REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Trustees of the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc. Borough of Chatham Chatham, NJ 07928

#### Report on the Financial Statements

#### Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet – regulatory basis of the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc. for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 and the related of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" paragraph, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc. as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, or changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). 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 the Library, 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 adverse audit opinion.

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc. on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of New Jersey.

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The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

#### Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis balances sheet as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the regulatory basis statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in fund balance for the years then ended in accordance with the basis of financial reporting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, 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 misstatements, 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 Library'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.

#### Auditor's 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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 will always detect s 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.



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In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgement 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 Library'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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Library'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.

#### Other Matters

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams' basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.



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The supplemental information listed in the table of contents are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental information listed in the table of contents are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 13, 2022 on our consideration of the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc.'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 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. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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June 13, 2022



#### JOINT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS INC. COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

		2021	_	2020
ASSETS				
Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	3,166,165.96	\$	2,959,279.47
Petty Cash		300.00		300.00
Change Fund	n-mu	200.00		200.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u></u>	3,166,665.96	\$ _	2,959,779.47
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	<b>\$</b> _	49,696.50	<b>\$</b> _	7,717.63
Fund Balance:				
Restricted:				
Capital Projects (formerly the Reserve for				
Depreciation)		2,156,928.84		1,890,713.28
Unemployment Compensation		55,078.06		53,143.67
Unrestricted:				
Designated for:				
Gifts and Endowments		211,230.68		235,914.62
Staff Coverage Reserve		10,000.00		10,000.00
Computer Equipment Reserve		7,070.00		7,070.00
Undesignated		676,661.88		755,220.27
Total Fund Balance		3,116,969.46	_	2,952,061.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	· \$	3,166,665.96	\$_	2,959,779.47

The accompanying "Notes to the Financial Statements" are an integral part of this financial statement.

# JOINT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS INC. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

		2021		2020
Revenues:			_	
Municipal Appropriations:				
Borough of Chatham	\$	957,092.00	\$	958,962.50
Township of Chatham		1,121,284.00		1,125,285.50
State Aid		10,780.00		8,412.00
Donations / Gifts		56,939.69		29,552.73
Fines and Fees		7,067.83		5,549.02
Interest		7,351.67		10,262.93
Miscellaneous	_	1,532.40	_	1,556.94
		2,162,047.59	_	2,139,581.62
Expenditures:				
Budget Expenditures:				
Salaries and Benefits		1,428,660.28		1,420,309.14
Operations		205,592.18		177,394.62
Programs & Services		113,591.82		102,529.63
Library Materials		200,630.27		166,808.73
Administration		28,442.60		27,284.75
Non-Budget Expenditures:				
Reserve for Capital Projects		(35,787.85)		(33,417.73)
Reserve for Unemployment		(1,934.39)		(1,932.21)
Designated - Gifts and Endowments		47,694.76		36,917.35
Undesignated - Special Activities	_	10,250.30	_	9,132.75
		1,997,139.97	_	1,905,027.03
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures		164,907.62		234,554.59
FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1		2,952,061.84	_	2,717,507.25
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31,	\$	3,116,969.46	\$	2,952,061.84

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Description of Funds

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard setting body for establishing governmental generally accepted accounting and financial reporting principles. GASB Codification establishes seven fund types and two account groups to be used by general purpose governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The accounting policies of the Library conform to the accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Such principles and practices are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the Library has accounted for its fund balance using the following categories:

Reserved for Capital Projects - Funds appropriated to Reserve for Capital Projects (formerly the Reserve for Depreciation Fund) are required for furnishings, equipment, and initial collections for new building, building additions or building renovations; periodic major projects, replacement of roof and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; and site acquisition, new buildings, and additions to or renovations of library buildings. Amounts included in this fund are established by a 3, 4 or 5 year strategic plan or have been adopted by resolution.

<u>Reserve for Unemployment Compensation</u> - Employee and employer contributions are transferred to this fund for payment of unemployment claims paid by the State Department of Labor and billed to the Library.

