

BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
(A Component Unit of the  
City of Battle Creek, Michigan)

Year Ended  
June 30, 2024

Financial  
Statements and  
Other Information

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# BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

December 23, 2024

To the Board of Directors of the  
Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority  
City of Battle Creek, Michigan

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the **Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority, a component unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan** (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of the Authority, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the general fund 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 (GAAS) 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 Independent Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Authority 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 the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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 Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Independent Auditors' Responsibilities 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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 Authority'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 Authority'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.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the financial statements. The other information comprises the continuing bond disclosures but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 23, 2024, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the Authority's 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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority") was established March 6, 1979 pursuant to Public Act 197 of 1975. The Authority is a component unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan and presents this management discussion and analysis of its financial performance as an overview of financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

#### Using this Annual Report

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to some of the Authority's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include the following (among others):

- The statement of net position presents information on all of the Authority's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows 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 Authority is improving or deteriorating.
- The statement of activities presents information showing how the Authority's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year.
- The balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – governmental funds focuses 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 government's near-term financing requirements.
- The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – budget and actual – general fund presents information showing the comparison of the Authority's actual revenues and expenditures to what was budgeted.
- The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

#### Financial Analysis

The net position of the Authority is summarized for the purpose of determining the overall fiscal position. As shown below, the Authority's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded its assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$18,185,458 at the end of the fiscal year, of which \$1,241,039 was restricted for loan commitments and lending activities. That leaves a deficit balance of \$19,426,497 in unrestricted net position.

## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Management's Discussion and Analysis

A comparative analysis of the data is presented below:

	Net Position					
	Governmental activities		Business-type activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>						
Current and other assets	\$ 2,457,592	\$ 1,968,575	\$ 1,241,039	\$ 1,235,668	\$ 3,698,631	\$ 3,204,243
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	724,857	847,066	-	-	724,857	847,066
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Long-term liabilities	22,379,484	24,188,968	-	-	22,379,484	24,188,968
Other liabilities	165,620	170,399	-	-	165,620	170,399
<b>Total liabilities</b>	22,545,104	24,359,367	-	-	22,545,104	24,359,367
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	63,842	93,989	-	-	63,842	93,989
<b>Net position</b>						
Restricted for loan commitments and lending activity	-	-	1,241,039	1,235,668	1,241,039	1,235,668
Unrestricted (deficit)	(19,426,497)	(21,637,715)	-	-	(19,426,497)	(21,637,715)
<b>Total net position</b>	\$ (19,426,497)	\$ (21,637,715)	\$ 1,241,039	\$ 1,235,668	\$ (18,185,458)	\$ (20,402,047)

There was positive change in net position in the amount of \$2,216,589 in the current year and positive change in the amount of \$1,919,680 in the prior year. The positive change is higher in the current year due to an increase in investment earnings as well as a reduction in the Authority's outstanding debt. The Authority continued to fund central business district maintenance, a downtown police officer, support for the intermodal transportation center in the downtown, as well as economic development support for downtown businesses.

## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Management's Discussion and Analysis

	Change in Net Position					
	Governmental activities		Business-type activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Revenues</b>						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,300	\$ 20,778	\$ 33,212	\$ 61,778	\$ 74,512
Operating grants and contributions	2,960,995	2,859,263	-	-	2,960,995	2,859,263
General revenues:						
Property taxes	1,716,028	1,609,239	-	-	1,716,028	1,609,239
Unrestricted investment earnings	321,470	122,198	17,102	4,427	338,572	126,625
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>5,039,493</b>	<b>4,632,000</b>	<b>37,880</b>	<b>37,639</b>	<b>5,077,373</b>	<b>4,669,639</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>2,828,275</b>	<b>2,715,747</b>	<b>32,509</b>	<b>34,212</b>	<b>2,860,784</b>	<b>2,749,959</b>
Change in net position	2,211,218	1,916,253	5,371	3,427	2,216,589	1,919,680
<b>Net position, beginning of year</b>	<b>(21,637,715)</b>	<b>(23,553,968)</b>	<b>1,235,668</b>	<b>1,232,241</b>	<b>(20,402,047)</b>	<b>(22,321,727)</b>
<b>Net position, end of year</b>	<b>\$ (19,426,497)</b>	<b>\$ (21,637,715)</b>	<b>\$ 1,241,039</b>	<b>\$ 1,235,668</b>	<b>\$ (18,185,458)</b>	<b>\$ (20,402,047)</b>

