City Court, composed of all fees collected by the Constable as provided in Revised Statute 13:2158. The Constable pays from this fund all salaries, including his own and any other costs or expenses of any other nature whatsoever, including the purchase of office or other equipment, automobiles, or other necessities deemed proper by the Constable. In the event, fees and commissions authorized by Revised Statute 13:2158 exceed the necessary expenditures of the Constable in the efficient performance of his duties, the excess shall remain in the Constable's fund and may be expended by him in any succeeding year in which fees and commissions are insufficient to cover salaries and expenditures. However, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:5827, at the end of each six year term, the Constable is required to remit to the State Treasurer any remaining moneys in the Constable's fund in excess of one third of the amount of revenues of the last year of his term in office. The amount left in the Constable's fund shall be used as a revolving fund to assist in financing the operation of the Constable's office and for purchasing equipment.

The Constable serves court pleadings, makes seizures, conducts sales, and performs other duties under orders of the First City Court. The First City Court has civil jurisdiction concurrent with the District Court in cases where the principal amount in dispute, or the value of property involved does not exceed \$25,000.

NOTE 2 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>:

A. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

According to GASB No. 14, the Constable is considered a primary government and does not include any component units. Therefore, for financial reporting purposes, the Constable includes all funds and activities that are controlled by the Constable as an independently elected parish official. The activities of the parish, other independently elected parish officials and municipal level governments are not included within the accompanying financial statements as they are considered autonomous governmental units. These governmental units issue financial statements separate from those of the Constable.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements – The combined government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet and the statement of activities and governmental fund revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance) report information to the Constable on the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, respectively.

The operations of the fund statements are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenditures. **The Constable** resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. **The Constable** uses the following funds:

Governmental fund types are used to account for the activities of **the Constable**. The measurement focus is based upon spending or financial flow and the determination of changes in fund balance (net current assets). **The Constable** uses the following governmental fund type:

NOTE 2 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

B. Basis of Presentation, Continued

The General Fund is the principal fund of **the Constable** and accounts for the operations of **the Constable's** office. The major source of revenues is from fees and commissions. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

The Constable reports the following fiduciary fund type, which is held in an agent capacity for others and therefore is not available to support the Constable programs.

The Agency Fund is used as a depository for collection of civil suits, garnishments, **the Constable's** sale of real estate and movable property. Disbursements from this fund are made to various parish agencies, litigants in suits, etc., in a manner prescribed by law. This fund is custodial in nature (assets, equal liabilities) and does no involve measurement of results of operations.

The statement of net position and statement of activities columns reflect consolidated results of operations using the accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the basic financial statements. Governmental fund types are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available as net current assets. Revenues not considered available are recorded as deferred revenues. Revenues considered susceptible to accrual include interest and lease payments. Expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

The statement of net position and statement of activities columns represent operations on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when liabilities incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

NOTE 2 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

C. Budgetary Accounting

The proposed budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, was published prior to the ensuing fiscal year. The budget is legally adopted and amended, as necessary, by **the Constable**. At fiscal close, all appropriations lapse. All changes in the budget must be approved by the **Constable**. Unexpended appropriations and any excess of revenues over expenditures are carried forward to the subsequent year as beginning fund balance.

Neither encumbrance accounting nor formal integration of the budget into the accounting records is employed as a management control device. However, periodic comparisons of budget and actual amounts are made. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements reflect the originally adopted budget and all subsequent amendments.

D. Vacation and Sick Leave

Employees of the office are allowed to accumulate ten (10) days of vacation time and ten (10) days of sick leave during a calendar year. For the year ended December 31, 2016, vacation time not used at the end of the year is lost. Unused sick leave is either paid to employees at the end of each calendar year or allowed to accumulate up to a maximum of thirty (30) days. Upon resignation or termination of employment, unused sick leave is paid to the employee.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts on hand and in demand deposits and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents include amounts in certificates of deposit with original maturities of 90 days or less. Cash equivalents are held in safe keeping at a custodial bank in **the Constable's** name. Under state law, **the Constable** may deposit funds in demand deposits, money Constable accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2016, **the Constable** had no cash equivalents.

NOTE 2 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

F. Investments

The Constable's investments are in a state investment pool, Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), which is a 2a7-like investment pool. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA-R.S. 33:2955.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 365 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted Constable rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

G. <u>Use of Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

H. Fund Equity

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- *Net invested in capital assets* Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any notes or other borrowing attributable to those assets.
- *Restricted net position* Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by external groups, such as grantors or laws and regulations of other governments, or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net position All other assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

When both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available for use, generally it is **the Constable's** policy to use restricted resources first.