<u>Designated for Gifts and Endowments Fund</u> - Funds classified to the Designated for Gifts and Endowments Fund originate from donor-restricted contributions for future construction and the purchase of duplicate copies of books or special book requests. The Library Board of Trustees has directed that interest earned on these deposits accrue as revenue to this fund.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 1 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, (continued)

Description of Funds, (continued)

<u>Designated for Staff Coverage Reserve</u> - Funds classified to the Designated for Staff Coverage Reserve are to be used as needed to cover employee time out.

<u>Undesignated</u> - Funds classified as Undesignated are available to fund the Library's governmental operations in a general nature.

#### Basis of Accounting

A modified accrual basis of accounting is followed, with minor exceptions. Modifications from the accrual basis are as follows:

Revenues are recorded as received or determinable. Expenditures are recorded as incurred.

Experiences are recorded as meaned.

<u>Inventories of Supplies</u> - The cost of inventories of supplies is recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The cost of inventories is not included on the Balance Sheet.

<u>Fixed Assets</u> - Property and equipment purchased by the General Fund are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and are not capitalized. In 2021, The Library performed an inventory of fixed assets and established the following General Fixed Assets Account Group to account for library property and equipment purchased either by the Library, the Borough or the Township.

	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Balance Dec. 31, 2020
	<u>1000. 31, 2021</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2020</u>
General Fixed Assets Account Group:		
Tools, Machinery, HVAC	\$107,035	\$107,035
Public Safety Equipment	48,195	48,195
Office Equipment	1,029	1,029
Furnishings, Fixtures	423,838	423,838
Computer Equipment	59,652	59,652
Laboratory, Medical	1,799	1,799
Audio/Visual, Communication	<u> 14,128</u>	14,128
	<u>\$655,676</u>	<u>\$655,676</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

<u>Contributed Services</u> - The Library is located on property owned by the Borough of Chatham. At various times during the year, volunteers performed services for the Library without remuneration. The fair value of these costs is not reported in the financial statements.

<u>Investments</u> - Investments are stated at cost. Investments are limited to bonds or obligations of guarantee by the Federal government and bonds or other obligations of Federal or local units.

#### NOTE 2 - FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc. was incorporated under R.S. 40:54-1 and operates under a Board of Trustees appointed by the governing bodies of the Borough of Chatham and Township of Chatham. The financial statements of the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc. include every board, body, officer or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc.

#### NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Library considers petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and certificates of deposit as cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Deposits**

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or by any other agencies of the United States that insures deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal five percent of the average daily balance of public funds; or

If the public funds deposited exceed 75 percent of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value equal to 100 percent of the amount exceeding 75 percent.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, (continued)

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

At December 31, 2021 and 2020 the book value of the Library's deposit was \$3,166,165.96 and \$2,959,279.47, and the bank balances were \$3,193,333.89 and \$2,983,846.77, respectively. The insured and collateral status of the year end bank balances were as follows:

	Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2020
Covered by New Jersey Governmental Depository		
Protection Act	\$2,757,812.67	\$2,548,418.57
Covered by Federal Depository Insurance	435,521.22	<u>435,428.20</u>
	<u>\$3,193,333.89</u>	\$2,983,846.77

#### Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposit may not be returned to it. The Library's policy is based on New Jersey Statutes requiring cash to be deposited only in New Jersey based banking institutions that participate in New Jersey Governmental Depository Protection Act (GUDPA) or in a qualified investment established in New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) that are treated as cash equivalents. As of December 31, 2021, \$-0- of the Library's bank balance of \$3,193,333.89 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

The Library has a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15(a) limit the length of time for most investments to 365 days.

