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Financial Statements and Supplemental Financial Information Year Ended September 30, 1998 with

Reports of Certified Public Accountants on Financial and Compliance Examination

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### Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Cornmissioners
Housing Authority of the Town of Winnfield
901 Neil Wagoner Drive
Winnfield, LA 71483

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Housing Authority of the Town of Winnfield as of September 30, 1998, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements and the supplemental financial information - statutory basis referred to below are the responsibility of the authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Housing Authority of the Town of Winnfield as of September 30, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued a report dated February 19, 1999 on our consideration of Housing Authority of the Town of Winnfield's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

The accompanying financial information listed as supplemental financial information - statutory basis in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of Housing Authority of the Town of Winnfield. As described in Note 1, the supplemental financial information - statutory basis was prepared in conformity with the accounting practices prescribed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Such supplemental financial information - statutory basis has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in conformity with the comprehensive basis of accounting described in Note 1.

February 19, 1999

VanRheenen & Miller, Ltd.
Certified Public Accountants

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups September 30, 1998

	Governmental Fund Types					Account Groups				
		Special Revenue		Capital Projects	_	General Fixed Assets		General Long-term Debt		Memo Totals 1998
Assets and Other Debits										
Assets:		62 772 64	¢	_	S	-	S	_	\$	63,773.61
Cash	\$	63,773.61 11,441.84	Ф	_	Ψ	-	•	-	·	11,441.84
Accounts		11,441.04		7,637.31				-		7,637.31
Other governments		7,637.31		7,007.01		<b>.</b>		•		7,637.31
Due from other funds		9,032.50		_		-		-		9,032.50
Prepaid items		9,002.50		-		3,696,450.44		•		3,696,450.44
Fixed assets						-1				
Other debits: Amount to be provided for retirement of										
general long term debt				<del></del>				7,332.00		7,332.00
To the second Cabita	ç	91,885.26	\$	7,637.31	\$	3,696,450,44	S	7,332.00	\$	3,803,305.01
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u> </u>	91,000.20	<u></u>	1,00,101	<u></u>	01000110				
Liabilities, Equity, and Other Credits Liabilities:										
Accounts payable:		1.000.01	•		•		ς	_	\$	1,936.04
Trade	\$	1,936.04	\$	•	Þ	•	Ÿ		•	15,475.57
Other governments		15,475.57		•		•		_		364.62
Payroll taxes withheld and accrued		364.62		-		_		_		8,258.00
Security deposits		8,258.00		7,637.31		_		-		7,637.31
Due to other funds		- - ~75.00		1,031.31		_		_		7,675.89
Deferred revenue		7,675.89				_		7,332.00		7,332.00
Fixed liabilities							•			
Total liabilities		33,710.12		7,637.31	_			7,332.00		48,679.43
Equity and Other Credits:		_		-		3,696,450.44		-		3,696,450.44
Investment in general fixed assets		-				0,000,100				
Fund balances:		9,032.50		-		-		-		9,032.50
Reserved for prepaids Unreserved, undesignated		49,142.64			_			<u> </u>		49,142.64
Total Equity and Other Credits		58,175.14		-		3,696,450.44	_			3,754,625.58
Total Equity and Other Ordans										
Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	<u>\$</u>	91,885.26	\$	7,637.31	\$	3,696,450.44	<u>\$</u>	7,332.00	<u>\$</u>	3,803,305.01

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

# Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances All Governmental Fund Types Year Ended September 30, 1998

	Governmental Fund Typ					
	Spec Reve			Capital Projects		Memo Totals 1998
Revenues: Rents Charges for services Operational subsidies/grants Interest Miscellaneous	\$	77,989.00 12,526.31 59,659.00 212.48 18,021.16	\$	- 82,447.86 - -	\$	77,989.00 12,526.31 142,106.86 212.48 18,021.16
Total Revenues		168,407.95		82,447.86	<u></u>	250,855.81
Expenditures Current: Housing operations Capital outlay		136,949.41 530.00		- 82,447.86		136,949.41 82,977.86
Total Expenditures		137,479.41		82,447.86		219,927.27
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures		30,928.54		_		30,928.54
Fund balances, beginning of period		27,246.60				27,246.60
Fund Balance, end of period	\$	58,175.14	\$		\$	58,175.14

