

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD
PROGRAM GRANT**

**Financial Statement
with
Independent Auditors' Reports**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Supervisors and the
San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying statement of grant revenues and expenditures of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office (the Office) *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant in accordance with the State of California's Department of Insurance Fraud Division *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant contract for the year ended June 30, 2024., and the related notes to the statement.

In our opinion, the statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the grant revenues and expenditures of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office (the Office) *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant for the year ended June 30, 2024, in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the with the State of California's Department of Insurance Fraud Division "Insurance Fraud Grant Financial Audit Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2023-2024". Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Office and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

The accompanying statement of grant revenues and expenditures was prepared for the purpose of complying with the audit requirements of the State of California's Department of Insurance Fraud Division "Insurance Fraud Grant Financial Audit Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2023-2024". As described in Note 1, the statement is not intended to be a complete presentation of the Office's revenues and expenditures.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statement is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified accrual basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the State of California's Department of Insurance Fraud Division "Insurance Fraud Grant Financial Audit Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2023-2024" will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the State of California's Department of Insurance Fraud Division "Insurance Fraud Grant Financial Audit Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2023-2024", we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, 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 statement.
- 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 Office'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 statement.

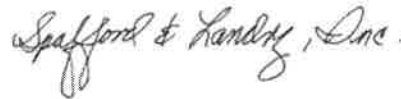
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 24, 2024 on our consideration of the Office's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of this report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Office's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Restriction on Use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office management and the California Department of Insurance Fraud Division, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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October 24, 2024

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**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM GRANT**

Statement of Grant Revenues and Expenditures

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Revenues	
Reimbursements received/receivable	\$ 836,998
Interest income	<u>3,648</u>
 Total revenues	 <u>840,646</u>
 Expenditures	
Salaries and benefits	840,646
Services and supplies	<u>-</u>
 Total expenditures	 <u>840,646</u>
 Excess of grant expenditures over revenues	 -
 Fund balance (carryover), beginning of year	 <u>-</u>
 Fund balance (carryover), end of year	 <u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM GRANT**

Notes to Financial Statement

1. Summary of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies

Description of the Reporting Entity

The statement represents the grant revenues and expenditures of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office (the Office) *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant for the year ended June 30, 2024. The grant is pursuant to the provisions of California Insurance Code Section 1872.8 and is solely for the purposes of enhancing investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud cases. The grant was funded by the State of California Department of Insurance Fraud Division and administered by the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office. The accompanying statement of grant revenues and expenditures presents only the activities of the *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant and is not intended to present the financial position of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office nor San Bernardino County itself in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Description of Grant

The grant funds are issued pursuant to authority granted to the California Insurance Commissioner under the provisions of Section 1872.8 of the Insurance Code and California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 2698.60 et. Seq., to all local district attorney offices for distribution of funding for the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud cases.

The preparation of this financial statement requires management to make estimates and assumptions. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures, as well as the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Management also determines the accounting principles to be used in the preparation of the statement. A description of the significant accounting policies employed in the preparation of this statement follows:

Statement of Grant Revenues and Expenditures

The statement of grant revenues and expenditures presents the eligible costs charged to the *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant by the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office and the revenues received in reimbursement of those costs by the State of California Department of Insurance Fraud Division.

Basis of Accounting

Revenues and expenditures are presented on a modified accrual basis. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which they are incurred, that is, when goods are received or services are provided. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which reimbursable expenditures are incurred.

2. Subsequent Events

Events or transactions that occurred after June 30, 2024 up through October 24, 2024, the date the statement was available for issuance, were reviewed for subsequent event accounting and disclosure. During this period, the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office does not believe it had any material subsequent events.

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Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Supervisors and the
San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and in accordance with the State of California's Department of Insurance Fraud Division "Insurance Fraud Grant Financial Audit Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2023-2024" the statement of grant revenues and expenditures of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office (the Office) *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant in accordance with the State of California's *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant contract for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement, and have issued our report thereon dated October 24, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the Office's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Office's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Office'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 Office's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses and significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Office's financial statement is 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of 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 Office'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 Office's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Spafford & Handley, Inc.

October 24, 2024

Independent Auditors' Report on State Compliance

To the Board of Supervisors and the
San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office

Report on Compliance

We have audited the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office (the Office) *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the State of California Department of Insurance Fraud Division "Insurance Fraud Grant Financial Audit Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2023-2024".

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to the Office's *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant. In connection with the audit referred to above, we selected and tested transactions and records to determine the Office's compliance with the laws and regulations applicable to the following:

- Expenditures were made for the purposes of the program as specified in Section 1872.8 of the Insurance Code of California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 2698.60, et seq., and the Guidelines in the Request for Application and the County Plan.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Office's *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and State of California Department of Insurance Fraud Division "Insurance Fraud Grant Financial Audit Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2023-2024". Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above could have a direct and material effect on the Office's *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Office's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Office's compliance with those requirements.

Opinion

In our opinion the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that are applicable to the Office's *Automobile Insurance Fraud Program* grant for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of State of California Department of Insurance Fraud Division "Insurance Fraud Grant Financial Audit Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2023-2024". This report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Spafford & Landry, Inc.

October 24, 2024