

**Town of Hempstead
Local Development Corporation**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

December 31, 2020 and 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Town of Hempstead Local Development Corporation
Hempstead, New York

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Hempstead Local Development Corporation (the Corporation), a component unit of the Town of Hempstead, New York, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation'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

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 we plan and perform the audits 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 Corporation'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 Corporation'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 opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the changes in its financial position and cash flows, thereof, for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 to 6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 4, 2021, on our consideration of the Corporation'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the Corporation's 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 Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Sheehan & Company CPA, P.C.

Brightwaters, New York
March 4, 2021

Town of Hempstead Local Development Corporation

Management's Discussion and Analysis **Unaudited**

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section represents Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Town of Hempstead Local Development Corporation's (the Corporation), a component unit of the Town of Hempstead, financial condition and activities for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. Please read this information in conjunction with the financial statements.

Financial Highlights - 2020 and 2019:

- The assets of the Corporation exceeded its liabilities at the close of 2020 and 2019 by \$2,413,048 and \$2,337,642, respectively. These funds are unrestricted and available to maintain the Corporation's continuing obligations.
- The Corporation's total net position increased by \$75,406 for the year ended December 31, 2020 and increased by \$94,339 for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Overview:

The MD&A serves as an introduction to the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The MD&A represents management's examination and analysis of the Corporation's financial condition and performance.

The financial statements report information about the Corporation, which is a self-supporting entity that follows enterprise-type fund reporting. The Corporation applies full accrual accounting methods as used by similar business activities in the private sector. These statements offer short and long-term financial information.

The financial statements include statements of net position, statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, statements of cash flows and notes to the financial statements. The statements of net position include all of the Corporation's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position.

The statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position present the results of the Corporation's activities over the course of the year and information as to how the net position changed during the year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

The statements of cash flows present changes in cash and cash equivalents resulting from operating and other activities.

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The notes to the financial statements provide required disclosure and other information that is essential to a full understanding of material data provided in the statements. The notes present information about the Corporation's accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, material risks, obligations, commitments, contingencies and subsequent events, if any.

Financial Analysis of the Corporation:

The statements of net position and the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position provide useful information about the Corporation's annual activities. The statements report the net position of the Corporation and the changes in net position. The amount of net position, the difference between total assets and total liabilities, is a significant measure of the financial health or financial position of the Corporation. Over time, increases or decreases in the Corporation's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, other non-financial factors should be considered in evaluating the Corporation's overall financial condition.

The following comparative condensed financial statements and other selected information serve as the financial data and indicators for management's monitoring and planning.

Condensed Net Position:

A summary of the Corporation's condensed statements of net position at December 31 is presented as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Assets:</u>			
Current assets	<u>\$2,422,036</u>	<u>\$2,346,901</u>	<u>\$2,251,826</u>
Total assets	<u>2,422,036</u>	<u>2,346,901</u>	<u>2,251,826</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Current liabilities	<u>8,988</u>	<u>9,259</u>	<u>8,523</u>
Total liabilities	<u>8,988</u>	<u>9,259</u>	<u>8,523</u>
<u>Net position:</u>			
Unrestricted	<u>2,413,048</u>	<u>2,337,642</u>	<u>2,243,303</u>
Total net position	<u>\$2,413,048</u>	<u>\$2,337,642</u>	<u>\$2,243,303</u>

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Total assets as of December 31, 2020 were \$2,422,036, which exceeded total liabilities of \$8,988 by \$2,413,048 (net position). The Corporation's net position was unrestricted and available to support operations. Total assets increased by \$75,135 (3.2%) at December 31, 2020 compared to 2019 due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents. Total liabilities decreased by \$271 (2.9%) at December 31, 2020 compared to 2019, due to decrease in amounts of accrued expenses related to a shared services agreement between the Corporation and a related organization, the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency (the Agency). The Corporation's net position increased by \$75,406 due to current year fee revenue exceeding current year expenses.

Total assets as of December 31, 2019 were \$2,346,901, which exceeded total liabilities of \$9,259 by \$2,337,642 (net position). The Corporation's net position was unrestricted and thus available to support operations. Total assets increased by \$95,075 (4.2%) at December 31, 2019 compared to 2018, due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents. Total liabilities increased by \$736 (8.6%) at December 31, 2019 compared to 2018, due to increases in amounts of accrued expenses related to a shared services agreement between the Corporation and the Agency. The Corporation's net position increased by \$94,339.