#### Credit Risk

New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15(a) limit municipal investment maturities to those specified in the Statutes. The type of allowance investments are: bonds of the United States of America or the local unit or school districts of which the local unit is part of; obligations of federal agencies not exceeding 397 days; government money market funds; the State of New Jersey Cash Management Plan; local government investment pools; or repurchase of fully collateralized securities.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, (continued)

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

The Library places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

#### NOTE 4 - CAPITAL PROJECTS

On July 23, 2019, the Library updated their strategic capital improvement plan that, among other things, includes planned renovations and improvements over the next four years. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Library had a reserve for capital projects balance of \$2,156,928.84 and \$1,890,713.28, respectively.

#### NOTE 5 - GIFTS AND ENDOWMENTS

The Library has designated the funds from gifts and donations received over the years to be used for various non-operating expenditures. The following details the gifts and endowment balances at December 31, 2021 and 2020 and shows the activity applied to each fund during the years.

G ,	Balance Dec. 31, 2020	Receipts/ Transfers in	Disbursements/ Transfers out	Balance Dec. 31, 2021
Leffingwell Grant Fund MacGregor Grant Fund Lundt Grant Fund Biskeborn Endowment Ecumenical Endowment Hensler Endowment Misc. Memorial Funds Gifts and Donated Funds Gifts and Donated Fund - Pre Teen Room Fund	16,872.55 5,033.22 4,655.67 0.00 0.00 28,387.49 30,430.46 313.46 150,221.77	15.675.00 2.250.00 9.650.00 56.939.69	1,872.55 33.22 155.67 28.387.49 78.436.24 313.46	15,000.00 5,000.00 4,500.00 15,675.00 2,250.00 9,650.00 0.00 8,933.91 0.00 150,221.77
	<u>\$235,914.62</u>	<u>\$84,514.69</u>	<u>\$109,198.63</u>	<u>\$211,230.68</u>
	Balance Dec. 31, 2019	Receipts/ Transfers in	Disbursements/ Transfers out	Balance Dec. 31, 2020
Leffingwell Grant Fund MacGregor Grant Fund Lundt Grant Fund Misc. Memorial Funds Gifts and Donated Funds Gifts and Donated Fund - Pre	16,872.55 5.033.22 4.655.67 28.387.49 37.795.08 313.46	29.552.73	36.917.35	16,872.55 5.033.22 4.655.67 28.387.49 30.430.46 313.46
Teen Room Fund	150.221.77 <u>\$243,279.24</u>	<u>\$29,552.73</u>	<u>\$36,917.35</u>	150.221.77 \$235,914.62

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 6 - UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

Undesignated fund balance represents the remaining funds available to fund the Library's governmental operations in a general nature. The Library of the Chathams Inc. separates undesignated fund balance into two categories - budgetary and special activity. The following schedule details the change in undesignated fund balance during the 2021 fiscal year:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2020	Receipts/ Transfers In	Disbursements/ <u>Transfers Out</u>	Balance Dec. 31, 2021
	Dec. 51, 2020	Transiers in	Transfers Out	Dec. 31, 2021
Municipal Appropriations	\$433,529.21	\$2,078,376.00	\$2,183,666.29	\$328,238.92
State Aid	68,499.00	10,780.00		79,279.00
Fines and Fees:				
Book Fines	99,960.70	6,906.83		106,867.53
Lost/Paid Fees	2,124.00			2,124.00
AV Fees	27,334.19	161.00		27,495.19
ILL Fees	1,567.48			1,567.48
Interest	73,118.65	7,351.67		80,470.32
Miscellaneous:				
Printing and Copying	22,690.52	982,46		23,672.98
Room Rentals	7,778.06	25.00		7,803.06
Mini-Courses	2,501.32	524.94		3,026.26
Committed Funds	7,703.44			7,703.44
MUF Materials	6,004.59			6,004.59
Juvenile Programs	197.48			197.48
Staff	123.43			123.43
Bid Fee	1,667.70			1,667.70
Other Miscellaneous	420,50		·	420.50
	<u>\$755,220.27</u>	<u>\$2,105,107.90</u>	<u>\$2,183,666.29</u>	<u>\$676,661.88</u>
	Budgeted Expenditure	s and Transfers	\$2,173,415.99	
	Special Activity Exper	nditures	10,250,30	
			<u>\$2,183,666.29</u>	

