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**HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Directors  
Houston Ship Channel Security District  
Harris County, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Houston Ship Channel Security District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

**Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of the District as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information, excluding that portion marked "Unaudited" on which we express no opinion or provide any assurance, 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Houston, Texas

September 21, 2021



**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Management's discussion and analysis of Houston Ship Channel Security District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

**USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

This report consists of a series of financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) combined fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements and (2) notes to the financial statements. The combined fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements combine both: (1) the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and (2) the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. This report also includes required and other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The District's report includes two financial statements combining the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. The government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The Statement of Net Position includes all of the District's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the District would extend to other non-financial factors.

The Statement of Activities reports how the District's net position changed during the fiscal year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The combined statements also include fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District has one governmental fund type. The General Fund accounts for resources not accounted for in another fund, assessment and contract revenues, costs and general expenditures.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

Governmental funds are reported in each of the financial statements. The focus in the fund statements provides a distinctive view of the District's governmental funds. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of the District and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. The adjustments columns, the Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position and the Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities explain the differences between the two presentations and assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

In addition to the financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information ("RSI") and other supplementary information. A budgetary comparison schedule is included as RSI for the General Fund.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$6,906,991 as of December 31, 2020.

The following is a comparative analysis of the Statement of Net Position as December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019:

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)**

	Summary of Changes in the Statement of Net Position		
	2020	2019	Change Positive (Negative)
Cash and Investments	\$ 8,461,336	\$ 8,538,311	\$ (76,975)
Accounts Receivable	<u>1,099,522</u>	<u>970,534</u>	<u>128,988</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 9,560,858</u>	<u>\$ 9,508,845</u>	<u>\$ 52,013</u>
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 588,742</u>	<u>\$ 394,953</u>	<u>\$ (193,789)</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 2,065,125</u>	<u>\$ 1,686,000</u>	<u>\$ (379,125)</u>
Net Position:			
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 6,906,991</u>	<u>\$ 7,427,892</u>	<u>\$ (520,901)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,906,991</u>	<u>\$ 7,427,892</u>	<u>\$ (520,901)</u>

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The following table provides a summary of the District's operations for the years ended December 31, 2020, and December 31, 2019. The District's net position decreased by \$520,901 during the current fiscal year.

	Summary of Changes in the Statement of Activities		
	2020	2019	Change Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Assessment Revenues	\$ 1,643,100	\$ 1,647,200	\$ (4,100)
Other Revenues	<u>110,430</u>	<u>203,939</u>	<u>(93,509)</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 1,753,530	\$ 1,851,139	\$ (97,609)
Expenses for Services	<u>2,274,431</u>	<u>3,351,730</u>	<u>1,077,299</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ (520,901)	\$ (1,500,591)	\$ 979,690
Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>7,427,892</u>	<u>8,928,483</u>	<u>(1,500,591)</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 6,906,991</u>	<u>\$ 7,427,892</u>	<u>\$ (520,901)</u>

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\* As adjusted, see Note 14.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

The District's General Fund fund balance was \$6,858,469, as of December 31, 2020, a decrease of \$512,104 from the previous year, which was primarily due to operating expenditures exceeding assessment, penalty and interest and contract revenues.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors did not amend the budget during the current fiscal year. The budget for the fiscal year was approved on November 5, 2019. Actual revenue was \$124,073 less than budgeted revenue primarily due to lower than anticipated investment revenues. Total expenditures were \$2,363,556 less than budgeted expenditures primarily due to lower than anticipated costs across all categories except professional fees.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

The District has not acquired capital assets as of December 31, 2020.

**LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY**

The District does not have long-term debt as of December 31, 2020.

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for anyone with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Houston Ship Channel Security District, 4400 Highway 225, Suite 200, Deer Park, TX 77536.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND  
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 274,550	\$	\$ 274,550
Investments	8,186,786		8,186,786
Accounts Receivable:			
Assessments	1,076,600		1,076,600
Penalty and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	<u>22,922</u>		<u>22,922</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 9,560,858</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 9,560,858</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 588,742</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 588,742</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Assessments	\$ 2,090,725	\$ (25,600)	\$ 2,065,125
Penalty and Interest on Assessments	<u>22,922</u>	<u>(22,922)</u>	<u></u>
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>\$ 2,113,647</u>	<u>\$ (48,522)</u>	<u>\$ 2,065,125</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			
Assigned to 2021 Budget Deficit	\$ 3,514,543	\$ (3,514,543)	\$
Unassigned	<u>3,343,926</u>	<u>(3,343,926)</u>	<u></u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ 6,858,469</u>	<u>\$ (6,858,469)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ 9,560,858</u>		
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Unrestricted		<u>\$ 6,906,991</u>	<u>\$ 6,906,991</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>		<u>\$ 6,906,991</u>	<u>\$ 6,906,991</u>