Operating Results

The Corporation's condensed statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position for the years ended December 31 are presented as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating revenues	\$ 225,726	\$ 230,709	\$ 210,636
Operating expenses	<u>152,463</u>	<u>148,385</u>	<u>45,673</u>
Income from operations	<u>73,263</u>	<u>82,324</u>	<u>164,963</u>
Non-operating income	<u>2,143</u>	<u>12,015</u>	<u>6,092</u>
Change in net position	75,406	94,339	171,055
Net position, beginning of year	<u>2,337,642</u>	<u>2,243,303</u>	<u>2,072,248</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$2,413,048</u>	<u>\$2,337,642</u>	<u>\$2,243,303</u>

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The Corporation's operating revenues decreased by \$4,983 (2.2%) from \$230,709 in 2019 to \$225,726 in 2020. The decrease is attributable to less project fees being earned in 2020. There was only one project closed in 2020, while there were two projects closed in 2019.

The Corporation's expenses increased to \$152,463 in 2020 from \$148,385 in 2019, an increase of \$4,078 (2.7%). This is primarily due to an increase in salaries as well as an increase in contractual and professional fees. In 2020 the Corporation utilized a transcription service to document its virtual Board of Director meetings as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Corporation's operating revenues increased by \$20,073 (9.5%) from \$210,636 in 2018 to \$230,709 in 2019. The increase in 2019 operating revenues is attributable to the Corporation earning more fees during 2019. There were two projects closed, the same number as in 2018, but the closings in 2019 had a greater total project value. The Corporation's expenses increased to \$148,385 in 2019 from \$45,673 in 2018, an increase of \$102,712 (224.9%). This is primarily due to an increase in salaries in 2019 as compared to 2018. In 2019 the Corporation had two part time employees on payroll for the entire year, whereas in 2018 there was only one part time employee on payroll for the fourth quarter.

Contacting the Corporation's Financial Management:

This financial report is designed to provide readers with a general overview of the Corporation's finances and to show the Corporation's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town of Hempstead Local Development Corporation at: 350 Front Street, Hempstead, New York 11550 or at: (516) 489-5000.

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STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,420,036	\$ 2,346,901
Accounts receivable	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>2,422,036</u>	<u>2,346,901</u>
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities:		
Accrued expenses	<u>8,988</u>	<u>9,259</u>
Total liabilities	<u>8,988</u>	<u>9,259</u>
Net position:		
Unrestricted	<u>2,413,048</u>	<u>2,337,642</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,413,048</u>	<u>\$ 2,337,642</u>

See notes to financial statements

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Operating revenues:		
Fees for services	\$ 225,726	\$ 230,709
Operating expenses:		
Salaries	100,841	97,824
Payroll taxes and fees	10,087	9,483
Rent	15,000	15,000
Contractual and professional fees	16,857	14,631
Advertising	5,000	5,500
Office and related expenses	3,803	3,934
Telephone expense	875	877
Meetings and travel	-	1,136
Total operating expenses	<u>152,463</u>	<u>148,385</u>
Income from operations	<u>73,263</u>	<u>82,324</u>
Non-operating income:		
Interest income	<u>2,143</u>	<u>12,015</u>
Change in net position	75,406	94,339
Net position, January 1	<u>2,337,642</u>	<u>2,243,303</u>
Net position, December 31	<u>\$ 2,413,048</u>	<u>\$ 2,337,642</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received:		
From providing services	\$ 223,726	\$ 230,709
Cash payments:		
Contractual services	(41,806)	(40,342)
Personal services and employee benefits	<u>(110,928)</u>	<u>(107,307)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>70,992</u>	<u>83,060</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest income	<u>2,143</u>	<u>12,015</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>2,143</u>	<u>12,015</u>
 Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	73,135	95,075
 Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	<u>2,346,901</u>	<u>2,251,826</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	<u><u>\$ 2,420,036</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,346,901</u></u>
 Reconciliation of Income From Operations to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities		
 Income from operations	<u>\$ 73,263</u>	<u>\$ 82,324</u>
 Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Increase in accounts receivable	(2,000)	-
Decrease in accrued expenses	<u>(271)</u>	<u>736</u>
Total adjustments to change in net assets	<u>(2,271)</u>	<u>736</u>
 Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 70,992</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 83,060</u></u>

