# CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE

PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016





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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California (City) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2017, and 2016, and the related notes to the 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 audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

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





#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, as of June 30, 2017, and 2016, and the respective changes in their financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California, as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California's PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F Fund financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

## Other Reporting Required by Governmental Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report dated December 7, 2017 on our consideration of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' 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 City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Simpon & Simpon

Los Angeles, California December 7, 2017

# PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

#### BALANCE SHEETS June 30

		2017		2016
ASSETS Cash and investments Interest receivable	\$	2,234,663 2,416	\$	390,255 309
Total assets	\$	2,237,079	\$	390,564
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE Liabilities Accounts payable	\$	10,878	\$	472
Total liabilities	Ψ	10,878	Ψ	472
Fund Balance Restricted		2,226,201		390,092
Total fund balance	_	2,226,201	· _	390,092
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	2,237,079	\$	390,564

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

## STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

		2017	2016
REVENUES	-		
Proposition A	\$	776,681	\$ 764,573
Interest income		8,012	1,353
Fund exchange (Note 9)	_	1,675,000	 -
Total revenues	-	2,459,693	 765,926
EXPENDITURES			
Various projects	_	623,584	 611,907
Total expenditures	-	623,584	 611,907
Excess of revenues over expenditures		1,836,109	154,019
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	390,092	 236,073
Fund balance at end of year	\$	2,226,201	\$ 390,092

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

## For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016)

			2017		
Project Code	Project Name	 Metro Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	2016 Actual
120-05	PV Transit- DAR	\$ 611,314 \$	611,314	\$ - \$	594,556
150-01	Silver Spur Bus Improvements	1,600,000	-	1,600,000	-
150-07	Pedestrian-SafeBbus Stop Linkage on Hawthorne Blvd	196,836	10,581	186,255	-
160-04	Bus Stop Improvements	20,000	-	20,000	15,620
160-07	Miraleste Drive Aterial Rehabilitation Project (design phase)	48,000	-	48,000	-
170-03	Bus Stop Maintenance	5,000	-	5,000	-
280-01	Advertising of City Transit Programs	2,000	1,689	311	1,731
	Total Expenditures	\$ 2,483,150 \$	623,584	\$ 1,859,566 \$	611,907

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

## PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2017

Date		Balance					Balance
Acquired	Description	7/1/2016	Additions	]	Deletions		6/30/2017
	None	\$ -	-		- \$	5	-
	Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$	- \$	S_	-

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

# PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

#### BALANCE SHEETS June 30

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$ 422,808	\$ 303,297
Interest receivable	 606	 375
Total assets	\$ 423,414	\$ 303,672
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 10,549	\$ -
Accrued liabilities	 -	 -
Total liabilities	 10,549	 -
Fund Balance		
Restricted	 412,865	 303,672
Total fund balance	 412,865	 303,672
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 423,414	\$ 303,672

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

## STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

		2017	2016
REVENUES	-		
Proposition C	\$	645,099	\$ 634,714
Interest income	-	3,834	 1,968
Total revenues	-	648,933	 636,682
EXPENDITURES			
Various projects		539,740	 526,000
Total expenditures	-	539,740	 526,000
Excess of revenues over expenditures		109,193	110,682
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	303,672	 192,990
Fund balance at end of year	\$	412,865	\$ 303,672

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

#### PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

#### For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016)

				2017			
						Variance	
Project			Metro			Favorable	2016
Code	Project Name		Budget	Actual	-	(Unfavorable)	Actual
440-31	FY 09-10 Portuguese Bend Road	\$	538,000 \$	5 539,740	\$	(1,740) \$	526,000
440-34	Miraleste Arterial Rehabilitation Proje	ect					
	(design phase)		165,000	-		165,000	-
	Total Expenditures	\$	703,000 \$	5 539,740	\$	163,260 \$	526,000

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

## PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2017

Date Acquired		Description		 Balance 7/1/2016	 Additions	Deletions	 Balance 6/30/2017
	None			\$ -	\$ 	\$ <u> </u>	\$ 
			Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ -