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

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Total Fund Balance – Governmental Fund	\$ 6,858,469
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Deferred assessment revenues for the 2020 and prior assessments became part of recognized revenue in the governmental activities of the District.	25,600
Deferred penalty and interest revenues for the 2020 and prior assessments became part of recognized revenues in the governmental activities of the District.	<u>22,922</u>
Total Net Position – Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 6,906,991</u>

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

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF**  
**REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessment Revenue	\$ 1,654,250	\$ (11,150)	\$ 1,643,100
Penalty and Interest	31,404	2,353	33,757
Contract Revenue	42,900		42,900
Investment Revenues	33,773		33,773
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 1,762,327</b>	<b>\$ (8,797)</b>	<b>\$ 1,753,530</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>			
Service Operations:			
Professional Fees	\$ 93,261	\$	\$ 93,261
Contracted Services	187,886		187,886
Grant Matching Funds	862,490		862,490
Grant Operations and Maintenance	1,076,003		1,076,003
Administrative	54,791		54,791
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,274,431</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ 2,274,431</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	\$ (512,104)	\$ 512,104	\$ -0-
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>		(520,901)	(520,901)
<b>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION – JANUARY 1, 2020, AS ADJUSTED</b>	<b>7,370,573</b>	<b>57,319</b>	<b>7,427,892</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION – DECEMBER 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 6,858,469</b>	<b>\$ 48,522</b>	<b>\$ 6,906,991</b>

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

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund \$ (512,104)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report assessment revenue when it is collected. However, in the Statement of Activities, revenue is recorded when the assessments are assessed. (11,150)

Governmental funds report penalties and interest revenue on assessments when it is collected. However, in the Statement of Activities, revenue for the current year is recorded when the penalties are assessed. 2,353

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ (520,901)

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

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**NOTE 1. CREATION OF DISTRICT**

Houston Ship Channel Security District (the “District”) was created by an order dated June 9, 2009, of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, in accordance with Chapter 68 of the Texas Water Code. This action was authorized by the Texas Legislature under provision of House Bill No. 3011, Chapter 913, of the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature, effective June 15, 2007. The District is empowered to provide (or contract with others to provide) security projects and security services which encompass an integrated security strategy and an increased level of security on both the waterside and landside exposures of sites within the District boundaries. The projects and services are intended to increase preparedness and responses needed to address potential threats. The District is located wholly within Harris County and includes more than 100 refinery, chemical, manufacturing, marine and other facilities. The Board of Directors held its first meeting on January 27, 2010.

**NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”).

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas governed by an appointed board. GASB has established the criteria for determining whether or not an entity is a primary government or a component unit of a primary government. The primary criteria are that it has a separately appointed governing body, it is legally separate, and it is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. Under these criteria, the District is considered a primary government and is not a component unit of any other government. Additionally, no other entities meet the criteria for inclusion in the District’s financial statement as component units.

Financial Statement Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards Part II, Financial Reporting (“GASB Codification”).

The GASB Codification sets forth standards for external financial reporting for all state and local government entities, which include a requirement for a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. It requires the classification of net assets into three components: Net Investment in Capital Assets; Restricted; and Unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

- Net Investment in Capital Assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.
- Restricted Net Position – This component of net position consists of external constraints placed on the use of assets imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulation of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted Net Position – This component of net position consists of assets that do not meet the definition of Restricted or Net Investment in Capital Assets.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. The District's Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities are combined with the governmental fund financial statements. The District is viewed as a special-purpose government and has the option of combining these financial statements.

The Statement of Net Position is reported by adjusting the governmental fund types to report on the full accrual basis, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. Any amounts recorded due to and due from other funds are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

The Statement of Activities is reported by adjusting the governmental fund types to report only items related to current year revenues and expenditures. Items such as capital outlay are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. Internal activities between governmental funds, if any, are eliminated by adjustment to obtain net total revenue and expense of the governmental-wide Statement of Activities.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Fund Financial Statements

As discussed above, the District's fund financial statements are combined with the government-wide statements. The fund statements include a Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

Governmental Funds

The District has one major governmental fund.