**Governmental funds.** As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Authority's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,368,032 an increase of \$511,823 from the prior year. The majority of the change is the result of a continued high interest rate environment leading to higher investment returns as well as an unexpected court settlement from litigation that was resolved during the year.

**Proprietary fund.** The Authority's proprietary fund provides the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

The net position of the revolving loan enterprise fund at the end of the year amounted to \$1,241,039 all of which is restricted for loan commitments and lending activity. The fund had an increase in total net position for the year of \$5,371.

#### General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The general fund original adopted and final amended budgets reflected revenues in excess of expenditures and transfers out of \$18,004. Actual revenues were in excess of the budget (primarily related to property taxes and state revenue) combined with expenditures less than budget results in the increase of fund balance for the fiscal year of \$511,823.

#### Long-term Debt

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Authority had total debt outstanding of \$22,260,000, along with \$119,484 of unamortized bond issuance premiums.

The pipeline bonds debt service fund accounts for the repayment of the outstanding debt. Principal payments were \$1,690,000 during the current year.

## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Management's Discussion and Analysis

#### Economic Factors

The Authority's expenses are governed by the laws of the State of Michigan and bond indenture covenants. These laws and covenants determine how bond proceeds are spent and how and when debt retirement payments are made. During 2024, community development expenses were \$1,924,539, which included support for the Kellogg Arena, downtown economic development costs, and administrative expenses.

#### Contacting the Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority's finances and to show accountability for the money it receives and expends. The financial statements are available on the City's website: [www.battlecreekmi.gov](http://www.battlecreekmi.gov). Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the City Revenue Services Director, P.O. Box 1717, Battle Creek, MI 49016-1717.

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## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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# BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Pooled cash and investments	\$ 2,351,432	\$ -	\$ 2,351,432
Cash and cash equivalents	-	21,255	21,255
Investments	-	424,813	424,813
Interest receivable	33,118	1,732	34,850
Accounts receivable	9,200	60,000	69,200
Due from other governments	-	270,346	270,346
Lease receivable:			
Due within one year	31,315	-	31,315
Due in more than one year	32,527	-	32,527
Loans receivable:			
Due within one year	-	89,450	89,450
Due in more than one year	-	373,443	373,443
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2,457,592</b>	<b>1,241,039</b>	<b>3,698,631</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
Deferred charge on refunding	724,857	-	724,857
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	22,051	-	22,051
Accrued interest payable	139,902	-	139,902
Unearned revenue	3,667	-	3,667
Bonds and other long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	1,879,484	-	1,879,484
Due in more than one year	20,500,000	-	20,500,000
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>22,545,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,545,104</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Deferred lease amounts	63,842	-	63,842
<b>Net position</b>			
Restricted for loan commitments and lending activity	-	1,241,039	1,241,039
Unrestricted (deficit)	(19,426,497)	-	(19,426,497)
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ (19,426,497)</b>	<b>\$ 1,241,039</b>	<b>\$ (18,185,458)</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
<b>Governmental activities</b>				
Community development	\$ 1,924,539	\$ 41,000	\$ 2,960,995	\$ 1,077,456
Interest on long-term liabilities	903,736	-	-	(903,736)
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	2,828,275	41,000	2,960,995	173,720
<b>Business-type activities</b>				
Revolving loans	32,509	20,778	-	(11,731)
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 2,860,784</u>	<u>\$ 61,778</u>	<u>\$ 2,960,995</u>	<u>\$ 161,989</u>