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as follows:

- *Nonspendable* Includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual requirements.
- *Restricted* Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by **the Constable** through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority. Any changes or removal of specific purpose requires majority action by the governing board.

NOTE 2 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

H. Fund Equity, Continued

- Assigned Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained by **the Constable's** intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.
- Unassigned Includes the residual balance of the General Fund that has not been assigned to other funds that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes.

When both restricted and unrestricted sources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance) are available for use, generally it is **the Constable's** policy to use restricted resources first. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

I. <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital assets are recorded at cost, if purchased or at fair Constable value at the date of the gift, if donated. Additions, improvements and expenditures that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expended as incurred.

Depreciation of automobiles, property and equipment is computed as follows:

Description	Method	Estimated Useful <u>Lives (years)</u>
Automobiles	Straight-line	5
Property and equipment	Straight-line	3 to 7

NOTE 2 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

Current Year Adoption of New Accounting Standards

The Constable adopted Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68 - Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27, and Statement No. 71 - Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68. The adoption of GASB 68 and 71 required significant changes to the financial statements of the Constable. The principal objective of these Statements is to improve the usefulness of information for decisions made by the various users of the general purpose external financial reports of governments whose employees, both active and inactive are provided with pensions. One aspect of that objective is to provide information about the effects of pension-related transactions and other events on the elements of basic financial statements of state and local governmental employers. This information will assist users in assessing the relationship between government's inflows of resources and its total cost (including pension expense) of providing government services each period. Another aspect of that objective is to provide users with information about the government's pension obligations and the resources available to satisfy those obligations. An additional objective is to improve the information provided in government financial reports about pension-related financial support provided by certain nonemployer entities that make contributions to pension plans that are used to provide benefits to the employees of other entities.

NOTE 3 - <u>CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u>:

Cash

At December 31, 2016, the Constable has cash (book balances) totaling \$920,525, as follows:

Cash on hand	\$	350
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits:		
General fund	91	1,772
Agency fund	_	8,403
Total	\$ <u>92</u>	0,525

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates Constable. 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 Constable 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 pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. **The Constable** maintains interest bearing and non-interest bearing accounts at local banks. As of December 31, 2016, **the Constable** has \$91,928 in bank deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$500,000 of federal deposit insurance and secured from risk by \$419,928 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of **the Constable**.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in event of a failure of financial institution or counterparty, **the Constable** would not be able to recover its deposits, investments, or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. **The Constable's** deposits are not subject to custodial credit risk.

Investments

As of December 31, 2016, the Constable had the following investment:

Investment Type	Maturities (In Years)	Fair Value	<u>Rating</u>
Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP)	Less than 1 year	\$321,770	AAAm

NOTE 4 - <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>:

Changes in capital assets are as follows at December 31, 2016:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Property and equipment Automobiles Total	\$ 4,308 <u>93,170</u> 97,478	\$ -0- <u>25,005</u> 25,005	\$ -0- _0-	\$ 4,308 <u>118,175</u> 122,483
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(58,101)</u>	<u>(17,683)</u>		<u>(75,784)</u>
Net capital assets	\$ <u>39,377</u>	\$ <u>7,322</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>46,699</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$17,683.

NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT:

The following is a summary of changes in the long-term debt at December 31, 2016:

	Balance	Additions	Reductions	Balance
Compensated absences payable	\$ 38,540	\$ 6,441	\$ -	\$ 44,981
Total	\$ 38,540	\$ 6,441	\$ -	\$ 44,981

NOTE 6 - <u>PENSION PLAN</u>:

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Pensions

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 the Employees Retirement System of the City of New Orleans and additions to/deductions from 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 are reported at fair value.

Plan Description

Employees of **the Constable** are provided with pensions through a costsharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Employees Retirement System of the City of New Orleans (the Plan) established under the laws of the State of Louisiana. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.nola.gov/nomers.

