



VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ended September 30, 2016

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors
Venetian Community Development District

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the *Venetian Community Development District* (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The District's 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 audit. We conducted our audit 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 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 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 principles 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.

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the District as of September 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year 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 the management's discussion and analysis starting on page 3, 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 a report dated April 3 2017, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 the 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

McDiarmid Davis & Company, LLC

Orlando, Florida
April 3, 2017

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the *Venetian Community Development District's* (the "District") financial accomplishments provide an overview of the District's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2016. Please read it in conjunction with the District's Independent Auditor's Report, financial statements and accompanying notes.

This information is being presented to provide additional information regarding the activities of the District and to meet the disclosure requirements of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASB) No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* issued June 1999.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at September 30, 2016 by \$4,246,636, a decrease of \$53,989 in comparison with the prior year.
- At September 30, 2016, the District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$2,703,609, an increase of \$208,265 in comparison with the prior year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the *Venetian Community Development District's* financial statements. The District's financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal 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 related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements include all governmental activities that are principally supported by special assessment revenues. The District does not have any business-type activities. The governmental activities of the District include general government, public safety, maintenance and operations, roads and streets, and recreation related functions.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has one fund category: Governmental Funds.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the general fund, debt service fund, and special revenue fund, all of which are considered to be major funds.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Statement of Net Position - The District's net position was \$4,246,636 at September 30, 2016. The following analysis focuses on the net position of the District's governmental activities.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Government-Wide Financial Analysis (Continued):

Venetian Community Development District Statement of Net Position

	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
Assets, excluding capital assets	\$ 2,905,822	\$ 2,769,019
Capital assets net of depreciation	19,025,733	19,761,155
Total assets	21,931,555	22,530,174
Deferred outflows of resources	219,874	228,669
Liabilities, excluding long-term liabilities	588,312	669,878
Long-term liabilities	17,316,481	17,788,340
Total liabilities	17,904,793	18,458,218
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	2,885,268	3,157,626
Restricted for debt service	180,152	175,987
Unrestricted	1,181,216	967,012
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,246,636</u>	<u>\$ 4,300,625</u>

The following is a summary of the District's governmental activities for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

Changes in Net Position Year ended September 30,

	2016	2015
Revenues:		
Program revenues	\$ 5,089,668	\$ 5,117,159
General revenues	2,202	1,120
Total revenues	5,091,870	5,118,279
Expenses:		
General government	191,784	200,373
Public safety	315,643	304,259
Maintenance and operations	1,213,348	1,219,405
Roads and streets	28,578	38,465
Recreation	2,392,643	2,455,942
Interest on long-term debt	1,003,863	1,045,878
Total expenses	5,145,859	5,264,322
Change in net position	(53,989)	(146,043)
Net Position - beginning	4,300,625	4,446,668
Net Position - ending	<u>\$ 4,246,636</u>	<u>\$ 4,300,625</u>

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Government-Wide Financial Analysis (Continued):

As noted above and in the statement of activities, the cost of all governmental activities during the year ended September 30, 2016 was \$5,145,859. The majority of these costs are comprised of recreation expense resulting from the operation of the River Club and maintenance and operations expense.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. At September 30, 2016, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,703,609. Of this total, \$97,091 is nonspendable, \$1,848,729 is restricted and the remainder is an unassigned fund balance of \$757,789.

The fund balance in the general fund increased by \$118,082 due to special assessments exceeding expenditures. The special revenue fund increased \$96,122 due to additional revenues and the debt service fund did not change significantly from the prior year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

An operating budget was adopted and maintained by the governing board for the District pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in preparation of the fund financial statements. There were no amendments to the September 30, 2016 general fund budget. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets - At September 30, 2016, the District had \$19,025,733 invested in infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes to financial statements.

Capital Debt - At September 30, 2016, the District had \$17,316,481 in bonds outstanding. More detailed information about the District's capital debt is presented in the notes to financial statements.

Requests for Information

If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the *Venetian Community Development District's* Finance Department at 12750 Citrus Park Lane, Suite 115, Tampa, Florida 33625.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

September 30, 2016

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Cash	\$ 1,266,543
Other receivables	19,795
Inventories	39,627
Prepaid costs	37,192
Deposits	20,272
Restricted assets:	
Temporarily restricted investments	1,522,393
Capital assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated	6,452,957
Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>12,572,776</u>
Total assets	<u>21,931,555</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Deferred amount on refunding	<u>219,874</u>
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	160,686
Due to developer	27,167
Accrued interest payable	386,099
Deposits	14,360
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	510,000
Due in more than one year	<u>16,806,481</u>
Total liabilities	<u>17,904,793</u>
Net Position:	
Net investment in capital assets	2,885,268
Restricted for debt service	180,152
Unrestricted	<u>1,181,216</u>
Net position	<u><u>\$ 4,246,636</u></u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended September 30, 2016

