**ATTACHMENT I** 

The Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Pasadena Pasadena, California

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## Independent Accountant's Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures Applied to Appropriation Limit Worksheets

We have applied the procedures enumerated below to the appropriations limit worksheets prepared by the City of Pasadena for the year ended June 30, 2008. These procedures, which were agreed to by the City of Pasadena, California and the League of California Cities (as presented in the League publication entitled *Article XIIIB Appropriations Limitation Uniform Guidelines*) were performed solely to assist the City of Pasadena, California in meeting the requirements of Section 1.5 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution.

This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures performed and the results of those procedures were as follows:

1. We obtained the worksheets referred to above and compared the limit and annual adjustment factors included in those worksheets to the limit and annual adjustment factors that were adopted by resolution of the City Council. We also compared the population and inflation options included in the aforementioned worksheets to those that were selected by a recorded vote of the City Council.

Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

2. We recalculated the mathematical computations reflected in the City worksheets.

Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

3. We compared the current year information used to determine the current year limit and found that it agreed to worksheets prepared by the City and to information provided by the State Department of Finance.

Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

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4. We compared the amount of the prior year appropriations limit presented in the worksheets to the amount adopted by the City Council for the prior year.

Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the worksheets referred to above. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you. No procedures have been performed with respect to the determination of the appropriation limit for the base year, as defined by the League publication entitled *Article XIIIB Appropriations Limitation Uniform Guidelines*.

This report is intended solely for the use of the City of Pasadena, California and is not intended to be and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes.

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December 12, 2008

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<u>Independent Accountant's Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures Applied to Employee</u>

Deductions for the Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Program

We have applied the procedures enumerated below to employee deductions for the internal revenue code section 457 deferred compensation program for the year ended June 30, 2008, which were agreed to by the City of Pasadena. The management of the City of Pasadena is responsible for the proper collecting, recording and remittance of deferred compensation funds. This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representations regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures performed and the results of those procedures were as follows:

- 1. We selected four pay periods during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 and traced the amounts withheld for the deferred compensation provider (Hartford) from the payroll report to the amount recorded in the benefits fund liability account payable to the provider.
  - Results: We noted that the amounts withheld for deferred compensation on the payroll reports were equal to the amounts recorded in the benefit fund liability account.
- 2. We agreed the amount withheld for the four pay periods selected to the payments made to the provider.
  - Results: We noted that the amounts paid to the provider were equal to the amounts reported on the deferred compensation payroll reports.
- 3. Internal Revenue Code Section 457 requires investment of employee contributions within fifteen days following the close of the month that included the pay date. We reviewed the four payments selected to determine if they were made within the required timeline:

Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

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We were not engaged to, and did not perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the items referred to above. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of City Council and management of the City of Pasadena and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes.

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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, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 2008. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

### Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Audited 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 "U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement" applicable to 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 2008. We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our letter dated July 28, 2008.

#### Significant Audit Findings

We have separately reported to you in a letter dated December 12, 2008 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.

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#### 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 in Note 28 to the financial statements, in 2008 the City changed accounting policies related to other postemployment benefits by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. 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.

#### 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 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 corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### 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.

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#### Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 12, 2008.

#### 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.

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December 12, 2008