See notes to financial statements

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Nature of activities:

The Town of Hempstead Local Development Corporation (the Corporation) was created in 1966 by the Town Board of the Town of Hempstead, under the provisions of the Laws of New York State. The Corporation is a corporation as defined in sub-paragraph (a)(5) of Section 102 of the Not-for-profit Corporation Law and is a Type C corporation with members under section 201 of said law. The purpose of the Corporation is to relieve and reduce unemployment, promote and provide for additional and maximum employment, improve and maintain job opportunities, instruct or train individuals to improve or develop their capabilities for such jobs, carry on scientific research for the purpose of aiding the Town of Hempstead by attracting new industry, through the encouragement of the development of or retention of an industry and lessen the burdens of the government, while acting in the public interest.

The Corporation is governed by a Board of Directors whose members are appointed by the Town of Hempstead Board and is considered a component unit of the Town of Hempstead. In accordance with The Corporation's By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than three directors and no more than seven directors. At December 31, 2020, six positions were filled. All governmental activities and functions performed by the Corporation are its direct responsibility. No other governmental organizations have been included or excluded from the reporting entity.

The financial reporting entity includes functions and activities over which Corporation directors exercise oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility is determined on the basis of financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designations of management and ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The Corporation has been determined to be a component unit of the Town of Hempstead.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies:

Basis of accounting: The Corporation utilizes the accrual basis of accounting and the flow of all economic resources (measurement focus). The basis of accounting and measurement focus emphasizes the measurement of net income similar to the approach used by commercial enterprises and revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred. Under this basis of accounting and measurement focus, the Corporation applies all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), except those that conflict with a GASB pronouncement.

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2. **Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):**

Cash and cash equivalents: For purposes of the Statements of Cash Flows, investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased are considered cash equivalents.

Income tax status: The Corporation was duly established under Sections 402 and 1411 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law and is a corporate quasi-governmental agency performing an essential governmental function. The income of the Corporation is excludable from gross income under Section 115(i) of the Internal Revenue Code and, accordingly, these financial statements do not reflect a provision for income taxes.

Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with GAAP, 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Property and equipment: Property and equipment are stated at cost. It is the Corporation's policy to capitalize any expenditure with an estimated useful life of greater than one year. All property and equipment is fully depreciated at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Depreciation: Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Net position classifications: Net position is classified and displayed in three components, as applicable:

- a. **Net investment in capital assets:** Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- b. **Restricted net position:** Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. **Unrestricted net position:** All other balances in net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

Revenue recognition: The Corporation's primary sources of operating revenue are from application fees, administrative fees and compliance fees. Administrative fees are computed as a percentage of the total project. Fees for services are recorded as income when earned at the time of project closing.

Advertising costs: Advertising costs are charged to operations when incurred. Advertising costs for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were \$5,000 and \$5,500, respectively.

Recent accounting pronouncements: The Corporation has adopted all current standards of GASB that are applicable.

Subsequent events: Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. Conduit debt obligations, bond transactions:

The Corporation induces the issuance of tax-exempt bonds to provide financial assistance to non-profit entities for the acquisition and construction of industrial, recreational and commercial facilities deemed to be in the public interest. The bonds are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying mortgage loans. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities transfers to the private-sector entity served by the bond issuance. Neither the Corporation, the State, nor any political sub-division, thereof, is obligated in any manner for repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, outstanding debt induced by the Corporation and issued by other entities amount to \$500,080,000 and \$478,945,000, respectively. Debt service is paid directly to the lender by the entity that incurred the supplemental debt. The Corporation has no liability or contingent liability for payment.

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4. Cash and cash equivalents:

The Corporation's investments are governed by a formal investment policy. The Corporation's Board of Director's responsibility for administration of the investment program is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to resolution.

The Chief Executive Officer is authorized to invest monies not required for immediate expenditure. Permissible investments include special time deposit accounts, certificates of deposit, obligations of the United States of America, obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America and obligations of New York State. All deposits, including certificates of deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act must be secured by a pledge of eligible securities with an aggregate market value or provided by General Municipal Law. Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits are to be held by the bank or trust company pursuant to security and custodial agreements.

