

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The People of The City of New York:

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of The City of New York (“The City”) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise The City’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 opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We did not audit the financial statements of those entities disclosed in Note E.1 which represent 7 percent, (2) percent, and 5 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position (deficit) and revenues of the governmental activities, 100 percent of the assets, net position and revenues of the business-type activities, 100 percent of the assets, net position and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units, and 100 percent of the assets, fund balance/net position and revenues of the aggregate remaining funds of The City. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as they relate to the amounts included for those entities disclosed in Note E.1, are based solely on the reports of the other auditors. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to The City'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 City'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, based on our audits and the reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of The City of New York as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of matter

As further described in Note A.2 to the financial statements, The City adopted new standards in fiscal 2017 related to the accounting for Other Postemployment Benefits and Blended Component Units. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other matters

Required supplementary information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 9 through 35, Schedule of Changes in the City's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios for Single-Employer Pension Plans at June 30th on page 145, Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liabilities of Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Pension Plans at June 30th on page 146, Schedule of City Contributions for all Pension Plans for Fiscal Years Ended June 30th on page 147, and Schedule of the Net OPEB Liability on page 151 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required 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. This required supplementary information is the responsibility of management. We and other auditors have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures 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.

Supplementary information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise The City's basic financial statements. The Supplementary Information Combining Financial Information and Other Supplementary Information, as listed in the foregoing table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such 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 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures. These additional procedures, conducted by us and the other auditors, included comparing and reconciling the 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 by us and other auditors. In our opinion, based on our audits and the reports of the other auditors, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other information

The accompanying Introductory Section and Statistical Section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

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