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

## MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

# BALANCE SHEETS

June 30

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and investments \$	5 1,958,699	\$ 1,632,888
Interest receivable	2,326	1,685
Total assets \$	5 1,961,025	\$ 1,634,573
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable \$		\$
Total liabilities		
Fund Balance		
Restricted	1,961,025	1,634,573
Total fund balance	1,961,025	1,634,573
Total liabilities and fund balance \$	5 1,961,025	\$ 1,634,573

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

#### For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

		2017		2016
REVENUES	-		-	
Measure R	\$	483,294	\$	475,932
Interest income	-	13,110	-	5,418
Total revenues	-	496,404	-	481,350
EXPENDITURES				
Project expenditures funded by MRLRF	_	169,952	_	-
Total expenditures	-	169,952	-	
Excess of revenues over expenditures		326,452		481,350
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	1,634,573	-	1,153,223
Fund balance at end of year	\$	1,961,025	\$	1,634,573

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

## MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016)

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See accompanying independent auditor's report.

# MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2017

Date				Balance					Balance
Acquired	]	Description		 7/1/2016	_	Additions	_	Deletions	6/30/2017
	None			\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
			Total	\$ -	\$		\$	-	\$ -

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

## TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND (PURSUANT TO PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE SECTION 99234)

## BALANCE SHEETS

June 30

	2	2017	2016
ASSETS			
Cash and investment	\$	- \$	-
Total assets	\$	- \$	-
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$	- \$	-
Total liabilities			
Fund Balance			
Reserved			
Total fund balance			-
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	- \$	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND

# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	2017		2016
REVENUES	\$	\$	
Interest income	-		-
Total revenues		. <u> </u>	
EXPENDITURES			
Construction/Maintenance	-		96
Total expenditures		· <u> </u>	96
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-		(96)
Fund balance at beginning of year	-		96
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 	\$	-

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

#### TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### SCHEDULE OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ALLOCATION FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Program Year	Allocations	Expenditures	Unexpended Allocations	Project Status
2016-17	\$ -	\$ - \$	-	Completed
	\$ -	\$ -	-	
			-	
			-	
		\$	-	
	Year	Year Allocations 2016-17 \$	Year <u>Allocations</u> Expenditures	Year     Allocations     Expenditures     Allocations       2016-17     \$     -     \$     -       \$     -     \$     -

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

## NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Fund Accounting

The operations of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF) and Proposition C Local Return Funds (PCLRF), Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) are accounted for in separate sets of self-balancing accounts that comprise their assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures.

PALRF and PCLRF represent 25% and 20% respectively, of the <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cent Proposition A and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cent Proposition C sales taxes which are distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on population and must be used exclusively for transportation related programs and projects.

MRLRF represents 15% of the ½ cent sales tax which is distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on a per capita basis and must be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) is a Special Revenue Fund that accounts for the City's share of the Transportation Development Act Article 3 allocations which are legally restricted for specific purposes.

#### Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period and expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liabilities are incurred.

Special Revenue funds are reported on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that generally only current assets, current liabilities and deferred inflows and outflows of resources are included on their balance sheets. Statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for Special Revenue Funds generally present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

#### Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgeted amounts presented in this report for comparison to the actual amounts are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

## **NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

#### Fair Value Measurement

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, which became effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the City categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy that is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the investment. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical investments; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Accordingly, the City reports its investments at fair value and recognizes unrealized gain (loss) on investments.

Refer to the City's 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for detailed disclosures regarding the City's investments policy and fair value measurements.

#### Fund Balance Reporting

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, establishes the fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F report the following fund balance classification as of June 30, 2017:

• Restricted – 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. The use of the Funds' remaining fund balances are restricted for projects approved by LACMTA.

Information regarding the fund balance reporting policy adopted by the City is described in Note 1 to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

#### NOTE 2 – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements reflect only the financial position and results of operations of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F and their compliance with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Program Guidelines, Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Funding and Allocation Guidelines for Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

# NOTE 3 – PROPOSITION A AND PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Program Guidelines, funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return approved programs.

## NOTE 4 – MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines, funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Measure R Local Return approved programs.

