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City of Lynden

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As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the U.S. Department of Treasury provided Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Assistance Listing Number 21.027) to the State and all cities and counties in Washington to provide aid for various purposes in response to the public health emergency.

These funds are federal assistance, subject to audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. In order to provide for more timely and focused audits, the Office of Management and Budget, in the 2023 Compliance Supplement, authorized entities meeting specific criteria to receive a compliance examination engagement in lieu of a regular federal grant audit. Accordingly, the City has elected to demonstrate accountability for these funds through a compliance examination.

Please find attached our report on the City's compliance with federal requirements.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor
Olympia, WA

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

City of Lynden January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Mayor and City Council
City of Lynden
Lynden, Washington

We have examined the City of Lynden's compliance with the compliance requirements "activities allowed or unallowed" and "allowable cost/cost principles" (the specified requirements) as described in Part IV "Requirements for an Alternative Compliance Examination Engagement for Recipients that would Otherwise be Required to Undergo a Single Audit or Program-Specific Audit as a Result of Receiving Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds" of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) section of the 2023 OMB *Compliance Supplement* (referred to herein as "Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement") during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Management of the City is responsible for the City's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in the "Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement." Those standards and requirements require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the City complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above.

An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the City complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our engagement.

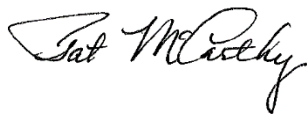
Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the City's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the City of Lynden complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control; and fraud or noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements that have a material effect on compliance with the specified requirements. We are also required to obtain and report the views of management concerning the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as any planned corrective actions. We performed our examination to express an opinion on compliance with the specified requirements and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions.

Our examination disclosed no issues that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pat McCarthy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

May 2, 2025

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