On January 25, 2022 the Library Board of Trustees passed a resolution to move \$203,509.12 from the December 31, 2021 undesignated fund balance of \$676,661.88 to Capital Reserve, designated for the Bridging Space to Place Project.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 7 - ACCUMULATED VACATION AND SICK PAY

Under the existing policies of the Library, employees are allowed to accumulate (with certain restrictions) unused sick and vacation pay over the life of their working careers and to redeem such unused leave time in cash upon death, retirement or by extended absence immediately preceding retirement.

The Library has not designated any amount for unpaid compensation from its fund balance.

#### NOTE 8 - PENSION PLAN

<u>Description of Plan</u> - All required employees of the Library are covered by the Public Employees' Retirement System which has been established by state statute and is administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of the System will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the System terminate.

<u>Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)</u> - Established in January 1955, under provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage, including post-retirement health care, to substantially all full time employees of the state or any county, municipality, school district, or public agency provided the employee is not a member of another State-administered retirement system. Membership is mandatory for such employees and vesting occurs after 8 to 10 years of service for pension benefits and 25 years for post-retirement health care coverage.

<u>Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)</u> - Established under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2008 to provide coverage to elected and certain appointed officials, effective July 1, 2007. Membership is mandatory for such individuals with vesting occurring after one (1) year of membership.

#### **Other Pension Funds**

The State established and administers a Supplemental Annuity Collective Trust Fund (SACT) which is available to active members of the State-administered retirement systems to purchase annuities to supplement the guaranteed benefits provided by their retirement system.

The cost of living increase for PERS is funded directly by the respective system and are considered in the annual actuarial calculation of the required State contribution for the system.

According to state law, all obligations of each retirement system will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should any retirement system be terminated.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 8 - PENSION PLAN, (continued)

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issued publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of each of the above systems. The financial reports may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/treasurey/pensions.">www.state.nj.us/treasurey/pensions.</a>

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the retirement systems are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions are recognized when payable to the retirement systems. Benefits or refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the retirement systems.

#### **Investment Valuation**

Investments are reported at fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Mortgages are valued on the basis of future principal and interest payments, and are discounted at prevailing interest rates for similar instruments. The fair value of real estate investments is based on independent appraisals. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair values.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements of the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, Common Pension Fund A, Common Pension Fund B, Common Pension Fund D and Common Pension Fund E. The financial reports may be obtained in writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, P.O. Box 290, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0290.

#### **Funding Status and Funding Progress**

The funded status and funding progress of the retirement system is based on actuarial valuations which involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. These amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the probability of future events.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and are based on the benefits provided under the terms of the retirement systems in effect at the time of each valuation and also consider the pattern of the sharing of costs between the employer and members at that point in time. The projection of benefits for financing reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual limitations on the pattern of cost sharing between the employer and members in the future.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 8 - PENSION PLAN, (continued)

#### **Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

In the July 1, 2010 actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit was used as the actuarial cost method, and the five year average of market value was used as the asset valuation method for the retirement systems. The actuarial assumptions included (1) 8.25 percent for investment rate or return for the retirement systems and (2) 5.45 percent for projected salary increased for the PERS.

#### **Employer and Employee Pension Contributions**

The contribution policy is set by laws of the State of New Jersey and contributions are required by active members and participating employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation with the amount of contributions by the State of New Jersey contingent upon the Annual Appropriations Act. As defined, the retirement systems require employee contributions based on 7.34% (January to July 2018) and 7.50% (July to present) for PERS and 5.50% for DCRP of the employee's annual compensation.