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## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>Changes in net position</b>			
Net (expense) revenues	\$ 173,720	\$ (11,731)	\$ 161,989
General revenues:			
Property taxes	1,716,028	-	1,716,028
Unrestricted investment earnings	321,470	17,102	338,572
Total general revenues	2,037,498	17,102	2,054,600
<b>Change in net position</b>	2,211,218	5,371	2,216,589
Net position, beginning of year	(21,637,715)	1,235,668	(20,402,047)
<b>Net position, end of year</b>	<u>\$ (19,426,497)</u>	<u>\$ 1,241,039</u>	<u>\$ (18,185,458)</u>

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

June 30, 2024

	General	Pipeline Bonds Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Pooled cash and investments	\$ 2,351,432	\$ -	\$ 2,351,432
Interest receivable	33,118	-	33,118
Accounts receivable	9,200	-	9,200
Lease receivable:			
Due within one year	31,315	-	31,315
Due in more than one year	32,527	-	32,527
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 2,457,592</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,457,592</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 22,051	\$ -	\$ 22,051
Unearned revenue	3,667	-	3,667
<b>Total liabilities</b>	25,718	-	25,718
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Deferred lease amounts	63,842	-	63,842
<b>Fund balances</b>			
Unassigned	<u>2,368,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,368,032</u>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances</b>	<u>\$ 2,457,592</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,457,592</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Reconciliation

Fund Balances for Governmental Funds  
to Net Position of Governmental Activities  
June 30, 2024

<b>Fund balances - total governmental funds</b>	<b>\$ 2,368,032</b>
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Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net position  
are different because:

Deferred charges on refunding are not reported in the governmental funds, whereas they are capitalized and amortized for statement of net position.	724,857
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Certain liabilities, such as bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Bonds payable	(22,260,000)
Accrued interest on bonds payable	(139,902)
Unamortized bond premium	(119,484)
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<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>	<b><u><u>\$ (19,426,497)</u></u></b>
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## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General	Pipeline Bonds Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 1,716,028	\$ -	\$ 1,716,028
Intergovernmental - state	2,960,995	-	2,960,995
Unrestricted investment earnings	321,470	-	321,470
Rents and leases	41,000	-	41,000
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>5,039,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,039,493</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Community development	1,924,539	-	1,924,539
Debt service:			
Principal	-	1,690,000	1,690,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	913,131	913,131
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>1,924,539</u>	<u>2,603,131</u>	<u>4,527,670</u>
Revenue over (under) expenditures	<u>3,114,954</u>	<u>(2,603,131)</u>	<u>511,823</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>			
Transfers in	-	2,603,131	2,603,131
Transfers out	(2,603,131)	-	(2,603,131)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<u>(2,603,131)</u>	<u>2,603,131</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	511,823	-	511,823
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>1,856,209</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,856,209</u>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 2,368,032</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,368,032</u>

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# BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Reconciliation

Net Change in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
to Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

<b>Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>511,823</b>
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Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of activities  
are different because:

Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds in the period  
issued, but issuing bonds increases long-term debt in the statement of net position.  
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the  
repayment reduces long-term debt in the statement of net position.

Principal payments on bonds	1,690,000
Amortization of deferred charge on refunding	(122,209)
Amortization of bond issuance premium	119,484

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 the funds.

Change in accrued interest on bonds payable	<u>12,120</u>
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<b>Change in net position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u><u>2,211,218</u></u></b>
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## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Budget and Actual - General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 1,644,503	\$ 1,644,503	\$ 1,716,028	\$ 71,525
Intergovernmental - state	2,848,622	2,848,622	2,960,995	112,373
Unrestricted investment earnings	67,075	67,075	321,470	254,395
Rents and leases	41,300	41,300	41,000	(300)
<b>Total revenues</b>	4,601,500	4,601,500	5,039,493	437,993
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Community development	2,090,365	2,090,365	1,924,539	(165,826)
Revenues over expenditures	2,511,135	2,511,135	3,114,954	603,819
<b>Other financing uses</b>				
Transfers out	(2,603,131)	(2,603,131)	(2,603,131)	-
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	(91,996)	(91,996)	511,823	603,819
Fund balance, beginning of year	1,856,209	1,856,209	1,856,209	-
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 1,764,213</u>	<u>\$ 1,764,213</u>	<u>\$ 2,368,032</u>	<u>\$ 603,819</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Statement of Net Position