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

# Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types Year Ended September 30, 1998

### Special Revenue Funds

		Budget		Actual		Variance Favorable Infavorable)
Revenues:						
Rents	\$	113,990.00	\$	77,989.00	\$	(36,001.00)
Charges for services		14,520.00		12,526.31		(1,993.69)
Operational subsidies/grants		59,659.00		59,659.00		-
Interest		2,290.00		212.48		(2,077.52)
Miscellaneous		18,020.00		18,021.16		1.16
Total Revenues		208,479.00		168,407.95		(40,071.05)
Expenditures						
Current:						
Administrative salaries		26,390.00		27,121.87		(731.87)
Professional fees		6,110.00		5,647.00		463.00
Travel		6,000.00		1,604.17		4,395.83
Sundry administration		5,900.00		6,376.27		(476.27)
Tenant services		350.00		-		350.00
Utilities		1,830.00		2,669.33		(839,33)
Maintenance salaries		39,470.00		34,129.48		5,340.52
Maintenance materials		14,000.00		8,151.60		5,848.40
Other maintenance costs		7,250.00		10,042.48		(2,792.48)
Insurance		22,950.00		24,311.41		(1,361.41)
PILOT		11,220.00				11,220.00
Employee benefits		19,450.00		12,762.40		6,687.60
Collection losses		-		3,710.40		(3,710,40)
Miscellaneous		-		423.00		(423.00)
Capital expenditures	<del>_,_</del> -	3,600.00		530.00		3,070.00
Total Expenditures		164,520.00		137,479.41		27,040.59
Excess of Revenues over						
(under) Expenditures	<u>\$</u>	43,959.00		30,928.54	\$	(13,030.46)
Fund balances, beginning of period				27,246.60		
Fund Balance, end of period			\$	58,175.14		

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

### Notes to the Financial Statements September 30, 1998

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Introduction.

The financial statements of the entity have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The entity is chartered as a public corporation for the purpose of administering housing programs for low income families.

Under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has direct responsibility for administering low income housing programs in the United States. Accordingly, HUD has contracted with the entity to administer certain HUD funds.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

### A. Reporting Entity.

The entity is a public corporation, legally separate, fiscally independent and governed by Board of Commissioners. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the financial position and results of operations of Housing Authority of the Town of Winnfield, a primary government. There are no component units to be included herewith, but this report does include all funds, account groups, and programs which are controlled by the entity's governing body.

### B. Basis of Presentation.

1. <u>Funds and Account Groups</u>. The accounts of the entity are organized on the basis of funds or account groups, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting unit. The operations of each fund are reported as a separate set of self-balancing accounts which are comprised of each fund's assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Resources are allocated to and for individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various accounts are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into the following categories:

### Governmental Fund Types

Special revenue fund - The special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital projects fund - The capital projects fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, and major renovation of major capital facilities.

### Account Groups

The account groups are used to account for fixed assets and long-term liabilities which are not reported in the respective governmental funds.

- Comparative Data. Comparative total data for the prior year has not been presented in some accompanying financial statements.
- 3. Total Columns on Combined Statements. Total columns on the combined statements are captioned Memo Totals to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) September 30, 1998

- 4. <u>Land, Structures, and Equipment</u>. Land, structures and equipment used in governmental fund type operations are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. No depreciation has been provided on such assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated. The entity does capitalize any "infrastructure" assets (streets, curbs, sidewalks, drainage system, and similar assets that are immovable) which are paid for by the entity.
- 5. <u>Capitalized Interest</u>. During project development, interest expenditures were capitalized under pre-1987 financing arrangements. Post-1986 capital projects are being financed by grants from HUD. Consequently, there are no interest expenditures to capitalize. Subsequent to financed developments, interest expenditures are not accrued but are recorded when paid.
- Long-term Liabilities. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental fund types are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. Expenditures related to such debt are reflected in the Debt Service Fund.
- 7. <u>Fund Balance Reservations</u>. Special reporting treatment is also applied in governmental funds when prepaid items are present to indicate that they do not represent "available spendable resources", even though they are a component of net current assets. Such amounts are offset by fund balance reserve accounts.