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenue</u>		Net (Expense)
		<u>Charges for</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Revenue and</u>
		<u>Services</u>	<u>Grants and</u>	<u>Changes in Net</u>
			<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Position</u>
				<u>Governmental</u>
				<u>Activities</u>
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 191,784	\$ 73,075	\$ -	\$ (118,709)
Public safety	315,643	107,942	-	(207,701)
Maintenance and operations	1,213,348	414,933	-	(798,415)
Roads and streets	28,578	9,773	-	(18,805)
Recreation	2,392,643	3,012,853	-	620,210
Interest on long-term debt	1,003,863	1,470,984	108	467,229
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 5,145,859</u>	<u>\$ 5,089,560</u>	<u>\$ 108</u>	<u>(56,191)</u>
General Revenues:				
Investment income				2,202
Total general revenues				<u>2,202</u>
Change in net position				(53,989)
Net Position - beginning				<u>4,300,625</u>
Net Position - ending				<u>\$ 4,246,636</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

September 30, 2016

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:				
Cash	\$ 784,558	\$ 481,985	\$ -	\$ 1,266,543
Investments	-	-	1,522,393	1,522,393
Other receivables	-	19,795	-	19,795
Due from other funds	68,262	-	-	68,262
Inventories	-	39,627	-	39,627
Prepaid costs	37,192	-	-	37,192
Deposits	18,124	2,148	-	20,272
Total assets	<u>\$ 908,136</u>	<u>\$ 543,555</u>	<u>\$ 1,522,393</u>	<u>\$ 2,974,084</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances:				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 95,031	\$ 65,655	\$ -	\$ 160,686
Due to other funds	-	68,262	-	68,262
Due to developer	-	27,167	-	27,167
Deposits	-	14,360	-	14,360
Total liabilities	<u>95,031</u>	<u>175,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>270,475</u>
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable	55,316	41,775	-	97,091
Restricted for:				
Debt service	-	-	1,522,393	1,522,393
River Club	-	326,336	-	326,336
Unassigned	757,789	-	-	757,789
Total fund balances	<u>813,105</u>	<u>368,111</u>	<u>1,522,393</u>	<u>2,703,609</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 908,136</u>	<u>\$ 543,555</u>	<u>\$ 1,522,393</u>	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. 19,025,733

Deferred amount on refunding, which are expenditures in the funds, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. 219,874

Liabilities not due and payable from current available resources are not reported in governmental fund statements. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the government-wide statements.

Accrued interest payable	(386,099)	
Bonds payable	<u>(17,316,481)</u>	<u>(17,702,580)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities (page 7)		<u>\$ 4,246,636</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Year Ended September 30, 2016

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Special assessments	\$ 1,416,454	\$ 1,622,434	\$ 1,470,984	\$ 4,509,872
Charges for services	-	529,330	-	529,330
Investment income	1,699	503	108	2,310
Miscellaneous	7,490	42,868	-	50,358
Total revenues	<u>1,425,643</u>	<u>2,195,135</u>	<u>1,471,092</u>	<u>5,091,870</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	191,784	-	-	191,784
Public safety	315,643	-	-	315,643
Maintenance and operations	702,815	-	-	702,815
Roads and streets	28,578	-	-	28,578
Recreation	77,098	2,090,656	-	2,167,754
Debt Service:				
Interest	-	-	992,031	992,031
Principal	-	-	485,000	485,000
Total expenditures	<u>1,315,918</u>	<u>2,090,656</u>	<u>1,477,031</u>	<u>4,883,605</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>109,725</u>	<u>104,479</u>	<u>(5,939)</u>	<u>208,265</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers in	8,357	-	-	8,357
Transfers out	-	(8,357)	-	(8,357)
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>8,357</u>	<u>(8,357)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	118,082	96,122	(5,939)	208,265
Fund Balances - beginning of year	<u>695,023</u>	<u>271,989</u>	<u>1,528,332</u>	<u>2,495,344</u>
Fund Balances - end of year	<u><u>\$ 813,105</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 368,111</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,522,393</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,703,609</u></u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net Change in Fund Balances - total governmental funds (page 10)	\$	208,265
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Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures because such outlays use current financial resources; however, in the statement of net position the cost of those assets is recorded as capital assets. Depreciation of capital assets is not recognized in the governmental fund statements but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.