General Fund - To account for resources not required to be accounted for in another fund, assessment and contract revenues, costs and general expenditures.

Basis of Accounting

The District uses the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental fund types. 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. The District considers revenue reported in governmental funds to be available if they are collectible within 60 days after year end. Also, under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, which are recognized as expenditures when payment is due.

Annual assessments considered available by the District and included in fund revenue include 2019 assessments collected during the period October 15, 2019 to December 31, 2020, and 2018 and prior assessments collected in the 2020 fiscal year. The 2020 assessment has been deferred to the 2021 fiscal year.

Budgeting

An annual unappropriated budget is adopted for the General Fund by the District's Board of Directors. The budget is prepared using the same method of accounting as for financial reporting. The original General Fund budget for the current year was not amended. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund presents the original and revised budget amounts, if revised, compared to the actual amounts of revenues and expenditures for the current year. The budget for the fiscal year was approved on November 5, 2019.

Pensions

A pension plan has not been established. The District does not have employees.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Measurement Focus

Measurement focus is a term used to describe which transactions are recognized within the various financial statements. In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, the governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities associated with the activities are reported. Fund equity is classified as net position.

Governmental fund types are accounted for on a spending or financial flow measurement focus. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheet, and the reported fund balances provide an indication of available spendable or appropriable resources. Operating statements of governmental fund types report increases and decreases in available spendable resources. Fund balances in governmental funds are classified using the following hierarchy:

*Nonspendable*: amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The District does not have any nonspendable fund balances.

*Restricted*: amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation, or because of constraints that are imposed externally. The District does not have any restricted fund balances.

*Committed*: amounts that can be spent only for purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Directors. The Board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. This action must be made no later than the end of the fiscal year. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Board. The District does not have any committed fund balances.

*Assigned*: amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. The District has not adopted a formal policy regarding the assignment of fund balances. As of December 31, 2020, the District has assigned \$3,514,543 of the General Fund fund balance to use for a budgeted General Fund deficit during the year ended December 31, 2021.

*Unassigned*: all other spendable amounts in the General Fund.

When expenditures are incurred for which restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of restricted funds, then committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District’s deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of Texas statutes.

Texas statutes require that any cash balance in any fund shall, to the extent not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor, be continuously secured by a valid pledge to the District of securities eligible under the laws of Texas to secure the funds of the District, having an aggregate market value, including accrued interest, at all times equal to the uninsured cash balance in the fund to which such securities are pledged. At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the District’s deposits was \$274,550 and the bank balance was \$231,278. The District was not exposed to custodial credit risk at year-end.

The carrying values of the deposits are included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position at December 31, 2020, as listed below:

	Cash
GENERAL FUND	\$ 274,550

Investments

Under Texas law, the District is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity and that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management, and all District funds must be invested in accordance with the following investment objectives: understanding the suitability of the investment to the District’s financial requirements, first; preservation and safety of principal, second; liquidity, third; marketability of the investments if the need arises to liquidate the investment before maturity, fourth; diversification of the investment portfolio, fifth; and yield, sixth. The District’s investments must be made “with judgment and care, under

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
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**NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

Investments (Continued)

prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person’s own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived.” No person may invest District funds without express written authority from the Board of Directors.

Texas statutes include specifications for and limitations applicable to the District and its authority to purchase investments as defined in the Public Funds Investment Act. The District has adopted a written investment policy to establish the guidelines by which it may invest. This policy is reviewed annually. The District’s investment policy may be more restrictive than the Public Funds Investment Act.

The District invests in TexPool Prime, an external investment pool that is not SEC-registered. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas has oversight of TexPool Prime. Federated Investors, Inc. manages the daily operations of TexPool Prime under a contract with the Comptroller. TexPool Prime meets the criteria established in GASB No. 79 and measures all of their portfolio assets at amortized cost. As a result the District also measures its investments in TexPool Prime at amortized costs for financial reporting purposes. There are no limitations or restrictions on withdrawals from TexPool.

