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HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MEASURE T GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

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**FINANCIAL AUDIT**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

**HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MEASURE T GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Measure T Citizens' Oversight Committee  
And Governing Board Members  
Hartnell Community College District  
Salinas, California

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Hartnell Community College District's (the "District") Measure T General Obligation Bonds and the related notes to the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Measure T General Obligation Bonds of Hartnell Community College District, as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinions***

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Hartnell Community College District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for one year beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## ***Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements. In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Emphasis of Matter***

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the District's Measure T General Obligation Bonds and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 20, 2023 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and other matters for the Measure T General Obligation Bonds. 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance for the Bond Funds. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Hartnell Community College District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance for the Bond Funds.

*CWDL, Certified Public Accountants*

San Diego, California  
December 20, 2023

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## **FINANCIAL SECTION**

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**HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
 MEASURE T GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
 BALANCE SHEET  
 JUNE 30, 2023**

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<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash in county treasury	\$ 52,496,903
Accounts receivable	<u>219,065</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>52,715,968</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	132,258
Due to other funds	<u>2,961</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>135,219</u>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
Restricted for capital projects	<u>52,580,749</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 52,715,968</u>

**HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
 MEASURE T GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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<b>REVENUES</b>	
Investment Income	\$ 1,022,754
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,022,754</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Classified salaries	284,289
Employee benefits	189,278
Supplies and materials	638
Contract services and other operating expenditures	7,233
Capital outlay	6,857,250
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>7,338,688</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<u>(6,315,934)</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<u>(6,315,934)</u>
<b>Fund Balance, July 1, 2022</b>	<u>58,896,683</u>
<b>Fund Balance, June 30, 2023</b>	<u>\$ 52,580,749</u>



**HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MEASURE T GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Hartnell Community College District (the "District") accounts for the Measure T portion of its Bond Capital Projects Fund's ("Bond Fund") financial transactions in accordance with policies and procedures of the State Chancellor's Office's California Community Colleges Budget and Accounting Manual. The accounting policies of the Bond Fund conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

Financial Reporting Entity: The financial statements include only the Measure T portion of Bond Fund Resources of the District. The fund was established to account for the expenditures of general obligation bonds issued under the General Obligation Bonds (Election of 2016, Series A). The authorized issuance amount of the bonds is \$167,000,000. Series A of the bonds were sold in August 2017, for \$70,000,000. Series B of the bonds were sold in July 2020, for \$70,000,000. These financial statements are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the District in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis of Accounting: Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The financial statements represent the Measure T portion of the Bond Fund of the District and are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: For the purpose of the financial statements, cash equivalents are defined as financial instruments with an original maturity of three months or less. Funds invested in the Monterey County Treasury are considered cash equivalents.

Cash in County Treasury: In accordance with Education Code Section 41001, the District maintains substantially all of its cash in the interest-bearing Monterey County Treasurer's Pooled Investment Fund. The District is considered to be an involuntary participant in an external investment pool. The fair value of the District's investment in the pool is reported in the financial statements at amounts based upon the District's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The cash held in the County Treasury are classified within level 2 of the fair value hierarchy because they are valued using broker or dealer quotations, or alternative pricing sources with reasonable level of price transparency. The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized cost basis.

**HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MEASURE T GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued**

Interest Rate Risk: The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits cash and investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. At June 30, 2023, the District had no significant interest rate risk related to cash and investments held.

Credit Risk: The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits its investment choices other than the limitations of State law.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The District does not place limits on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. At June 30, 2023, the District had no concentration of credit risk.

Restricted Fund Balance: Restricted fund balance includes resources which are legally or contractually restricted by external third parties. Fund balance is restricted for capital projects of the Bond Fund in accordance with the Bond Project List for Measure T General Obligation Bonds.

Accounting Estimates: The presentation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions 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.

Encumbrances: Encumbrance accounting is used in all budgeted funds to reserve portions of applicable appropriations for which commitments have been made. Encumbrances are recorded for purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments when they are written. Encumbrances are liquidated when the commitments are paid.

**NOTE 2 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2023 consisted of \$219,065, due from the County for interest income. At June 30, 2023, no allowance for doubtful accounts was deemed necessary.

**HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MEASURE T GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
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JUNE 30, 2023**

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**NOTE 3 – FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Codification Sections 1300 and 1800, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions (GASB Cod. Sec. 1300 and 1800) implements a five-tier fund balance classification hierarchy that depicts the extent to which a government is bound by spending constraints imposed on the use of its resources. The five classifications are nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned. The fund balance of the Measure T General Obligation Bonds is restricted, as described below.

The restricted fund balance classification reflects amounts subject to externally imposed and legally enforceable constraints. Such constraints may be imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or may be imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**NOTE 4 – PURPOSE OF BOND ISSUANCE**

Bond Authorization: The Hartnell Community College District, Monterey County, California Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Measure T were authorized at an election of the registered voters of the Hartnell Community College District held on November 8, 2016 at which more than fifty-five percent of the persons voting on the proposition voted to authorize the issuance and sale of \$167,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of the District. The Bonds are being issued to finance the acquisition, construction and modernization of certain District property and facilities. The Bonds are general obligations of the District, payable solely from ad valorem property taxes. A summary of the text of the ballot language was as follows:

Purpose of Bonds:

The proceeds of the Bond may be used:

"To repair/upgrade classrooms, expand local access to higher education/training for high-wage jobs, including nursing, agriculture, science, technology/ engineering, by upgrading aging classrooms technology, science labs, repairing outdated, deteriorating mechanical/electrical systems, improving veterans' services, safety, security/ disabled access, removing asbestos, acquiring, constructing repairing sites/facilities/equipment, shall Hartnell Community College District issue \$167,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, requiring citizen oversight, independent audits, all funds used locally?"

**HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MEASURE T GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

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**NOTE 4 – PURPOSE OF BOND ISSUANCE, continued**

The District's Board of Trustees developed the following Bond Project List for the Measure T Bonds:

- Construct or upgrade classrooms for job training in nursing and other health sciences, agriculture science/technology, teaching and computer/information technology.
- Repair and upgrade classrooms, labs and job training centers for 2151 Century jobs.
- Provide adequate libraries, classrooms and labs at District instructional locations for career training and transfer to universities.
- Upgrade computer labs and classroom instructional technology.
- Provide space for universities to offer four-year bachelor's degrees.
- Update campus facilities to provide access for students with disabilities.
- Increase energy efficiency by replacing aging heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems with energy-efficient models and install energy saving dual pane windows to reduce operating expenses.
- Upgrade and replace existing information technology infrastructure and network systems to improve efficiency and increase capacity.
- Upgrade and construct academic buildings to expand classrooms for job training and career technical education and provide literacy and English language learning centers.
- Construct science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) labs at District instructional locations.
- Repair or replace leaking roofs.
- Renovate, repair or replace deteriorating and outdated laboratories, classrooms, training centers and support facilities.
- Remove hazardous asbestos, lead paint and other hazardous materials.
- Update classrooms and educational facilities to meet current fire and safety codes.
- Update campus facilities to provide access for disabled students.
- Improve student, staff and faculty safety by upgrading emergency management systems, including video surveillance, emergency communication systems, and security systems.
- Upgrade electrical, mechanical, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.

**NOTE 5 – GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUANCES**

The bonds are general obligations of the District. The Board of Supervisors of Monterey County are obligated to levy ad valorem taxes for the payment, without limitation as to amount, upon all property within the county subject to taxation by the District for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. The bonds are included in the audited financial statements of the District.

On August 2017, the District issued the 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series A in the amount of \$70,000,000. The bonds mature beginning August 1, 2018 through August 1, 2047, with interest yields ranging from 0.70 to 3.45 percent.

On July 2020, the District issued the 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series B in the amount of \$70,000,000. The bonds mature beginning August 1, 2021 through August 1, 2049, with interest yields ranging from 0.10 to 2.51 percent.

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**OTHER INDEPENDENT  
AUDITORS' REPORT**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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**

Measure T Citizens' Oversight Committee  
And Governing Board Members  
Hartnell Community College District  
Salinas, California

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 Measure T General Obligation Bonds, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Measure T General Obligation Bonds' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2023.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Measure T General Obligation Bonds' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Measure T General Obligation Bonds' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Measure T General Obligation Bonds' 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 was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Measure T General Obligation Bonds' financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, 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.



San Diego, California  
December 20, 2023

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## **FINDINGS AND RESPONSES SECTION**

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**HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MEASURE T GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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This section identifies the deficiencies, significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

**There were no audit findings noted during the 2022-23 year.**

**HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MEASURE T GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**There were no audit findings noted during the 2021-22 year.**