

**COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH
GOVERNANCE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT
(SAS 114)**

Commission Members
Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission
Modesto, California

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission (the Commission), a component unit of the County of Stanislaus, California, for the year ended June 30, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act*, issued by the State Controller's Office, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 3, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Commission are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Commission changed accounting policies related to compensated absences by adopting Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, and GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, during the year ended June 30, 2025. Accordingly, the cumulative effect of the accounting change as of the beginning of the year is reported in Note 12 Restatement of Prior Period Net Position. We noted no transactions entered into by the Commission during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Management's estimates of the fund balance commitments and assignments are based on future contracts and possible provisions and changes in contracts and their payment schedules. We evaluated the methods, assumptions, and data used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the fair value of investments is based on the method as detailed in the notes to the financial statements. We evaluated methods, assumptions, and data used to develop the estimate of the fair value of investments in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the fair value of the right-to-use building is based on the method as detailed in the notes to the financial statements. We evaluated the methods, assumptions, and data used to develop the estimate of the fair value of the right-to-use building in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimates of the net pension liability and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources are based on actuarial reports prepared and provided by an independent third party. We evaluated the methods, assumptions, and data used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of compensated absences is based on employee leave balances and historical usage rates, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 101. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate of compensated absences in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were for the net pension liability and related items as described above.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no such misstatements.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 13, 2025.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Commission's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

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

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedule of the Commission's Proportionate Share of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and

Schedule of the Commission's Contributions, which are Required Supplementary Information (RSI) that supplement the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

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

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