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN CONTINUED:

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Pensions, Continued

General Information about the Pension Plan

Benefits Provided

Retirement

Regular Benefits

The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Employees with thirty (30) years of service, or who attain age 60 with ten (10) years of service, or age 65, irrespective of length of service, are entitled to a retirement allowance. The retirement allowance consists of an annuity, which is the actuarial equivalent of the employee's accumulation contribution, plus an annual pension, which together with the annuity, provides a total retirement allowance equal to 2.5% to 4% of average compensation times the number of years of service. The maximum pension may not exceed 100% of average compensation. Pension amounts are reduced for service retirement prior to age 62. Average compensation is defined as average annual earned compensation for the highest thirty-six (36) successive months of service, less \$1,200. Mandatory retirement age is 70.

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED:

Disability Benefits

Disability benefits are awarded to active members with 10 or more years of creditable service if a physician nominated by the board certifies that the member is totally incapacitated and that such incapacitation is likely to be permanent. The member receives an annuity, which is the actuarial equivalent to the employee's accumulated contribution, plus an annual pension, which, together with the annuity shall be 75% of the service allowance that would have been payable upon service retirement at age 65, had the member continued in service to the age of 65. Such allowance is to be computed on the average compensation, plus the sum of \$1,200 provided, however, that the minimum annual retirement allowance will be \$300 per year.

Contributions

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by the Retirement Ordinance of the City Charter of New Orleans. Employee and employer contributions are deducted from a member's salary and remitted to the Plan by participating employers. For the 2016 fiscal year, employees participating in the Retirement System are required to contribute 6% of their salary and the employer is required to contribute 22.512%. Employer contributions to the Retirement System are based upon the amount necessary to fund normal cost and amortization of past service costs over a period of thirty years. The contribution requirements of Retirement System members of **the Constable** are established and may be amended by the Retirement System's board of trustees. **The Constable's** contributions to the Retirement System, which were equal to the required contribution, for the year ended December 31, 2016 were \$106,445. However, **the Constable** does not guarantee any of the benefits granted by the plan.

NOTE 6 - <u>PENSION PLAN</u>, CONTINUED:

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflow of Resources and Deferred Inflow of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2016, the Employer reported a liability of \$1,233,552 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of December 31, 2015 and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. **The Constable's** proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of **the Constable's** long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2015, **the Constable's** proportion was .551708%.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Constable recognized pension expense of \$149,876 less employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, \$1,885.

At December 31, 2016, **the Constable** reported deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED:

	Deferred Outflow of Resources		Deferred Inflow of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	-	\$	(38,657)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		319,954		-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		1,210		(6,561)
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date Total	\$	106,445 427,609	\$	(45,218)

\$125,355 reported as deferred outflow of resources related to pensions resulting from **the Constable** contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the year ending December 31, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

NOTE 6 - <u>PENSION PLAN</u>, CONTINUED:

Year Ended	
December 31:	
2017	\$ 64,517
2018	64,517
2019	64,518
2020	53,302
2021	7,549
2022	7,549
2023	13,992

Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of December 31, 2015 are as follows:

Valuation Date	December 31, 2015
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	Adjusted Constable Value using seven-year smoothing
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	7.50% per annum
Mortality	Non-disabled members - Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table
	Disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement
Turnover	Table developed from the 2006-2010 Actuarial Experience Study
Salary Increases	5.0% compounded annually

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED:

Actuarial Assumptions, Continued

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate 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 and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2015 are summarized in the following table:

Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
49.1%	3.69%
15.7%	1.33%
24.6%	0.61%
5.6%	0.20%
5.0%	0.23%
100.0%	6.06%
	Allocation 49.1% 15.7% 24.6% 5.6% 5.0%

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 6 - <u>PENSION PLAN</u>, CONTINUED:

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions from participating employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.50%) or one percentage-point higher (8.50%) than the current rate:

		Current Discount	
	1.0% Decrease	Rate	1.0% Increase
	<u>(6.50%)</u>	(7.50%)	(8.50%)
Employer's proportionate share of			
the net pension liability	<u>\$1,545,913</u>	<u>\$1,233,551</u>	\$972,107

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 6 - <u>PENSION PLAN</u>, CONTINUED:

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Employees Retirement System of the City of New Orleans 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at <u>www.nola.gov/nomers</u>.

