COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT

To the Commissioners and Administration/Finance Committee
Children and Families First Commission of Ventura County
Ventura, California

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Children and Families First Commission of Ventura County (Commission), a component unit of the County of Ventura, California, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; *Government Auditing Standards;* and the State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act,* issued by the State Controller's Office*,* 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 April 25, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices
Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Commission are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Commission implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, and GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Implementation of this standard did not have a significant impact on the financial statements or disclosures of the Commission. We noted no transactions entered into by the Commission during the fiscal 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 estimates affecting the Commission's financial statements were:

> Management's estimate of the fund balance commitments is based on unfinished contracts and their payment schedules. We evaluated the methods, assumptions, and data used to develop the accounting estimate and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
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> Management's estimate of the fair value of investments is based on the method as detailed in the notes to the financial statements. We evaluated the methods, assumptions, and data used to develop the estimate of the fair value of investments in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of compensated absences is based on employee leave balances and historical usage rates, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 101. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate of compensated absences in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

The disclosure of Related Party Transactions in Note 10 to the financial statements as it discloses any programs funded by the Commission that are operated by organizations represented by Commissioners.

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.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements
Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The attached schedule summarizes one uncorrected misstatement of the basic financial statements related to the right-of-use asset. Management has determined that its effect is immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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 October 6, 2025.

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 Commission'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 Commission's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Commission's Management's Discussion and Analysis and Budgetary Comparison Schedules, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplement the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Commissioners of Children and Families First Commission of Ventura County and management of the Commission and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

BROWN ARMSTRONG
ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

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Accountancy Corporation

Bakersfield, California
October 6, 2025

FIRST 5 VENTURA COUNTY
SUMMARY OF UNADJUSTED AUDIT DIFFERENCE
June 30, 2025

Description	Debit	Credit
Passed Journal Entry #1 - GASB Statement No. 87 Leases		
To record net right-of-use asset and related lease liability.		
Right-of-use Building, net of amortization	$ 122,928	
Lease Liability		122,928
	$ -	$ 122,928
To record second year's amortization of the right-of-use asset equal to one-fifth of the asset value.		
Amortization expense: Right-of-use Building	$ 28,368	
Accumulated amortization: Right-of-use Building		28,368
	$ 28,368	$ 28,368
To record the lease agreement at the present value of the minimum lease payments.		
Expenditure: Lease expense - Building	$ 150,800	
Other financing source: Lease financing		150,800
	$ 150,800	$ 150,800
To record the lease agreement at the second year payments on the related lease liability.		
Lease Liability	$ 34,800	
Expenditure: Lease expense - Building		34,800
	$ 34,800	$ 34,800