### C. Basis of Accounting.

Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting. All governmental fund types are accounted for using the modified accrual
basis of accounting. The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues when both "measurable and
available." Measurable means the amount can be determined. Available means collectible within the current
period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. All significant revenue sources are susceptible to
accrual.

Expenditures in governmental fund types are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: (1) accumulated unpaid vacation and sick pay which are not accrued, and (2) principal and interest on general long-term debt which is reported as expenditures in the year due.

The entity does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

- 2. <u>Supplemental Financial Information Statutory Basis</u>. The supplemental financial information statutory basis has been prepared in conformity with the accounting practices prescribed by HUD, which differ from generally accepted accounting principles as follows:
  - a. Governmental fund accounting principles are not utilized.
  - b. Accounts receivable are stated without an allowance for doubtful accounts. Accounts are written off as collection losses only after the tenant has vacated the unit and the entity has taken reasonable actions to collect.
  - c. Annual Contributions and subsidies earned and/or received from HUD are recorded as contributions to surplus and are not included in the Statement of Income and Expenses.
  - d. Items of routinely recurring expenses are recognized when paid and are therefore not accrued.
  - The cost of accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave is not accrued.
  - f. Financial statement formats vary from GAAP.
  - g. The entity does not utilize encumbrance accounting.
  - h. Expenditures under HUD's Comprehensive Improvements Assistance Program (CIAP) and similar forerunner programs are fully capitalized, notwithstanding the fact that expenditures are normally a mixture of repairs, replacements and improvements. Consequently, some amounts represented as Fixed Assets may include costs substantially in excess of value.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) September 30, 1998

### D. Budgetary Data.

- 1. <u>Budget Policy and Practice</u>. The entity follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:
  - a. The entity prepares annual budgets for each fund (except Debt Service Fund and the Capital Projects Fund). Prior to the beginning of each budget year, the entity's annual budget is approved by the entity's governing body. Budgetary amendments require approval by the governing body. Budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts for the year. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
  - b. Budgets for the Capital Projects Fund are prepared on a project-life basis rather than on an annual basis and, therefore, have been omitted from the accompanying financial statements.
- 2. Encumbrances. Encumbrance accounting is not utilized by the entity.
- Budget Basis of Accounting. The budgets are prepared on the statutory basis of accounting as prescribed by HUD.

### E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity.

 Cash and Cash Equivalents. The entity defines cash to include certificates of deposit, money market funds, savings accounts, demand deposits, and other short-term securities with maturities of three months or less. Consequently, the cost, carrying value, and market value are equivalent.

### F. Revenue, Expenditures and Expenses.

- Compensated Absences. Vested and earned vacation and sick leave that are not accrued are reported in the general long-term debt account group. No expenditure is reported for those amounts. No liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits.
- 2. Income Taxes. The entity is not subject to federal or state income taxes.

### NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

### <u>Deposits</u>

The entity's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at September 30, 1998. The categories are described as follows:

- Category 1 Insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity's name.
- Category 2 Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name.
- Category 3 Uncollateralized. (This includes bank balances that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the entity's name.)