Capital outlay	8,035	
Depreciation expense	<u>(743,457)</u>	(735,422)

Repayments of long-term liabilities are reported as expenditures in governmental funds, while repayments reduce long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	485,000
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Change in accrued interest	10,104	
Amortization of deferred refunding amount	(8,795)	
Amortization of bond discount	<u>(13,141)</u>	<u>(11,832)</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (page 8)	<u>\$</u>	<u>(53,989)</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND

Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Special Assessments	\$ 1,375,540	\$ 1,375,540	\$ 1,416,454	\$ 40,914
Investment Income	-	-	1,699	1,699
Miscellaneous	10,000	10,000	7,490	(2,510)
Total revenues	1,385,540	1,385,540	1,425,643	40,103
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	188,025	188,025	191,784	(3,759)
Public safety	312,000	312,000	315,643	(3,643)
Maintenance and operations	804,146	804,146	702,815	101,331
Roads and streets	33,240	33,240	28,578	4,662
Culture and recreation	48,129	48,129	77,098	(28,969)
Total expenditures	1,385,540	1,385,540	1,315,918	69,622
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	-	-	109,725	109,725
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers in	-	-	8,357	8,357
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	8,357	8,357
Net change in fund balance	-	-	118,082	118,082
Fund Balance - beginning of year	695,023	695,023	695,023	-
Fund Balance - end of year	\$ 695,023	\$ 695,023	\$ 813,105	\$ 118,082

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Reporting Entity

The *Venetian Community Development District*, (the "District") was established August 27, 2002 by the City of Venice, Florida Ordinance 2002-32 pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, otherwise known as Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The Act provides, among other things, the power to manage basic services for community development, the power to borrow money and issue bonds, and the power to levy and assess non-ad valorem assessments for the financing and delivery of capital infrastructure. The District was established for the purpose of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of a portion of the infrastructure necessary for community development within the District.

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors (the "Board"), which is composed of five members. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercises all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. No Board members are associated with WCI Communities, LLC, (the "Developer") at September 30, 2016. The District is economically dependent on the Developer.

The Board has the final responsibility for, among other things:

1. Allocating and levying assessments.
2. Approving budgets.
3. Exercising control over facilities and properties.
4. Controlling the use of funds generated by the District.
5. Approving the hiring and firing of key personnel.
6. Financing improvements.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statements 14, 39 and 61. Under the provisions of those standards, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the District Board of Supervisors is considered to be financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that, if excluded, the financial statements of the District would be considered incomplete or misleading. There are no entities considered to be component units of the District; therefore, the financial statements include only the operations of the District.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants, contributions and investment income that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment and 3) operating-type special assessments that are treated as charges for services (including assessments for maintenance and debt service). Other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Assessments are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the modified *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Assessments, including debt service assessments and operation and maintenance assessments, are non-ad valorem assessments imposed on assessable lands located within the District benefited by the District's activities. Debt service assessments were imposed pursuant to the District's assessment resolution at the time of issuance of the Bonds. Operation and maintenance assessments are levied by the District annually prior to the start of the fiscal year which begins October 1st and ends on September 30th. Operation and maintenance special assessments are imposed upon all benefited lands located in the District. Debt service special assessments were imposed upon certain lots and lands as described in each resolution imposing the special assessment for each series of bonds issued by the District and are collected in accordance with the District's annual assessment resolution. Certain debt service assessments are collected upon the closing of those lots subject to short term debt and are used to prepay a portion of the bonds outstanding.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued):

Assessments and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following governmental funds. The general fund, debt service fund and special revenue fund are considered to be major funds.

General Fund - is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund - accounts for the operation of the River Club.

Debt Service Fund - accounts for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on long-term debt.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

Restricted Assets - These assets represent cash and investments set aside pursuant to bond covenants.

Deposits and Investments - The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits.

Investments of the District are reported at fair value and are categorized within the fair value hierarchy established in accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. The District's investments consist of investments authorized in accordance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

Inventories and Prepaid Items - Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Receivables - All receivables are shown net of allowance for uncollectible amounts.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued):

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Property, plant and equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Roadway and Road Improvements	15-30
Stormwater Management	25
Landscaping and Improvements	10-20
Buildings	10-30
Machinery	5
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	3

Long Term Obligations - In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of premiums or discounts. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as expenses.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as expenditures.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued):

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has one item, deferred amount on refunding, that qualifies for reporting in this category for the year ended September 30, 2016.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District does not have any item that qualifies for reporting in this category for the year ended September 30, 2016.