Revolving Loan Enterprise Fund

June 30, 2024

#### Assets

##### Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,255
Investments	424,813
Interest receivable	1,732
Accounts receivable	60,000
Due from other governments	270,346
Current portion of loans receivable	89,450
Total current assets	<u>867,596</u>

##### Noncurrent assets -

Loans receivable, net of current portion	<u>373,443</u>
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#### Total assets

1,241,039

#### Net position

Restricted for loan commitments  
and lending activity

\$ 1,241,039

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position

Revolving Loan Enterprise Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

<b>Operating revenues</b>	
Charges for services	\$ 20,778
<b>Operating expenses</b>	
Professional services	<u>32,509</u>
Operating loss	(11,731)
<b>Nonoperating revenues</b>	
Investment earnings	<u>17,102</u>
<b>Change in net position</b>	5,371
Net position, beginning of year	<u>1,235,668</u>
<b>Net position, end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,241,039</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Statement of Cash Flows

Revolving Loan Enterprise Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### Cash flows from operating activities

Loans collected from borrowers	\$ 86,246
Interest and fees on loans	20,778
Payment received from other governments	344
Payment made to primary government	(335)
Administrative and other expenses paid	(33,480)

#### Net cash provided by operating activities

73,553

#### Cash flows from investing activities

Purchase of investments	(235,954)
Proceeds from sale of investments	22,069
Interest and dividends received	15,504

#### Net cash used in investing activities

(198,381)

#### Net change in cash and cash equivalents

(124,828)

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year

146,083

#### Cash and cash equivalents, end of year

\$ 21,255

#### Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities

Operating loss	\$ (11,731)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss	
to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Interest receivable	(971)
Accounts receivable	344
Due from other governments	(335)
Loans receivable	86,246

#### Net cash provided by operating activities

\$ 73,553

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Notes to Financial Statements

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Reporting Entity

These financial statements present the activities of the Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority"). The Authority was established March 6, 1979 pursuant to Public Act 197 of 1975. The primary purpose of the Authority is to revitalize and encourage economic activity in the downtown business district. The Authority's activities are primarily funded through tax increment financing, bonded debt and revolving loans.

The Authority is a component unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan (the "City") because the City appoints the Authority's Board of Directors, it has the ability to significantly influence the Authority's operations and it is financially accountable for the Authority. Accordingly, the Authority is presented as a discrete component unit in the City's financial statements and is an integral part of that reporting entity.

#### Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The statements of net position and activities display information about the financial activities of the Authority. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the Authority's governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for revolving loans.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activity of the Authority and for each function of the Authority's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

The fund financial statements provide information about the Authority's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and proprietary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide and proprietary funds financial information is 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.

Governmental fund financial information is 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 Authority considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Property taxes and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Notes to Financial Statements

The Authority reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the Authority's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Authority, except those accounted for and reported in another fund.

The *pipeline bonds debt service fund* is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for principal and interest.

The Authority reports the following major enterprise fund:

The *revolving loan enterprise fund* is used to account for loans made to local businesses.

Generally, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

#### Fund Balances

Governmental funds report *nonspendable fund balance* for amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. *Restricted fund balance* is reported when externally imposed constraints are placed on the use of resources by grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. *Committed fund balance* is reported for amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the Board. A formal resolution of the Board is required to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment. The Authority currently has no assigned fund balance as the Board has not yet given authority for the making of such assignments; assigned fund balances are neither restricted nor committed. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund.