Deposits are required to be disclosed as exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are either:

- Uncollateralized.
- Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the Corporation's name.
- Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the Corporation's name.

At December 31, 2020, the Corporation's bank balances were \$2,422,505. Of that total, \$250,000 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and \$2,172,505 was secured by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's agent, a third-party financial institution, but not in the Corporation's name.

At December 31, 2019, the Corporation's bank balances were \$2,348,483. Of that total, \$250,000 was covered by the FDIC and \$2,098,483 was secured by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's agent, a third-party financial institution, but not in the Corporation's name.

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5. Revenues:

The Corporation collects fees from its projects as follows:

Application fee: The Corporation charges a non-refundable fee of \$3,000 at the time of receiving a formal application for assistance.

Administrative fee: The Corporation charges a one-time administrative fee on tax exempt bond projects as follows:

	<u>Percentage of Value</u>
Up to \$25,000,000	0.5%
\$25,000,000 and over	0.2%

Annual compliance fees: The Corporation charges an initial compliance fee of \$3,000 and an annual compliance fee of \$1,500 for the term of bonds for any project that closed after February 1, 2016. The fee covers the cost of annual reporting and monitoring of the transaction. The fee is subject to periodic review and can be adjusted at the discretion of the Corporation.

Corporation Counsel's fee: The fee for Corporation's Counsel is approximately 0.1% of the amount of the bonds. The applicant pays the Corporation's counsel fee. For terminations, consents, second mortgages and other financings, Corporation counsel shall bill at the prevailing hourly rate.

Bond/Transaction Counsel fee: The applicant pays the Bond/Transaction Counsel fee.

Miscellaneous fees:

	<u>Minimum Amount</u>
Extension of inducement	\$500 - \$1,000
Document processing	\$1,000 - \$2,000
Refinancing of bonds*	0.5% outstanding bonds, plus administrative fee for new money
Assumption of outstanding bonds*	0.125% outstanding bonds, plus administrative fee for new money

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5. Revenues (continued):

Miscellaneous fees (continued):

	<u>Minimum Amount</u>
Termination fee	\$1,000
Consent, 2nd mortgages and other financings	Set by Board on a case to case basis

* These fees are subject to adjustment at the discretion of the Corporation, based on the complexity of the transaction involved.

The Corporation recognizes its fees for services as operating revenues. Non-operating income results from activities not related to these transactions.

6. Related party transactions:

The Corporation shares office space with the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency (the Agency), a related party. The Corporation and the Agency have the same chief executive officer and chief financial officer.

The Agency and the Corporation have an agreement in which the Corporation reimburses the Agency for shared costs, including office space, supplies and telephone. These expenses have been reflected in the appropriate expense categories. Amounts reimbursed to the Agency for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were \$18,285 and \$18,571, respectively. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Corporation owed \$8,988 and \$9,259, respectively, to the Agency, which is reflected on the Statements of Net Position as accrued expenses.

7. Coronavirus pandemic:

In March 2020, an outbreak of a new strain of Coronavirus, COVID-19, emerged as a pandemic in New York State and across the United States, leading to widespread business shutdowns and significant volatility in the financial markets. The coronavirus outbreak is still evolving. The ultimate extent of the pandemic's impact on the Corporation will depend on future developments which are highly uncertain. Currently, management is unable to quantify the potential effects of the pandemic on operations and financial performance of the Corporation.

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8. New pronouncements:

The following statements have been issued by the GASB and are to be implemented in futures years, as applicable:

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*, the objective of which is to improve financial reporting by improving accounting for leases by governments. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about a government's leasing activities. The requirements of this Statement are currently effective for the Corporation's 2022 year. The Corporation is currently evaluating the impact of this pronouncement.

GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*, the primary objectives of which are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation, establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer, establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations and improving required note disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are currently effective for the Corporation's 2022 year. The Corporation is currently evaluating the impact of this pronouncement.

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

To the Board of Directors
Town of Hempstead Local Development Corporation
Hempstead, New York

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 Town of Hempstead Local Development Corporation (the Corporation), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report, thereon, dated March 4, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Corporation'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.

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

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

To the Board of Directors
Town of Hempstead Local Development Corporation

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Corporation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 Corporation'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 Corporation's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Sheehan & Company CPA, P.C.

Brightwaters, New York
March 4, 2021