

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### To City Clerk, City of Markham,

I have audited the Financial Statement of Bill Chan, candidate for the office of Councillor, which comprises the Statement of Campaign Income and Expenses, the Calculation of Surplus of Deficit, and the attached schedules of Contributions, and of Fund-Raising Events and Activities, for the campaign period from July 14, 2022 to December 31, 2022 relating to the election held on October 24, 2022. This financial information has been prepared by the candidate, in accordance with the accounting requirements of Section 88.25 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

### The Candidate's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

The candidate is responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statement in accordance with the provisions of section 88.25 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and for such control as she determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statement free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Financial Statement based on my audit. We conducted out audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Generally accepted auditing standards require that we comply with ethical requirements, and plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the Financial Statement is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the Financial Statement 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 entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimated made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Financial Statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

# **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

Due to the inherent nature of the transactions of electoral campaigns, the completeness of contributions and other revenue and expenses is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these amounts was limited to the amounts recorded in the campaign's accounting records and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions and other revenue, and expenses.

### Qualified Opinion

In my opinion, except for the possible effects for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the Financial Statement of Bill Chan for the campaign period from July 14, 2022 to December 31, 2022 is prepared, in all material respected, in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

## Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my opinion, we draw attention to the basis of accounting of the Financial Statement, which is that presented in Form 4 as prescribed under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996. As a result, the Financial Statement may not be suitable for another purpose.

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Chartered Professional Accountants

March 29, 2023 Toronto, Ontario