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Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

April 29, 2020

To the Board of Directors of Vermont Humanities Council Montpelier, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of Vermont Humanities Council, (the "Council"), for the year ended December 31, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated April 29, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 13, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

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#### Significant Audit Findings

#### Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Council are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2019. We noted no transactions entered into by the Council during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

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. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was management's allocations of costs between program services, general and administration services and development services. This estimate is based on the client's historical experience and the hours worked by each employee. Management also estimates the useful lives of depreciable assets which is based on historical information and best practice. Additionally, management estimates the fair value of the investments using quoted market prices in an active market. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risk, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates and noted they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.



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#### Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The attached schedule summarizes the corrected misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures.

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#### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is 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 April 29, 2020.

#### 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 Council'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 Council'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 Board of Directors of Vermont Humanities Council and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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# Client: Vermont Humanities Council Engagement: AUD - Vermont Humanities Council Trial Balance: 3000.05 - TB Workpaper: 1400.10 - Copy of Adjusting Journal Entries Report

Account	Description	W/P Ref	Debit	Credit
<b>Adjusting Journa</b> To restore beginn	I Entries JE # 1 ing retained earnings.			
4720 5970 3260 3710 Total Adjusting Journa	4700 -+ Temporarily Restricted:4720 -+ Released from Restrictions 4700 -+ Temporarily Restricted:5970 -+ Investment Draws - Board Auth 3200 -+ NA without Donor Restrictions:3260 -+ Board Desig. for LT Investment 3700 -+ Net Assets with Donor Restricti:3710 -+ Net Assets-Temp Restricted		60,189.00 55,548.00 115,737.00	37,880.00 77,857.00 <b>115,737.00</b>
To properly record 2425 4710 Total Adjusting Journa	led money received in 2019 for 2020 projects. 2425 -+ Defered Revenue 4700 -+ Temporarily Restricted:4710 -+ New Temporarily Restricted Inc. Il Entries JE # 4		18,000.00 18,000.00	18,000.00 18,000.00
To record present 9600 1243 Total Adjusting Journa	value discount on pledges receivable.  PV Expense PV Discount I Entries JE # 5		1,632.00	1,632.00 <b>1,632.00</b>
	chase of three new computers as PPE. 1610 -+ Furniture & Equipment 7800 -+ GENERAL & ADMIN:7580 -+ Information Technology:7582 -+ Computer Equipment & Maint.		3,906.00 3,906.00	3,906.00 <b>3,906.00</b>
To record depreci 7400 1620 1820 Total			37,377.00 <u>37,377.00</u>	4,063.00 33,314.00 <b>37,377.00</b>
Adjusting Journa Per client: expens	II Entries JE # 7 es that should be recorded in 2019.			
7161 2250 Total	7100 -+ PAYROLL:7160 -+ Other PR Expenses:7161 -+ Payroll Service Fees 2250 -+ Accounts Payable-Vendors		2,841.00	2,841.00 <b>2,841.00</b>