When the government incurs an expenditure for purposes for which various fund balance classifications can be used, it is the government's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then committed, assigned, and finally unassigned fund balance.

#### Leases Receivable and Deferred Inflows of Resources

The Authority is a lessor for a noncancellable lease related to a building. The Authority recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the statement of net position and governmental funds financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the Authority initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for prepaid lease payments received at lease inception. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

Key estimates and judgments include how the Authority determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease receipts. The Authority uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases. The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable is composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

# BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Notes to Financial Statements

The Authority monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease receivable if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

### Capital Assets

The Authority has no capital assets for which it holds legal ownership. Infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, curbs, sidewalks, storm sewers and similar items), along with water and wastewater subsystems constructed by the Authority, are not recorded as the Authority's capital assets, even though the Authority may be obligated to repay the debt issued to finance the related projects. Such capital assets become the property of the City when they are placed into service and, accordingly, are reported in the City's capital assets.

### Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net assets that applies to one or more future periods and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Authority only has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category, which is the deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

### Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt is reported as a liability. Bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium.

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

### Budgetary Information

The general fund is under formal budgetary control and its budget is prepared on the same modified accrual basis used to reflect actual results. The Authority follows the City budget process in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- The Authority submits a proposed budget to the City Manager. After review and approval, the City Manager submits a recommended operating budget to the City Commission. The budget is legally adopted through a City Commission resolution prior to the beginning of the budgetary year for the Authority's funds.
- The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or amended by the City Commission during the year.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Authority's general fund expenditures were within budget.



# BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Notes to Financial Statements

### 2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Authority's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition, and deposits in the City's cash and investment pool.

State statutes authorize the Authority to deposit in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations, and to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain commercial paper, repurchase agreements, bankers acceptances, and mutual funds composed of otherwise legal investments. The Authority and City's investment policies follow the State's guidelines.

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Authority's deposits in the City's internal cash management pool was \$2,351,432. Because it is infeasible to allocate risk to individual component units or pool participants, aggregate cash and investment categorizations are presented in the City's basic financial statements.

The Authority's remaining deposits and investments, which are entirely recorded in the revolving loan enterprise fund (business-type activity), include the following:

Deposits	\$ 21,255
Investments	<u>424,813</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 446,068</u></u>

#### Deposits

*Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits.* In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2024, the carrying amounts of the Authority's deposits were \$21,255 and the bank balance was \$21,255. The full amount is FDIC insured.

#### Investments

At year end, the revolving loan enterprise fund's investment balances were as follows:

	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Rating</b>
U.S. agencies	\$ 63,482	AAA S&P
Money market funds	<u>361,331</u>	AAA S&P
	<u><u>\$ 424,813</u></u>	

*Custodial Credit Risk – Investments.* For investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the revolving loan enterprise fund will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Although uninsured and unregistered, the revolving loan fund investments are not exposed to custodial credit risk since the securities are held by the counterparty's trust department in the revolving loan enterprise fund's name.

## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Notes to Financial Statements

*Concentration of Credit Risk.* At June 30, 2024, the investment portfolio of the revolving loan enterprise fund was concentrated as follows:

Investment Type	Issuer	% of Portfolio
U.S. agencies	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	12.78%
	Federal National Mortgage Association	2.17%
Money market funds	Fifth Third Bank	48.08%
	Fifth Third Securities	36.97%

*Interest Rate Risk.* As of June 30, 2024, the maturities of the revolving loan enterprise fund's investments were as follows:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investments Maturities (fair value by years)			
		Less Than 1 Year	1-5 Years	6-10	More Than 10
U.S. agencies	\$ 63,482	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,201	\$ 54,281

*Fair Value.* The revolving loan enterprise fund categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. These levels are determined by the revolving loan fund's investment manager, and are determined at the fund level based on a review of the investment's class, structure, and what kind of securities are held in funds. The investment manager will request the information from the fund manager, if necessary.