As of December 31, 2020, the District had the following investments and maturities:

Funds and Investment Type	Fair Value	Maturities of Less than 1 year
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
TexPool Prime	<u>\$ 8,186,786</u>	<u>\$ 8,186,786</u>

**NOTE 4. ASSESSMENTS**

In accordance with Chapter 68, Texas Water Code (the “Code”), the District may impose an assessment against facilities (as that term is defined in the Code) within its boundaries for any District purpose. On October 15, 2019, the District adopted a plan of assessment. The plan allows facilities to pay their respective assessments on or before January 31, 2020. All assessments not paid by this date shall become delinquent and there shall be added thereto such penalties, interest, expenses of collection, attorneys’ fees and other costs and expenses as are permitted by law. Per the Code, a delinquent assessment incurs penalties, interest and attorney’s fees in the same manner as a delinquent ad valorem tax, and the District may place a lien against the facility for which the delinquent assessment is due.

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**NOTE 4. ASSESSMENTS (Continued)**

For the 2020 fiscal year, \$2,065,125 of assessment installment payments were due. As of May 31, 2021, delinquent 2015 assessments of \$2,250, 2014 assessments of \$12,850, and 2013 assessments of \$10,500 remained outstanding.

**NOTE 5. AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

On August 17, 2010, the District executed a contract with the Greater Houston Port Bureau, Inc. (the "Bureau"). The contract was amended and restated on September 10, 2013 and October 13, 2020. The contract provides for administrative services to be performed by the Bureau on behalf of the District. The Bureau is also to provide office space and necessary amenities. The contract will remain in effect until terminated by either party.

Per the contract, the District compensates the Bureau monthly at an hourly rate of \$153 per hour for senior management personnel, \$127.50 per hour for program and project staff, and \$75 per hour for administrative staff; provided, however, the Bureau may not bill the District more than 300 hours per year of senior management personnel time and 1,500 hours per year of program and administrative management time. Office costs are reimbursed by the District to the Bureau with no single cost exceeding \$5,000 nor any aggregation of costs exceeding \$20,000 in one month. During the current fiscal year, the District paid the Bureau \$187,886 for administrative services and related costs.

**NOTE 6. AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

On March 8, 2011, the District entered into an agreement with Harris County, Texas (the "County"). The District is to provide financial assistance through assessments received from facilities to defray local matching requirements for federal grants received by the County, and a portion of operations and maintenance costs related to security projects and security services. The agreement was supplemented by addendums on February 28, 2012, June 24, 2014, March 8, 2016, and July 11, 2017. It was further amended on October 23, 2012, September 24, 2013, December 16, 2014, December 15, 2015, December 13, 2016, December 12, 2017, December 11, 2018, November 5, 2019 and November 10, 2020.

Pursuant to the agreement, the County will own, staff, operate and maintain the security project and provide the security services. Payments will be made to the County by the District as requested by the County and in accordance with the agreement. During the current fiscal year, the District paid the County \$992,850.

The amended agreement extends the term of agreement through December 31, 2021. The agreement may be terminated by either party upon default by the other party or for convenience, and without cause or default by the other party.

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**NOTE 7. AGREEMENTS WITH PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**

On November 1, 2017, the District executed an agreement with the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County, Texas (the “Authority”). The agreement is for the period of November 1, 2017 to October 1, 2018 and calls for a payment to the District by the Authority of \$42,900. On November 13, 2018, the District executed a subsequent agreement with the Authority. The agreement is for the period November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019 and calls for a payment to the District by the Authority of \$42,900. On November 5, 2019, the District executed a subsequent agreement with the Authority. The Agreement is for the period November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020 and calls for a payment to the District by the Authority of \$42,900. On November 10, 2020, the District executed a subsequent agreement with the Authority. The agreement is for the period November 1, 2020 to October 1, 2021 and calls for a payment to the District by the Authority of \$53,625. As a governmental agency, the Authority is excluded from the District by the Texas Water Code and thus exempt from any assessments imposed by the District. In support of the District and in lieu of an assessment, the Authority voluntarily contributes funds for authorized and approved costs of the District. This agreement may be terminated upon default by either party.

**NOTE 8. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**

On April 24, 2012, the District executed an agreement with the City of Houston, Texas (“Houston”). The agreement was amended on April 24, 2013. On June 27, 2014, a new agreement was executed. It was amended on December 8, 2015, December 13, 2016, December 12, 2017, November 5, 2019 and October 13, 2020, and includes provisions for acquisition and funding of various security projects and provision of security services. The contract term is through December 31, 2021. The contract may be terminated by either party upon default or for convenience, and without cause or default by the other party. During the current fiscal year, the District paid the City \$639,469 in grant matching funds for various projects and \$125,882 for security service costs related to this agreement.

