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May 31, 2022

Ms. Sheryl Carstens
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Dear Ms. Carstens:

A panel of independent reviewers has completed its examination of your Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) submitted to Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). We are pleased to notify you that your PAFR for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, has substantially met the requirements of the PAFR Program. In the absence of authoritative standards governing the presentation, these requirements are based on an evaluation of information presented, reader appeal, understandability, distribution, and other elements (such as whether the PAFR is a notable achievement for the government given the government's type and size, and the PAFR's creativity and usefulness). The report received a grade of either partially satisfies, good or excellent in each category weighted at 20% or higher from at least two of the three judges.

Each entity submitting a report to the PAFR Program is provided with confidential comments and suggestions for possible improvements in the subsequent year's presentation. Your comments and suggestions, as well as a "Summary of Grading" form, are enclosed. We urge you to carefully consider the suggestions offered by our reviewers as you prepare your next PAFR.

You will also find a Certificate enclosed with these results. A current holder of a PAFR Award may include a reproduction of the Certificate in its immediately subsequent PAFR. A camera-ready copy of your Certificate is enclosed for that purpose. If you reproduce your Certificate in your next report, please refer to the enclosed instructions. We hope that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release has been enclosed. First-time recipients will receive a plaque in approximately 10 weeks.

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The PAFR Award is valid for one year. To continue your participation in the program, it will be necessary for you to submit your next PAFR to GFOA within six months of the end of your entity's fiscal year. A Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award Program Application is posted on GFOA's website at www.gfoa.org.

Over the course of the year, we are anticipating some changes to our application process. We will still be asking governments for the same documents we asked for in the past, but we are encouraging electronic submissions to pafr@gfoa.org and expect to be making other changes going forward. We will keep members informed of any changes via email, and application instructions will be updated on our website.

We appreciate your participation in this program, and we sincerely hope that your example will encourage others in their efforts to achieve and maintain a well-presented PAFR. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the PAFR Program staff in the Technical Services Center at (312) 977-9700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michele Mark Levine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michele Mark Levine

Director, Technical Services Center

Enclosures



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**Award for
Outstanding
Achievement in
Popular Annual
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**City of Commerce City
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For its Annual Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended

December 31, 2020

Christopher P. Morrill

Executive Director/CEO