The revolving loan enterprise fund's recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2024 were related to its investments in government agency funds and money market accounts. The money market funds with Fifth Third Securities are valued using quoted prices in active markets (Level 1 inputs). Government agency securities and monkey market funds with Fifth Third Bank are valued using significant other observable inputs of the underlying securities and bonds (Level 2 inputs).

### 3. LEASES

The Authority is involved in an agreement as a lessor that qualifies as a long-term lease agreement. Below is a summary of the agreement. The agreement qualifies as long-term lease agreement as the Authority will not surrender control of the asset at the end of the term and the noncancelable term of the agreement surpasses one year. Total lease revenue for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$33,200.

Asset Type	Remaining Term of Agreement
Building	2 years

**BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**4. LOANS RECEIVABLE**

The details of loans receivable outstanding as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Total loans outstanding	<u>\$ 462,893</u>
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Of this amount, \$89,450 is expected to be collected within one year.

The revolving loan enterprise fund has \$500,000 of loan commitments at June 30, 2024.

**5. INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

For the year ended June 30, 2024, interfund transfers are summarized as follows:

Transfers In	Transfers Out
	General
Pipeline bonds debt service	<u>\$ 2,603,131</u>

Transfers into the debt service fund are used to move receipts restricted to or allowed for debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due.

**6. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Following is a summary of the Authority’s bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2024:

	Interest Rate	Date of Maturity	Outstanding Principal
<b>Limited tax general obligation bonds</b>			
2017 Downtown development refunding	2.836% - 3.984%	5/1/2034	\$ 21,105,000
2018 Downtown development refunding	2.000% - 5.000%	5/1/2025	<u>1,155,000</u>
Total limited tax general obligation bonds			<u>\$ 22,260,000</u>

## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Notes to Financial Statements

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the Authority's debt are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Authority Obligation	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 1,760,000	\$ 839,413
2026	1,970,000	762,703
2027	2,040,000	697,023
2028	2,110,000	626,969
2029	2,180,000	552,402
2030-2034	12,200,000	1,469,946
	<u>\$ 22,260,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,948,456</u>

#### Changes in Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
General obligation bonds	\$ 23,950,000	\$ -	\$ (1,690,000)	\$ 22,260,000	\$ 1,760,000
Issuance premiums	238,968	-	(119,484)	119,484	119,484
	<u>\$ 24,188,968</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,809,484)</u>	<u>\$ 22,379,484</u>	<u>\$ 1,879,484</u>

## 7. PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax revenue is derived pursuant to a tax increment financing agreement between the Authority and applicable taxing districts. Real and personal property taxes are levied and attach as an enforceable lien on properties located within the boundaries of the tax increment financing district. The City bills and collects the taxes on behalf of the Authority. Delinquent taxes on ad valorem real property are purchased by Calhoun County. Property tax revenue is recognized when levied in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements to the extent that it is available to pay current obligations.

Except for property taxes captured from local schools that exceed contractual obligations, the Authority is entitled to all taxes levied on property within the Downtown Development Authority district to the extent that the current taxable value exceeds the base year taxable value. The base year of initial properties was 1979, the inception date of the Authority. The base year on other properties is determined by the date of entry into the district; the Authority district was expanded in 1985, 1987 and 1993, and was reduced in 2000.

Renaissance zone property is tax abated property against which property taxes are not currently levied, but in the near future may return or revert to the ad valorem tax rolls. Similarly, industrial and commercial facility tax properties are abated personal property that receive up to a 50% reduction in the millage rate for a stated number of years as approved by the City of Battle Creek, Michigan (or applicable taxing jurisdiction).

**BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

The captured increments in taxable value for the 2023 levy are summarized below:

Ad valorem property	\$ 34,781,674
IFT* / CFT** / other property	<u>356,089</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 35,137,763</u></u>

\* IFT - Industrial Facility Tax

\*\* CFT - Commercial Facility Tax

**8. CONTINGENCIES**

The Authority is currently involved in various tax appeals pending before the Michigan Tax Tribunal. The appeals cover various commercial and industrial properties for 2024. Due to the large number of appeals currently before the Tribunal, the time frame for resolution of these matters is unknown at this time. An estimate of the Authority's maximum exposure is approximately \$6.6 million in taxable value. The City is vigorously defending all litigation.