Net Position Flow Assumption - Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

Fund Balance Flow Assumptions - Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Fund Balance Policies - Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The District itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The committed fund balance classification includes fund balance amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. The Board of Supervisors is the highest level of decision-making authority for the government that can, by adoption of an ordinance or resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance or resolution remains in place until a similar action is taken to remove or revise the limitation.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued):

Fund Balance Policies (Continued) - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Board of Supervisors has authorized the District Manager to assign amounts for specific purposes. The Board of Supervisors may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability:

Budgetary Information

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved annual budget for the General Fund. Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year end. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations, at the fund level, must be approved by the Board of Supervisors, subject to the District's annual appropriations resolution.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

1. Each year the District Manager submits to the District Board a proposed operating and debt service budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1.
2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain comments.
3. Prior to October 1, the budget is legally adopted by the District Board.
4. All budget changes must be approved by the District Board, subject to the District's annual appropriations resolution.
5. The budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
6. The appropriation resolution authorizes District staff to initiate budget reclassifications.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Note 3 - Deposits and Investments:

Deposits

The District's cash balances were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by a collateral pool pledged to the State Treasurer. Florida Statutes Chapter 280, "Florida Security for Public Deposits Act", requires all qualified depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral equal to various percentages of the average daily balance for each month of all public deposits in excess of any applicable deposit insurance held. The percentage of eligible collateral (generally, U.S. Governmental and agency securities, state or local government debt, or corporate bonds) to public deposits is dependent upon the depository's financial history and its compliance with Chapter 280. In the event of a failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses.

Investments

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. The District uses a market approach in measuring fair value that uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or similar assets, liabilities, or groups of assets and liabilities.

Assets or liabilities are classified into one of three levels. Level 1 is the most reliable and is based on quoted price for identical assets, or liabilities, in an active market. Level 2 uses significant other observable inputs when obtaining quoted prices for identical or similar assets, or liabilities, in markets that are not active. Level 3 is the least reliable, and uses significant unobservable inputs that uses the best information available under the circumstances, which includes the District's own data in measuring unobservable inputs.

The District has the following recurring fair value measurements as of September 30, 2016:

- Money market mutual funds of \$1,522,393 are valued using Level 2 inputs.

Instead of establishing a written investment policy, the District elected to limit investments to those approved by Florida Statutes and the District Trust Indenture. Authorized District investments include:

1. The Local Government Surplus Trust Fund (SBA);
2. Securities and Exchange Commission Registered Money Market Funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency;
3. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories;
4. Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Note 3 - Deposits and Investments (Continued):

Investments made by the District at September 30, 2016 are summarized below. In accordance with GASB 31, investments are reported at fair value.

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturity</u>
First American Government Obligations Fund Y	\$ 1,522,393	AAAm	37 days

Note 4 - Interfund Balances and Transfers:

The special revenue fund owes the general fund \$68,262 for special revenue fund expenditures paid by the general fund. During the year, the special revenue fund transferred \$8,357 to the general fund.

Note 5 - Capital Assets:

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2016 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 5,693,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,693,550
Land River Club	759,407	-	-	759,407
Total capital assets not being depreciated	6,452,957	-	-	6,452,957
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings	4,370,605	-	-	4,370,605
Roads and Stormwater Improvements	12,956,577	-	-	12,956,577
Improvements Other than Buildings	68,262	-	-	68,262
Furniture, Fixtures, Equip & Machinery	312,522	8,035	-	320,557
Total capital assets being depreciated	17,707,966	8,035	-	17,716,001
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings	(486,082)	(145,687)	-	(631,769)
Roads and Stormwater Improvements	(3,650,229)	(559,767)	-	(4,209,996)
Improvements Other than Buildings	(2,730)	(2,730)	-	(5,460)
Furniture, Fixtures, Equip & Machinery	(260,727)	(35,273)	-	(296,000)
Total accumulated depreciation	(4,399,768)	(743,457)	-	(5,143,225)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	13,308,198	(735,422)	-	12,572,776
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 19,761,155</u>	<u>\$ (735,422)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,025,733</u>

Depreciation expense for 2016 was charged as follows: \$510,533 to maintenance and operations; and \$232,924 to recreation. The infrastructure construction of the District has been completed.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Note 6 - Long-Term Liabilities:

Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2012

On May 29, 2012, the District issued \$19,450,000 of Capital Improvement Revenue and Refunding Bonds Series 2012 consisting of \$6,355,000 Tax Exempt Term Bonds Series 2012A-1 due on May 1, 2042 with fixed interest rates of 5%, 5.5% and 6.125%; \$185,000 Taxable Serial Bonds Series 2012A-1 due on May 1, 2014 with fixed interest rates of 4.5% and 5%; and \$12,910,000 Tax Exempt Term Bonds Series 2012A-2 due on May 1, 2034 with a fixed interest rate of 5%. The Series 2012A-1 Bonds were issued to finance the "2012 Project", which included the acquisition of the Venetian River Club Facility along with repairs made to the Facility. The Series 2012A-2 Bonds were issued to advance refund the Series 2002 Bonds. Interest is payable semiannually on each May 1 and November 1, commencing November 1, 2012. Principal on the 2012A-1 Tax Exempt Bonds is due serially commencing May 1, 2015 through May 1, 2042. Principal on the 2012A-1 Taxable Bonds is due in two annual payments on May 1, 2013 and May 1, 2014. Principal on the 2012A-2 Bonds is due annually commencing May 1, 2013 through May 1, 2034.

The Taxable Bonds are not subject to optional redemption. The Tax-Exempt Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity in whole or in part any time on or after May 1, 2022. The Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to their selected maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occur as outlined in the Bond Indenture.

The Bond Indenture requires that the District maintain adequate funds in a reserve account to meet the debt service reserve requirement as defined in the Indenture. The requirement has been met at September 30, 2016.

The Bond Indenture has certain restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agreed to 1) collect special assessments in annual installments adequate to provide payment of debt service and 2) to meet the reserve requirements. Payment of the principal and interest on the Series 2012 Bonds is secured by a pledge of and first lien upon the pledged special assessment revenue. The District is in compliance with the Bond Indenture.

Total principal and interest remaining on the Series 2012 Bonds as of September 30, 2016 is \$30,451,328. For the year ended September 30, 2016, principal and interest paid was \$1,477,031. In the current year, \$1,470,984 of special assessment revenue was pledged.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Note 6 - Long-Term Liabilities (Continued):

Long-term debt activity for the year ended September 30, 2016 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Bonds Payable:					
Series 2012 A-1	\$ 6,250,000	\$ -	\$ (105,000)	\$ 6,145,000	\$ 110,000
Series 2012 A-2	11,880,000	-	(380,000)	11,500,000	400,000
Less:					
Issuance discount	(341,660)	-	13,141	(328,519)	-
Governmental activity long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 17,788,340</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (471,859)</u>	<u>\$ 17,316,481</u>	<u>\$ 510,000</u>

At September 30, 2016, the scheduled debt service requirements on the bonds payable were as follows.

Year Ending September 30,	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 510,000	\$ 968,088
2018	535,000	942,588
2019	565,000	915,838
2020	590,000	887,588
2021	620,000	858,088
2022-2026	3,645,000	3,778,113
2027-2031	4,770,000	2,671,538
2032-2036	4,105,000	1,264,475
2037-2041	1,865,000	492,756
2042	440,000	27,256
	<u>\$ 17,645,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,806,328</u>

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2016

Note 7 - Developer and River Club Transactions:

WCI Communities, LLC (the Developer”) has paid \$514,578 of special assessments in the current year, amounting to 11% of total special assessment revenue.

In fiscal year 2012, the District acquired the clubhouse facility known as the Venetian River Club (“River Club”) from the Developer for approximately \$5.6 million. The River Club consists of land, buildings, furniture, fixtures and equipment, tennis courts, fencing and landscaping, pools, inventory and parking lots. The District assesses property owners for the cost of operating the River Club.

As of October 1, 2015, the Developer is no longer managing the River Club and the agreement with the new management company does not include a deficit funding provision.

Note 8 - Risk Management:

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance from independent third parties. The District filed two claims of approximately \$10,600 under this commercial coverage during the last three years.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

**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 Supervisors
Venetian Community Development District

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 governmental activities, and each major fund of the *Venetian Community Development District* (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 3 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 entity'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 over financial reporting 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 financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts, 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 results 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.

McDiarmid Davis & Company, LLC

Orlando, Florida
April 3, 2017

MANAGEMENT COMMENTS

Board of Supervisors
Venetian Community Development District

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the *Venetian Community Development District*, (the "District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated April 3 2017.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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 Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reports

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, Section 601, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated April 3 2017, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to financial statements. This information has been disclosed in the notes to financial statements

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Financial Condition

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we apply appropriate procedures and report the results of our determination as to whether or not the District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the District financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Annual Financial Report

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we apply appropriate procedures and report the results of our determination as to whether the annual financial report for the District for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. In connection with our audit, we determined that these two reports were in agreement.

Other Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

McDiarmid Davis & Company, LLC

Orlando, Florida
April 3, 2017

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

Board of Supervisors
Venetian Community Development District

We have examined Venetian Community Development District's (the District) compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, during the year ended September 30, 2016. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2016.

McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC

Orlando, Florida
April 3, 2017

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