#### **Annual Pension Costs (APC)**

Per the requirements of GASB Statement No. 27 for the year ended June 30, 2012 for PERS, which is a cost sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, the annual pension cost equals contributions made. PERS employer contributions are made annually by the Authority to the pension system in accordance with Chapter 114, P.L. 1997. In the DCRP, which is a defined contribution plan, member contributions are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

#### **Three Year Trend Information for PERS**

	Annual	Percentage	
Year	<b>Pension Cost</b>	of APC	Net Pension
<b>Funding</b>	(APC)	Contributed	<b>Obligation</b>
12/31/21	\$130,386.56	100%	\$ -0-
12/31/20	117,566.80	100	-0-
12/31/19	121,046.41	100	-0-

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 8 - PENSION PLAN, (continued)

### <u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions</u>

#### **Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)**

At December 31, 2021, the Library had a liability of \$1,418,101 for its proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Library's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Library's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating governmental entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2021, the Library's proportion was 0.0119706308 percent, which was an increase/(decrease) of 0.0001105776 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Library recognized pension expense (benefit) of \$(180,480.00). At December 31, 2021 and 2020, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</u>		
Difference between expected and actual experience Changes of assumptions Net difference between projected and actual earnings	\$22,365 7,385	\$35,216 62,743
on pension plan investments Changes in proportion and differences between Library		66,108
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	50,617	63,372
Total	<u>\$80,367</u>	<u>\$227,439</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</u>		
Difference between expected and actual experience Changes of assumptions Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	10,152 878,418	6,840 809,811
Changes in proportion and differences between Library contributions and proportionate share of contributions	31,313	55,009
Total	<u>\$919,883</u>	<u>\$871,660</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 8 - PENSION PLAN, (continued)

### Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, (continued)

#### Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date (June 30, 2021) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
2021	\$ -	\$(242,690)
2022	(334,610)	(221,259)
2023	(238,911)	(126,444)
2024	(162,896)	(51,132)
2025	(122,450)	(11,059)
2026	48	-

#### **Changes in Proportion**

The previous amounts do not include employer specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. These amounts should be recognized (amortized) by each employer over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members, which is 5.13, 5.16, 5.21, 5.63, 5.48, 5.57, 5.72 and 6.44 years for 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014 amounts, respectively.

#### **Additional Information**

Local Group Collective balances net of nonemployer (State of New Jersey) balances at June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$1,164,738,169	\$2,347,583,337
Collective deferred inflows of resources	8,339,123,762	7,849,949,467
Collective net pension liability	11,972,782,878	16,435,616,426
Library's Proportion	0.0119706308%	0.0118600532%

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 8 - <u>PENSION PLANS</u>, (continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, (continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2021 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020, which rolled forward to June 30, 2021. This actuarial valuation used the following assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate:

Price 2.75% Wage 3.25%

Salary Increases:

Through 2026 2.00-6.00% (based on years of service)
Thereafter 3.00-7.00% (based on years of service)

Investment Rate of Return 7.00 Percent

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2021. It is likely that future experience will not exactly conform to these assumptions. To the extent that actual experience deviates from these assumptions, the emerging liabilities may be higher or lower than anticipated. The more the experience deviates, the larger the impact on future financial statements.

#### **Mortality Rates**

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non- Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement based on Scale MP-2021.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 8 - PENSION PLANS, (continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, (continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

#### **Long-Term Rate of Return**

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2021) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

	Long-Term
Target	Expected Real
<u>Allocation</u>	Rate of Return
27 00%	8.09%
13.50%	8.71%
5.50%	10.96%
13.00%	11.30%
3.00%	7.40%
8.00%	9.15%
2.00%	3.75%
8.00%	7.60%
8.00%	1.68%
4.00%	0.50%
5.00%	0.95%
3.00%	3.35%
	Allocation  27.00%  13.50%  5.50%  13.00%  3.00%  8.00%  2.00%  8.00%  4.00%  5.00%

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 8 - PENSION PLANS, (continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, (continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

#### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2021. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