Cash Deposits, categorized by level of risk, are:

# Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) September 30, 1998

						Catego	ory	- <u></u>			
Total Bank Balan	ces		11		<u></u>	2	<u> </u>			3	
\$ 66,9	62.73	\$	66,96	62.73	\$	·===	.00	<u>\$</u>		<del></del>	.00
NOTE 3 - INTE	RFUND REC	CEIVABLE	S AND PA	YABLES	}						
The following so	hedule as o	f Septemb	oer 30, 19	98 repres	ents interfu	ınd recei	vables and	d payabl	es:		
<del></del>	Туре						Interfur Receival			Interfu Payabi	
Special Revenue Owned Hou						<b>e</b>	7.63	7.31	¢		00
Capital Projects	•					\$	7,00	.00	\$	7,63	.00 7.31
Total						\$	7,63		\$	7,63	<del></del>
NOTE 4 - FIXED	ASSETS						··		=		
Changes in fixed	assets are	as follows	:								
	В	eg. of Per	iod	Ad	ditions		Deletion	าร	i	End of Pe	eriod
Land, land impy		526,73	<del></del>	\$ 1	08,293.00	\$		.00	\$	635,0	31.39
Building		2,297,30			21,767.00			.00		2,319,0	
Equipment Const. in progres	c:Q	155,929 633,50			530.00 82,447.86		(130,0	.00		,	59.81 89.31
Total	\$	3,613,47	<del></del>	<del></del>	13,037.86	<u> </u>	(130,0	<del></del>	\$	3,696,4	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Construction in pentity, said renov	•	•	•		•	•			•		y the
All land and build obligations guara	•		•								ty for
NOTE 5 - FIXED	LIABILITIES	S									
Fixed liabilities co	onsist of the	following:									
		J					Interes	t		Princip	
Povroli roleti	ad coets					_	Rate	<del></del>	<del>_</del>	Balanc	
Payroli relate	54 CUS(S								<b>=</b> ==	1,3	32.00
Changes in fixed	liabilities are	e as follow	rs:						Р	ayroll Re	lated
										Costs	<u> </u>
Balance, beginni	ng of period								\$	•	80.00
Net Change Balance, end of	period								<u>-</u>		52.00 32.00
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### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) September 30, 1998

### NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS

Commitments arise primarily from construction in progress. Commitments at September 30, 1998 are composed of the following:

	<i></i>	Project Authorization		xpended to mber 30, 1998	Commitment			
CIAP 906-97	\$	652,296.00	\$	78,397.31	\$	573,898.69		
CIAP 907-98	<del></del>	923,263.00		.00		923,263.00		
Total	<u>\$</u>	1,575,559.00	<u>\$</u>	78,397.31	<u>\$</u>	1,497,161.69		

All project funds are provided by grant from HUD, therefore no additional funding is required to satisfy outstanding commitments at September 30, 1998.

### NOTE 7 - LOW Y2K RISK

It appears that the Housing Authority of the Town of Winnfield has addressed the potential impact of the Year 2000 (Y2K) on the processing of date-dependent information by the computerized information systems being utilized. The entity is in the implementation stage of compliance. All application software, operating systems, and computer hardware appear to be Y2K compliant. The Y2K Issue is the result of computer programs being written using two digit (rather than four) to define a year. This could result in miscalculations or system failures. The costs needed to reach full compliance is not expected to have a material impact on the Authority's financial operations.

### NOTE 8 - CONTINGENCIES

The entity is subject to possible examinations made by federal regulators who determine compliance with terms, conditions, laws and regulations governing grants given to the entity in the current and prior years. These examinations may result in required refunds by the entity to federal grantors and/or program beneficiaries.

SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - STATUTORY BASIS

### Balance Sheet - Statutory Basis September 30, 1998

### Annual Contributions Contract FW-2205

<u>Assets</u>

Total liabilities

Total Liabilities and Surplus

Surplus

#### 63,773.61 Cash-checking and on hand 11,441.84 Accounts receivable-tenants 9,032.50 Prepaid insurance 3,696,450.44 Fixed assets \$ 3,780,698.39 Total Assets Liabilities and Surplus 8,258.00 Tenants' security deposits 15,475.57 Accounts payable-HUD 1,936.04 Accounts payable-other 364,62 Accrued and withheld payroll taxes 592.48 Tenants' prepaid rents 7,083.41 Deferred credits