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## **OTHER INFORMATION**

# BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Continuing Bond Disclosures (Unaudited)

### 1. State Equalized Value (SEV) and Taxable Value (TV) of Ad Valorem Tax Roll

Assessed Value as of December 31,	Year of Tax Levy	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Ad Valorem SEV	
			Amount	% Change
2022	2023	2024	\$ 184,823,920	-0.66%
2021	2022	2023	186,052,769	0.20%
2020	2021	2022	185,679,745	-1.20%
2019	2020	2021	187,941,077	-0.67%
2018	2019	2020	189,205,794	-2.28%
2017	2018	2019	193,626,913	-3.76%
2016	2017	2018	201,195,723	-4.23%
2015	2016	2017	210,078,194	-31.80%
2014	2015	2016	308,053,399	0.69%
2013	2014	2015	305,941,698	-1.06%

Note - Tax Year 2016 is the first year for Eligible Manufacturing Personal Property Exemption per legislative action.

### 2. Taxable Value (TV) of Ad Valorem Tax Roll by Use

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Homestead			
	Residential	Agriculture	Commercial	Industrial
2024	\$ 11,670,675	\$ -	\$ 10,383,680	\$ 7,403,031
2023	10,578,863	-	13,205,989	13,117,757
2022	9,961,466	-	13,631,932	12,951,703
2021	9,705,550	-	15,834,309	14,598,713
2020	9,229,549	-	19,207,990	16,597,568
2019	8,725,950	-	21,298,401	21,434,123
2018	7,949,920	-	22,032,102	25,928,056
2017	8,175,733	-	22,021,857	33,948,507
2016	8,587,134	-	22,858,332	131,717,181
2015	8,407,623	-	22,525,895	131,321,583





Ad Valorem TV	
Amount	% Change
\$ 167,218,448	-1.71%
170,134,744	0.04%
170,071,384	-2.95%
175,246,137	-0.99%
176,997,763	-3.16%
182,769,923	-3.59%
189,567,453	-6.00%
201,662,381	-33.08%
301,356,020	0.05%
301,190,549	-0.74%

Non-Homestead			
Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Total
\$ 7,555,101	\$ 55,856,118	\$ 74,349,843	\$ 167,218,448
7,153,462	54,787,278	71,291,395	170,134,744
7,053,326	57,445,584	69,027,373	170,071,384
6,871,708	58,331,511	69,904,346	175,246,137
6,863,911	55,866,387	69,232,358	176,997,763
6,971,761	56,166,183	68,173,505	182,769,923
7,465,451	55,854,549	70,337,375	189,567,453
7,250,523	55,048,340	75,217,421	201,662,381
6,954,462	56,513,117	74,725,794	301,356,020
7,283,692	57,198,866	74,452,890	301,190,549

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## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Continuing Bond Disclosures (Unaudited)

#### 3. Taxable Value (TV) of Ad Valorem Tax Roll by Class

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Real	Personal	Total
2024	\$ 134,555,780	\$ 32,662,668	\$ 167,218,448
2023	128,990,759	41,143,985	170,134,744
2022	129,068,646	41,002,738	170,071,384
2021	130,947,931	44,298,206	175,246,137
2020	127,326,449	49,671,314	176,997,763
2019	128,031,469	54,738,454	182,769,923
2018	130,293,036	59,274,417	189,567,453
2017	135,273,270	66,389,111	201,662,381
2016	136,919,762	164,436,258	301,356,020
2015	137,122,735	164,067,814	301,190,549