#### Sensitivity of the Collective Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the collective net pension liability of the participating employers as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1 -percentage point lower or 1- percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	June 30, 2021				
	1%	At Current	1%		
	Decrease	Discount Rate	Increase		
	<u>6.00%</u>	<u>7.00%</u>	<u>8.00%</u>		
Library's proportionate share of					
the pension liability	\$1,951,752	\$1,418,101	\$993,168		

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (continued)

#### NOTE 8 - <u>PENSION PLANS</u>, (continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, (continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

### Sensitivity of the Collective Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate, (continued)

	June 30, 2020				
	1%	At Current	1%		
	Decrease	Discount Rate	Increase		
	<u>6.00%</u>	<u>7.00%</u>	<u>8.00%</u>		
Library's proportionate share of					
the pension liability	\$2,543,809	\$1,934,065	\$1,521,160		

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Financial Report for the State of New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). The financial report may be accessed at <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions">www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions</a>.

#### NOTE 9 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Legal Counsel advises us there are no pending lawsuits against the Library which would have a material effect on the financial statements.

#### NOTE 10 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Library has evaluated subsequent events through June 13, 2022, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and no other items were noted for disclosure.

### JOINT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS INC. STATEMENT OF BUDGET REVENUES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Memorandum

	_	Adopted Budget	Budget After Modification		Realized	Excess or (Unrealized)
Allocation of Reserve	\$	71,883.09	\$ 71,883.09	\$	71,883.09	\$ -
Municipal Appropriations:						
Borough of Chatham		957,092.00	957,092.00		957,092.00	-
Township of Chatham		1,121,284.00	1,121,284.00		1,121,284.00	-
State Aid		8,500.00	8,500.00		10,780.00	2,280.00
Donations / Gifts					56,939.69	56,939.69
Fines and Fees:					•	
Book Fines					6,906.83	6,906.83
AV Fees					161.00	161.00
Interest		4,000.00	4,000.00		7,351.67	3,351.67
Miscellaneous:						
Printing and Copying					982.46	982.46
Room Rentals					25.00	25.00
Miscellaneous	-			•	524.94	524.94
	\$_	2,162,759.09	\$ 2,162,759.09	\$	2,233,930.68	\$ 71,171.59