# NOTE 5 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 99234, funds received pursuant to this Code's section may only be used for activities relating to pedestrians and bicycle facilities.

## **NOTE 6 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F cash balances were pooled with various other City funds for deposit and investment purposes. The share of each fund in the pooled cash account was separately maintained and interest income was apportioned to the participating funds based on the relationship of their average quarterly balances to the total of the pooled cash and investments.

## NOTE 7 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

The revenue allocation for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 consisted of the following:

	2017	 2016
FY 2015/16 allocation	-	-
FY 2016/17 allocation	-	-
Total payment requested	\$ -	\$ -

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

#### NOTE 8 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS RESERVED

In accordance with TDA Article 3 (SB821) Guidelines, funds not spent during the fiscal year have been placed on reserve in the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) account with the County Auditor-Controller to be drawn down whenever the funds become eligible for a specific project and an approved drawdown request is received by Metro. As of June 30, 2017, and 2016, the City has funds on reserve as follows:

	 2017	 2016
FY 2014/15 allocation	\$ 27,802	\$ 27,802
FY 2015/16 allocation	26,999	26,999
FY 2016/17 allocation	28,210	-
Total reserves	\$ 83,011	\$ 54,801

## NOTE 9 - PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND EXCHANGE

During August 2016, the City entered into an agreement with the City of Diamond Bar to receive \$600,000 of the City of Diamond Bars' uncommitted Proposition A Local Return funds for \$450,000 of the City's General funds, or \$0.75 of the City's General funds given for each \$1.00 of Proposition A Local Return funds received.

On September 20, 2016, the City entered into an agreement with the City of Montebello to receive \$1,000,000 of the City of Montebello's' uncommitted Proposition A Local Return funds for \$750,000 of the City's General funds, or \$0.75 of the City's General funds given for each \$1.00 of Proposition A Local Return funds received.

On October 10, 2016, the City entered into an agreement with the City of Rolling Hills to receive \$75,000 of the City of Rolling Hills' uncommitted Proposition A Local Return funds for \$56,250 of the City's General funds, or \$0.75 of the City's General funds given for each \$1.00 of Proposition A Local Return funds received.

#### **NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The City has evaluated events or transactions that occurred subsequent to June 30, 2017 through December 7, 2017, the date the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued, for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements and determined no subsequent matters require disclosure or adjustment to the accompanying financial statements.





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## 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 Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), and Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDAA3F) Fund of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 7, 2017.

## **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City'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 City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City'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 City's local return funds and TDAA3F 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 any 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 City'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*.

#### **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 result 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.

Simpson & Simpson

Los Angeles, California December 7, 2017

**COMPLIANCE SECTION** 



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## **Independent Auditor's Report On Compliance**

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority

#### **Report on Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California (City) with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Guidelines, Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Transportation Development Act Article 3, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Funding and Allocation Guidelines for the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds (Guidelines) for the year ended June 30, 2017.

#### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the City's compliance with those guidelines.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Guidelines referred to in the preceding paragraph. Those standards and the Guidelines require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a local return program and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with those requirements.

#### **Opinion on Each Local Return Program and Transportation Development Act Article 3**

In our opinion, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that apply to Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) for the year ended June 30, 2017.





#### **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance, which is required to be reported in accordance with the Guidelines and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Recommendations as Finding No. 2017-001. Our opinion on each local return program is not modified with respect to this matter.

The City's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Recommendations. The City's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the Requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the Requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the Local Return programs and the TDAA3F to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Requirements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Guidelines. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Simpson & Simpson

Los Angeles, California December 7, 2017

COMPLIANCE MATRIX

Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Compliance Requirement		In pliance	Questioned	If no, provide details and		
		Yes	No	Costs	management response.		
A. Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds							
1.	Timely use of funds.	X		None			
2.	Expenditures were approved before being incurred.	X		None			
3.	Funds were used on approved projects only and expenditures were supported and allowable per Guidelines.	X		None			
4.	Expenditures did not exceed 25% of Metro's approved budget.	X		None			
5.	Administrative expenses were within the 20% cap.	X		None			
6.	All on-going and carryover projects were reported in Form B.	X		None			
7.	Annual Project Summary Report (Form B) was submitted on time.	X		None			
8.	Annual Expenditure Report (Form C) was submitted on time.	X		None			
9.	Cash or cash equivalents were maintained.	X		None			
10.	Accounting procedures, record keeping and documentation were adequate.	X		None			
11.	Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues, and interest income were properly credited to the PALRF and PCLRF accounts.	X		None			

# COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2017 (Continued)

Compliance Requirement		Com	In pliance	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.			
<b>n</b> =		Yes	No	0.0000				
B. Measure R Local Return Fund								
1.	Timely use of funds.	Χ		None				
2.	Expenditures were approved before being incurred.		Х	\$169,952	See Finding No. 2017-001 in Schedule of Findings			
3.	Funds were used on approved projects only and expenditures were supported and allowable	X		None				
4.	Fund were not substituted for property tax.	X		None				
5.	Administrative expenses were within the 20% cap.	X		None				
6.	Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted on time.	X		None				
7.	Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted on time.	X		None				
8.	Cash or cash equivalents were maintained.	X		None				
9.	Accounting procedures, record keeping and documentation were adequate.	X		None				
10.	Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues, and interest income were properly credited to the Measure R account.	X		None				
11.	Funds were not used to supplant existing local revenues being used for transportation purpose.	X		None				

# CITY OF RANCHO PALES VERDES COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2017 (Continued)

Compliance Requirement			In pliance No	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
<b>C.</b> 7	Fransportation Development Ac	t Artic	le 3 Fun	d	
1.	Timely use of funds.	X		None	
2.	Expenditures were incurred for activities relating to pedestrian and bicycle facilities and	X		None	

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS June 30, 2017

Finding	Entity
Compliance Requirement	According to Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Section B (II.1), "Form One provides a listing of projects funded with Measure R Local Return Funds along with estimated expenditures for the year" and "LACMTA will provide Local Return Funds to a capital project or program sponsor who submits the required expenditure plan containing the following: (1) The estimated total cost for each project and/or program activity.
Condition	During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the City expended \$169,952 on Right-of-way road maintenance prior to LACMTA approval. The funds were expended on eligible Measure R Local Return projects, but the City did not include this project on its Expenditure Plan (Form 1) as required by the guidelines.
Cause	The City did not include this project on their Annual Expenditure Plan (Form 1) as required by the guidelines.
Effect	Because the City did not include the city these project cost on their Annual Expenditure Plan (Form 1), the City did not comply with Measure R Local Return Fund guidelines and did not obtain proper approval for the project expenditures.
Recommendation	We recommend that the City implement a process to ensure that all projects are properly included on the Annual Expenditure Plan (Form 1) to obtain approval for all proposed expenditures, as per the Measure R Local Return Fund guidelines.
Management's Response	The City will implement a process to ensure that all proposed projects are included on the Form 1 as per the guidelines, or the City will obtain approve for the expenditures prior to June 30.
Finding Corrected During the Audit	On December 11, 2017, the City obtained subsequent approval for the expenditures from the LACMTA program manager.

# MRLRF: Finding No. 2017-001

**EXIT CONFERENCE** 

## PROPOSITION A, PROPOSITION C, MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUNDS, AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND EXIT CONFERENCE June 30, 2017

An exit conference was held on December 14, 2017 with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Those in attendance were:

#### Simpson & Simpson Representative:

Muhammad Riaz, Staff Auditor

## City's Representative:

Vina Ramos, Accounting Supervisor Jane Lin, Accountant Michael Gibson, Senior Administrative Analyst

## Matters Discussed:

Results of the audit, two (2) findings were noted

A copy of this report was forwarded to the following City representative(s) for their comments prior to the issuance of the final report:

Vina Ramos, Accounting Supervisor Jane Lin, Accountant Michael Gibson, Senior Administrative Analyst Simpson & Simpson, LLP 633 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3320 Los Angeles, CA 90071

# RE: CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND, PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND, MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND, AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

I have received the annual financial report of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and agree with the contents of the report except s indicated below:

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Very truly yours,

Name

Title

Date