**NOTE 9. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BAYTOWN, TEXAS**

On September 12, 2015, the District executed an agreement with the City of Baytown, Texas (“Baytown”). The agreement was amended on February 17, 2016. A Second Amended and Restated Agreement was executed on January 24, 2018. A Third Amended and Restated Agreement was executed on January 11, 2019. A Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement was executed on November 7, 2019. A Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement was executed on October 13, 2020. It expires two years after the effective date of the amendment, unless sooner terminated; however, Baytown’s obligations to deploy security and response teams and assets to respond to incidents within the District extends for the useful life of the assets for which the District has provided funding assistance. The District is to provide financial assistance through assessments received from facilities to defray local matching requirements for federal grants received by Baytown for security services. During the current fiscal year, the District paid Baytown \$131,375 for costs related to this agreement.

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**NOTE 10. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**

On February 1, 2016, the District executed an agreement with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (“TPWD”). The agreement was amended on January 1, 2017 and it expired on December 31, 2017. Subsequently, it has been renewed for the years ending December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2020. The agreement calls for TPWD to provide certain security services within and adjacent to the boundaries of the District, including additional waterborne patrols and support services to promote and aid security within the District. The agreement further calls for the District to finance certain portions of the fuel and maintenance costs necessary for TPWD to conduct patrols in an annual amount not to exceed \$117,700. During the current fiscal year, the District paid TPWD \$48,918 for costs related to this agreement.

**NOTE 11. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

On January 26, 2018, the District executed an agreement with the Texas Department of Public Service (“DPS”). The agreement was amended on August 11, 2020. The agreement calls for the District to fund two maritime sector analyst positions housed within the DPS that will be devoted exclusively to crime and security analysis of maritime critical infrastructure, with an emphasis on the Port of Houston. The initial term of this agreement expires on August 31, 2023, with an additional 12-month term after the initial term. Either party may terminate the agreement upon providing 120 days written notice of its intent to do so. During the current fiscal year, the District did not donate any funds per this agreement, but received \$53,916 back from the DPS for vacant positions funded in the previous fiscal year (see Note 14).

**NOTE 12. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District’s Board of Directors is exposed to risks of claims under its errors and omissions policy. The District carries commercial insurance to provide public officials and general liability. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

**NOTE 13. ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES**

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a global pandemic. Since that time, the District has not experienced any unusual assessment delinquencies or interruptions to service as a result of COVID-19. The District will continue to carefully monitor the situation and evaluate the financial statement impact, if any, that results from the pandemic.

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**NOTE 14. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMNET**

During the current fiscal year, the District received \$53,916 from the DPS for vacant positions which the District funded during the previous fiscal year. The effect of this adjustment is as follows:

General Fund - January 1, 2020	\$ 7,316,657
Effect of Adjustment	<u>53,916</u>
General Fund - January 1, 2020, As Adjusted	<u>\$ 7,370,573</u>
Net Position – January 1, 2020	\$ 7,373,976
Effect of Adjustment	<u>53,916</u>
Net Position - January 1, 2020, As Adjusted	<u>\$ 7,427,892</u>

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessment Revenue	\$ 1,651,500	\$ 1,654,250	\$ 2,750
Penalty and Interest		31,404	31,404
Contract Revenue	42,900	42,900	
Investment Revenues	<u>192,000</u>	<u>33,773</u>	<u>(158,227)</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>\$ 1,886,400</u>	<u>\$ 1,762,327</u>	<u>\$ (124,073)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Service Operations:			
Professional Fees	\$ 75,000	\$ 93,261	\$ (18,261)
Contracted Services	240,000	187,886	52,114
Grant Matching Funds	2,502,713	862,490	1,640,223
Grant Operations and Maintenance	1,427,836	1,076,003	351,833
Administrative	323,838	54,791	269,047
Capital Outlay	<u>68,600</u>	<u>        </u>	<u>68,600</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 4,637,987</u>	<u>\$ 2,274,431</u>	<u>\$ 2,363,556</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	\$ (2,751,587)	\$ (512,104)	\$ 2,239,483
<b>FUND BALANCE – JANAUARY 1, 2020</b>	<u>7,370,573</u>	<u>7,370,573</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2020</b>	<u>\$ 4,618,986</u>	<u>\$ 6,858,469</u>	<u>\$ 2,239,483</u>