### JOINT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS INC. STATEMENT OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Mem	orandum		(Deficit) or
	Adopted Budget	Budget After Modification	Doolizad	Unexpended Balance
Budgeted Expenditures:	Duugei	Mounteation	Realized	Багапсе
Salaries and Benefits:				
Salaries and Wages \$	1,002,590.00	\$ 1,002,590.00	\$ 979,625.44	\$ 22,964.56
Longevity	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	, <u>.</u>
Payroll Taxes	76,597.88	76,597.88	75,112.27	1,485.61
Health Benefits	250,000.00	250,000.00	201,913.82	48,086.18
Pension / DCRP	131,943.00	131,943.00	130,386.56	1,556.44
Other Benefits	7,510.00	7,510.00	6,622.19	887.81
Operations:				
Professional Consulting Service	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,050.00	3,950.00
Maintenance	78,000.00	78,000.00	63,385.32	14,614.68
Utilities	66,200.00	66,200.00	66,322.24	(122.24)
Insurance	50,000.00	50,000.00	42,480.09	7,519.91
Auditor	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-,
Attorney	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,862.00	4 120 AA
Automation	25,000.00	•	•	4,138.00
Programs & Services:	23,000.00	25,000.00	21,492.53	3,507.47
Programs & Services	14,500.00	14,500.00	5,903.51	8,596,49
Community Partnerships	500.00	500.00	3,903.51	500.00
New Services - Development	4.000.00	4,000.00	899.41	3,100.59
PR/Outreach	15,000.00	15,000.00	4,902,57	10,097.43
Shared Services	42,776.68	42,776.68	36,544.80	6,231.88
MAIN Consortium Assessment	65,341.53	65,341.53	65,341.53	0,231,00
Library Materials:	03,5 11,53	05,5 11.55	03,541.55	
Adult/YA Books	68,700.00	68,700.00	71,486.64	(2,786.64)
Reference Books	17,480.00	17,480.00	5,628.47	11,851.53
Juvenile Books	26,500.00	26,500.00	25,631.18	868.82
Adult AV	13,000.00	13,000.00	12,741.34	258.66
YA AV	3,300.00	3,300,00	2,834.58	465.42
Juvenile AV	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,574.95	325.05
E-Books	30,000.00	30,000.00	31,430.90	(1,430.90)
Microfilms	2,640.00	2,640,00	620.25	2,019.75
Periodicals	18,600.00	18,600.00	12,328.38	6,271.62
Non-print Books	44,380.00	44,380.00	32,853.58	11,526.42
Miscellaneous Materials	500.00	500.00	500.00	· -
Administration:				
Supplies	20,000.00	20,000.00	18,105.21	1,894.79
Postage / Printing	10,000.00	10,000.00	1,226.07	8,773.93
Staff Education / Conferences	2,200.00	2,200.00	1,865.66	334.34
Travel	500,00	500.00	500.08	(0.08)
Payroll Processing Expense	6,500.00	6,500.00	4,499.60	2,000.40
Memberships & Dues	2,000.00	2,000.00	910.00	1,090.00
Miscellaneous	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,335.98	264,02
Fundraising	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Non-budgeted Expenditures:				
Paid From Restricted Fund Balance			<b></b>	
Capital Projects, Net Transfers			(35,787.85)	35,787.85
Unemployment, Net	1.0.1		(1,934.39)	1,934.39
Paid From Unrestricted - Designated Fun	d Balance		17.601.76	(17.50.75)
Gifts and Endowments		-	47,694.76	(47,694.76)
Paid From Unrestricted - Undesignated F Special Activities	und Baiance	-	10,250.30	(10,250.30)
Total Expenditures \$	2,162,759.09	\$ 2,162,759.09	\$ 1,997,139.97	\$ 165,619.12
(Increase) / Decrease in Accounts Payabl	e and Other Liabil		(41,978.87)	<del> </del>
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Cash Disbursements			\$ 1,955,161.10	

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#### JOINT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS INC. STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Operating <u>Accounts</u>	Payroll <u>Account</u>	Unemployment <u>Account</u>	Performance Fund <u>Account</u>	Money Market <u>Account</u>	Endowment Account	<u>Total</u>	Petty Cash <u>Fund</u>	Change <u>Fund</u>
BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$ 2,022,462.31 \$	18,142.95	53,143.67	\$ 4,000.00 \$	811,422.15	50,108.39	2,959,279.47	\$ <u>300.00</u> \$_	200.00
Increased by:  Budget Appropriation State Aid Donations / Gifts Fines and Fees	2,078,376.00 10,780.00 56,939.69 7.067.83						2,078,376.00 10,780.00 56,939.69 7,067.83		
Interest Interest Miscellaneous Transfers	4,915.54 1,532.40 2,243.02	1,471,820.43	1,934.38	4.95 570.00	2,067.70	125.41	7,351.67 1,532.40 1,496,567.83		
Total Receipts	2,161,854.48	1,471,922.85	2,070.03	574.95	22,067.70	125.41	3,658,615.42		<u>-</u>
Decreased by: Disbursements Transfers Total Disbursements	537,897.10 1,472,390.43 2,010,287.53	1,441,987.10 2,036.80 1,444,023.90	135.65 135.65	570.00 2,004.95 2,574.95	(25,293.10) 20,000.00 (5,293.10)		1,955,161.10 1,496,567.83 3,451,728.93		
BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2021	\$ <u>2,174,029.26</u> \$	46,041.90 <b>\$</b>	55,078.05	\$ <u>2,000.00</u> \$	838,782.95	50,233.80 \$	3,166,165.96	\$ 300.00 <b>\$</b>	200.00

#### Schedule D

### JOINT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS INC. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$ 7,717.63
Increased by:	
Current Year Expenditures	1,997,139.97
Decreased by:	
Cash Disbursements	 1,955,161.10
BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2021	\$ 49,696.50