NOTE 7 - <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u>:

The Constable is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the Constable carries commercial insurance.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE—GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:				
Fees	\$ 950,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,036,950	\$ 36,950
Commissions	165,000	165,000	171,054	6,054
Security services	325,000	325,000	366,535	41,535
Other	-	-	1,849	1,849
Interest	800	1,200	-	(1,200)
Total revenues	1,440,800	1,491,200	1,576,388	85,188
EXPENDITURES:				
Salaries	670,000	670,000	669,345	655
Payroll taxes	56,000	55,000	51,755	3,245
Labor cost	120,000	170,000	152,745	17,255
Professional fees	200,000	150,000	150,943	(943)
Employee benefits	248,000	220,000	234,440	(14,440)
Automobile and insurance	38,500	30,000	26,346	3,654
Repairs and maintenance	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Telephone	13,000	10,000	9,106	894
Office supplies and services	13,000	13,000	8,228	4,772
Other operating expenditures	25,000	40,000	13,948	26,052
Postage	8,000	8,000	7,390	610
Travel	11,000	11,000	13,904	(2,904)
Rent	14,000	14,000	13,854	146
Other expenses	2,000	2,000	5,189	(3,189)
Capital outlays	25,000	30,000	25,005	4,995
Total expenditures	1,445,500	1,425,000	1,382,198	42,802
Net change in fund balance	(4,700)	66,200	194,190	127,990
Fund balance, beginning of year	1,173,606	1,050,135	1,065,298	15,163
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 1,168,906	\$ 1,116,335	\$ 1,259,488	\$ 143,153

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Fiscal Year	F	ntractually Required ontribution	R Co H	ntributions in elation to ntractually Required ontribution	De	ntribution eficiency Excess)	(E	mployer's Covered- Cmployee Payroll	Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll
			•	105.055	¢	(44)	¢	556 976	22.5120/
2016 2015	\$ \$	125,311 115,149	\$ \$	125,355 101,101	\$ \$	14,048	\$ \$	556,836 510,005	22.512% 22.578%

NOTE: Employer's covered employee payroll amount represents the amount from the 2016 fiscal year.

NOTE: GASB 68 requires this schedule to show information for 10 years. **The Constable** has implemented GASB 68 on its 2015 fiscal year. Therefore, additional years will be displayed as they become available.

See Independent Auditors' Report on Required Supplementary Information.

SCHEDULE III

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY DECEMBER 31, 2016

	2016	2015
Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.551708%	0.551708%
Employer's Proportionate Share of the		
Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,233,551	\$ 934,735
Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 556,836	\$ 510,005
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll Payroll	221.53%	183.28%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of total Pension Liability	60.26%	68.64%

NOTE: The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

NOTE: GASB 68 requires this schedule to show information for 10 years. **The Market** has implemented GASB 68 on its 2015 fiscal year. Therefore, additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO THE CONSTABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Constable Name: Mr. Lambert C. Boissiere, Jr.

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$106,192
Benefits – insurance	1,290
Benefits – retirement	25,538
Benefits – other	-0-
Car allowance	-0-
Vehicle provided by government	-0-
Per diem	-0-
Reimbursements	-0-
Travel	-0-
Registration fees	330
Conference travel	677
Continuing professional education fees	250
Housing	-0-
Unvouchered expenses	-0-
Special meals	-0-

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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 WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Constable Lambert C. Boissiere, Jr. First City Court City of New Orleans New Orleans, 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 governmental activities, the general fund and the agency fund of the **Constable of the First City Court, City of New Orleans (the Constable)**, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise **the Constable s** basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered **the Constable'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 Constable's** internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of **the Constable's** internal control.

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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, Continued

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 a 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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether **the Constable's** financial statements are free from 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 (CONTINUED)

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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of **the Constable**, its management and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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June 20, 2017

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CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

- A. The type of report issued on the financial statements: **unmodified opinion**.
- B. Significant deficiencies in internal control were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements: **<u>none reported</u>** material weaknesses: **<u>no</u>**.
- C. Noncompliance which is material to the financial statements: no.
- D. Significant deficiencies in internal control over major programs: <u>not applicable</u> material weaknesses: <u>not applicable</u>.
- E. The type of report issued on compliance for major programs: not applicable.
- F. Any audit findings which are required to be reported under Section 200.516 of OMB Uniform Guidance: **not applicable**.
- G. Major programs: not applicable.
- H. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: <u>not</u> <u>applicable</u>.
- I. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee under Section 200.520 of OMB Uniform Guidance: **not applicable**.
- J. A management letter issued: no.

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS, CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Section II - Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Reported In Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

No matters reported.

Section III - Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Awards

Not applicable.

CONSTABLE OF THE FIRST CITY COURT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

No matters reported.

Section II - Findings and Questioned Costs Related to Federal Awards

Not applicable.

Section III - Management Letter

No management letter comments reported.