#### 4. Taxable Value (TV) of the Industrial Facilities Tax Roll by Class

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Real	Personal	Total
2024	\$ 8,405,211	\$ -	\$ 8,405,211
2023	8,164,312	-	8,164,312
2022	10,986,137	-	10,986,137
2021	9,650,162	102,731	9,752,893
2020	8,867,758	496,449	9,364,207
2019	9,109,542	1,523,330	10,632,872
2018	10,206,000	2,305,130	12,511,130
2017	10,891,863	2,706,002	13,597,865
2016	11,247,160	11,803,020	23,050,180
2015	11,380,799	12,718,056	24,098,855

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## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Continuing Bond Disclosures (Unaudited)

#### 5. Property Tax Collections

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Taxes Levied	Collections to March 1	MBT Reimbursement	Total Collected
2024	\$ 2,784,283	\$ 2,784,283	\$ -	\$ 2,784,283
2023	2,715,277	2,715,277	-	2,715,277
2022	2,751,584	2,751,584	-	2,751,584
2021	1,665,194	1,665,194	-	1,665,194
2020	3,231,273	3,231,273	-	3,231,273
2019	1,693,578	1,693,578	-	1,693,578
2018	1,604,095	1,604,095	-	1,604,095
2017	2,084,461	2,084,461	-	2,084,461
2016	3,216,185	3,216,185	1,809,449	5,025,634
2015	3,328,965	3,328,965	1,797,567	5,126,532

Note - Starting in 2017 levied and collections to March 1 amounts are lower than prior year due to capture loss in the current year.

Note - Starting in 2017 the reduction in property tax collection was severely impacted by personal property tax reform.

Note - In 2020, amounts are higher than prior year due to receiving a \$1,488,727 reimbursement from the State for School TIF Revenue Decreases.

#### 6. Captured Property Tax Rates

(per \$1,000 of value)

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	(1) City	(2) Schools	(1) State Education Tax	County
2024	15.7580	18.0000	6.0000	5.3698
2023	15.5030	18.0000	6.0000	5.3698
2022	15.7650	18.0000	6.0000	5.3779
2021	15.9340	18.0000	6.0000	5.3779
2020	15.9340	18.0000	6.0000	5.3779
2019	15.7490	18.0000	6.0000	5.3779
2018	15.7490	18.0000	6.0000	5.3779
2017	15.4190	18.0000	6.0000	5.3779
2016	14.7360	18.0000	6.0000	5.3779
2015	14.7360	18.0000	6.0000	5.3779

(1) Levied on homestead and non-homestead properties.

(2) Levied on non-homestead properties only.

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## BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Continuing Bond Disclosures (Unaudited)

#### 7. Taxable Value of Ten Largest Ad Valorem Taxpayers

(Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	Taxpayer	Product or Service	Taxable Value	% of Taxable Value
1	Kellogg Company	Breakfast foods	\$ 52,529,506	31.41%
2	Semco Energy Inc.	Natural gas utility	12,186,817	7.29%
3	Post Foods, LLC	Breakfast foods	11,466,960	6.86%
4	Consumers Energy Co.	Electric utility	6,945,664	4.15%
5	North Pointe Woods	Office building	4,679,506	2.80%
6	Trilogy Healthcare	Health care	2,704,601	1.62%
7	The Graham Group	Medical office building	2,433,208	1.46%
8	393 East Roosevelt Ave LR, LLC	Rehab Center	1,991,954	1.19%
9	Behnke Warehousing Inc.	Warehousing	1,696,829	1.01%
10	Battle Creek River 1, LLC	Real Estate	1,229,592	0.74%
			<u>\$ 97,864,637</u>	<u>58.53%</u>

#### 8. Taxable Value of the Largest IFT Taxpayer

(Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	Taxpayer	Product or Service	Taxable Value	% of Taxable Value
	Shouldice Brothers Sheet Metal	Metal manufacturing	<u>\$ 356,089</u>	<u>4.24%</u>

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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**

December 23, 2024

To the Board of Directors of the  
Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority  
City of Battle Creek, Michigan

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 governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the **Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority, a component unit of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan** (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2024.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.



## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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 Authority'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.

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