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# JOINT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS INC. SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Re	stricted		Unrestricted				
				Designated for:	_			
	Capital	Unemployment	Gifts and	Staff	Computer	TT - T 4 - 1	T. 4.1	
	<b>Projects</b>	<u>Compensation</u>	Endowments	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Undesignated</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Increased by:								
Municipal Appropriations:	•	S	\$	\$	\$	\$ 957,092.00 <b>\$</b>	957,092.00	
Borough of Chatham	\$	•	3	3	<b>3</b>	1,121,284.00	1,121,284.00	
Township of Chatham State Aid						10,780.00	10,780.00	
Donations / Gifts			56,939.69		•	10,700.00	56,939.69	
Fines and Fees			30,333.03			7,067.83	7,067.83	
Interest						7,351.67	7,351.67	
Miscellaneous						1,532.40	1,532.40	
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Total Receipts	-	-	56,939.69		-	2,105,107.90	2,162,047.59	
•				<u> </u>	•			
Decreased by:								
Expenditures	(35,787.85)	(1,934.39)	47,694.76			1,987,167.45	1,997,139.97	
Total Disbursements	(35,787.85)	(1,934.39)	47,694.76	<u> </u>		1,987,167.45	1,997,139.97	
<b>—</b>	222 425 51		(22.020.07)			(10( 400 04)		
Transfers	230,427.71		(33,928.87)	<u> </u>	-	(196,498.84)		
Change in Fund Delenges	266,215.56	1.934.39	(24,683.94)			(78,558.39)	164,907.62	
Change in Fund Balances	200,213.30	1,934.39	(24,063.94)	-	-	(10,330.39)	104,907.02	
BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2021	1,890,713.28	53,143.67	235,914.62	10,000.00	7,070.00	755,220.27	2,952,061.84	
Diminion - Unitomica 1, 2021	1,070,113.20	55,175.07	200,014.02		7,070.00	100,000	2,772,001.07	
BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2021	\$ 2,156,928.84	\$ 55,078.06	\$ 211,230.68	<b>\$</b> 10,000.00	\$ 7,070.00	\$ 676,661.88 <b>\$</b>	3,116,969.46	

#### Schedule F

#### JOINT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS INC.

#### List of Officials for December 31, 2021

<u>Name</u> <u>Title</u>

Andrew Hollander President

Kevin Sullivan Vice President

Susan Allen Secretary

Barb Montague Treasurer

Christina Mott Trustee

Thaddeus J. Kobylarz Borough Mayor

Mark Hamilton Township Representative

Danielle Dagounis Superintendent of Schools Alternate

Karen Brodsky Library Director

Fredric Pocci Emeritus

Mary T. Benton Emeritus, Served 1996-2012

Marlee F. Frahn Emeritus, Served 1981-2007

Alice B. Lundt Emeritus, Served 1992-2010

Emery Westfall Emeritus, Served 1995-2010

Peggy Nelson Emeritus, Served 2013-2019

Employee dishonesty coverage in the amount of \$100,000.00 is provided through Philadelphia Insurance.



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

Board of Trustees of the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc. Borough of Chatham Chatham, NJ 07928

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc., as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 13, 2022, which was adverse due to being presented in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements-regulatory basis, we considered the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc.'s 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-regulatory basis, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc.'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 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.

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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 and therefore, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc.'s financial statements-regulatory basis 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 Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc.'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 Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc.'s internal controls and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Wielkoty & Company, LLC

WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC Certified Public Accountants Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

June 13, 2022



### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

None.

#### STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S AUDIT FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS

A review was performed on prior year's recommendations and corrective action was taken on all items.

Problems and weaknesses noted in our review were not of such magnitude that they would affect our ability to express an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

We wish to thank the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams Inc. for their cooperation during the performance of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Wielkoty & Company, LLC

WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC Certified Public Accountants Pompton Lakes, New Jersey