33,710.12

3,746,988.27

\$ 3,780,698.39

# Statement of Income and Expenses - Statutory Basis Owned Housing Program Year Ended September 30, 1998

Operating income  Dwelling rental Interest on general fund investments	\$	77,989.00 212.48 12,526.31
Other Income		90,727.79
Total operating income		
Operating Expenses Administration Utilities Ordinary maintenance and operations General expense		40,749.31 2,669.33 52,323.56 40,784.21
Total operating expenses		136,526.41 (45,798.62)
Net operating income (loss) before other items		(40,730.02)
Other charges (credits) Prior year adjustments affecting residual receipts Prior year adjustments not affecting residual receipts		(18,021,16) 423,00
Total other charges (credits)		(17,598.16)
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$</u>	(28,200.46)

### Analysis of Surplus - Statutory Basis September 30, 1998

Unreserved surplus Balance at 9-30-97 Net income (loss) FYE 9-30-98 OR provision FYE 9-30-98	\$ (2,268,362.73) (28,200.46) (36,607.52)
Balance at 9-30-98	(2,333,170.71)
Reserved Surplus Balance at 9-30-97 OR provision FYE 9-30-98	26,823.60 36,607.52
Balance at 9-30-98	63,431.12
Cumulative contributions from HUD Balance at 9-30-97 Operating subsidy FYE 9-30-98	5,378,816.86 59,659.00
Balance at 9-30-98	5,438,475.86
Grants from HUD Balance at 9-30-97 Grants FYE 9-30-98	507,492.00 
Balance at 9-30-98	578,252.00
Total Surplus	\$ 3,746,988.27

#### Schedule and Certification of Actual Modernization Costs September 30, 1998

	LA-48P123905-95 LA-48P123904-						
Funds approved     Funds expended	\$ 241,000.00 \$ 266,492.00 241,000.00 266,492.00						
Excess of funds approved	<u>\$ - \$ - </u>						
Funds advanced     Funds expended	\$ 241,000.00 \$ 266,492.00 241,000.00 266,492.00						
Excess (deficiency) of funds advanced	<u>\$</u>						

<sup>3.</sup> The distribution of costs by project as shown on the Final Statement of Modernization Cost accompanying the Actual Cost Certificate submitted to HUD for approval is in agreement with the PHA records.

<sup>4.</sup> All modernization costs have been paid and all related liabilities have been discharged through payment.

### **Owned Housing Program**

### Adjusting Journal Entries September 30, 1998

	Acct. # for audit report	Acct. # for posting by PHA	Debit	Credit
(1) Prior Year Adj. Aff. R.R. Prior Year Adj. Not Aff. R.R. To adjust accounts in order to reconcile the balance sheet analysis (BSA).	6010 6020	6010 6020	\$ 423.00	\$ 423.00
(2) Tenant's Accounts Receivable Tenant's Prepaid Rents To reclass prepaid rents at September 30, 1998.	1122 2240	DO NOT BOOK	592.48	592.48
(3) Equipment Equipment-Contra To adjust property acquisition accounts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.	7520 7590	6010 6020	60.00	60.00
(4) Accounts Receivable - Other Other Income To reclass bank transfers at September 30, 1998.	1128/1129 3690	1128/1129 6010	3,040.51	3,040.51
(5) Other Income PILOT To reclass waiver of PILOT for report purposes only.	3690 4520	DO NOT BOOK	7,568.65	7,568.65
(6) Water Electricity Gas Other Utilities Maintenance Contract Sundry Administrative Maintenance Materials	4310 4320 4330 4390 4430 4190 4420	DO	22.60 302.56 10.85 30.77 549.00 231.05 429.25	
Accounts Payable  To record accounts payable  at September 30, 1998.	2119	воок		1,576.08



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Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of General Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the Town of Winnfield
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We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Housing Authority of the Town of Winnfield as of and for the year ended September 30, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated February 19, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Housing Authority of the Town of Winnfield's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Housing Authority of the Town of Winnfield's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Commissioners, management and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

February 19, 1999

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