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Audit Committee  
City of Pasadena, California

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Pasadena ("City") for the year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated December 6, 2010. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

***Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and OMB Circular A-133***

Our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. We also considered internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, 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. Also in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, we examined, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement" that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the City's compliance with those requirements. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion, it does not provide a legal determination on the City's compliance with those requirements.

***Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit***

Audit fieldwork was substantially completed by October 2010. We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated in our meeting about planning matters on March 29, 2010

***Significant Audit Findings***

We have separately reported to you in a letter dated December 6, 2010 of significant and control deficiencies we believe deserve your attention. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.



### ***Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices***

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. We will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by City are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described further in note 16 to the financial statements, the City changed the manner in which it accounts for derivative instruments as a result of the implementation of GASB Statement No.53. There is no cumulative effect of the accounting change as of the beginning of the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

Examples of judgments and estimates reflected in the City's financial statements and disclosures include:

- Judgments concerning which capital projects represent ordinary maintenance activities necessary to keep an asset operational for its originally intended useful life versus significant improvement, replacement, and life extending projects that should be capitalized as additions to capital assets.
- Estimates involving revenues and expenses to be accrued as of year end.
- Estimates of liabilities for claims and judgments.
- Estimates related to the fair value of Congestion Revenue Rights its hedge effectiveness.

### ***Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit***

We encountered no difficulties 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 trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and not corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Uncorrected misstatements involved adjustments to paramedic billing receivable and congestion revenue rights.

### ***Disagreements with Management***

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as 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 December 6, 2010.

### *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 governmental unit'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 governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Audit Committee and management of the City of Pasadena and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.*

Irvine, California  
December 6, 2010