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**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

PROFESSIONAL FEES:	
Auditing	\$ 11,750
Legal	<u>81,511</u>
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ <u>93,261</u>
CONTRACTED SERVICES	
Administrator	<u>\$ 187,886</u>
GRANT MATCHING FUNDS	<u>\$ 862,490</u>
GRANT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	<u>\$ 1,076,003</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES:	
Telephone	\$ 402
Insurance	8,519
Board Meetings	50
Office Supplies	5,473
Postage	2,152
Training	32,800
Travel and Entertainment	1,662
Other	<u>3,733</u>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>54,791</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u><u>\$ 2,274,431</u></u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
INVESTMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>Identification or Certificate Number</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance at End of Year</u>	<u>Accured Interest Receivable at End of Year</u>
TexPool Prime	XXXX0001	Varies	Daily	<u>\$ 8,186,786</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

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**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**CHANGES IN ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Assessments	
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE –		
JANUARY 1, 2020	\$ 896,049	
Adjustments to Beginning Balance		\$ 896,049
Original 2020 Assessment Levy	\$ 2,065,125	
Adjustment to 2020 Assessment Levy	0	
Tax Roll		2,065,125
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$ 2,961,174
ASSESSMENT COLLECTIONS:		
Prior Years	\$ 870,449	
Current Year	1,014,125	1,884,574
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE –		
DECEMBER 31, 2020		\$ 1,076,600
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE BY YEAR:		
2020		\$ 1,051,000
2015		2,250
2014		12,850
2013		10,500
		\$ 1,076,600

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**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
GENERAL FUND - FIVE YEARS**

	Amounts		
	2020	2019	2018
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessment Revenue	\$ 1,654,250	\$ 1,647,342	\$ 1,696,953
Penalty and Interest	31,404	32,142	33,006
Contract Revenue	42,900	42,900	35,750
Investment Revenues	33,773	125,755	6,586
Miscellaneous Revenues	20	20	20
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 1,762,327</b>	<b>\$ 1,848,159</b>	<b>\$ 1,772,295</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Professional Fees	\$ 93,261	\$ 98,228	\$ 81,784
Contracted Services	187,886	174,600	186,298
Grant Matching Funds	862,490	838,560	278,667
Grant Operations and Maintenance	1,076,003	1,924,860	1,140,445
Administrative	54,791	369,398	293,005
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 2,274,431</b>	<b>\$ 3,405,646</b>	<b>\$ 1,980,199</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ (512,104)</b>	<b>\$ (1,557,487)</b>	<b>\$ (207,904)</b>
<b>PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT</b>	53,916		(1,583,881)
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	7,316,657	8,874,144	10,665,929
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 6,858,469</b>	<b>\$ 7,316,657</b>	<b>\$ 8,874,144</b>

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		Percent of Total Revenues				
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$ 1,619,853	\$ 2,147,726	93.9%	89.2%	95.7%	95.8%	96.1%
19,113	20,834	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.1	0.9
47,350	63,613	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.8	2.8
5,102	4,901	1.9	6.8	0.4	0.3	0.2
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<u>\$ 1,691,418</u>	<u>\$ 2,237,180</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
\$ 94,975	\$ 86,897	5.3%	5.3%	4.6%	5.6%	3.9%
178,044	223,635	10.7	9.4	10.5	10.5	10.0
414,090	417,087	48.9	45.4	15.7	24.5	18.6
1,052,733	1,117,367	61.1	104.2	64.3	62.2	49.9
<u>108,022</u>	<u>31,080</u>	<u>3.1</u>	<u>20.0</u>	<u>16.5</u>	<u>6.4</u>	<u>1.4</u>
<u>\$ 1,847,864</u>	<u>\$ 1,876,066</u>	<u>129.1%</u>	<u>184.3%</u>	<u>111.6%</u>	<u>109.2%</u>	<u>83.8%</u>
\$ (156,446)	\$ 361,114	<u>(29.1)%</u>	<u>(84.3)%</u>	<u>(11.6)%</u>	<u>(9.2)%</u>	<u>16.2%</u>
<u>10,822,375</u>	<u>10,461,261</u>					
<u>\$ 10,665,929</u>	<u>\$ 10,822,375</u>					

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**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**BOARD MEMBERS, KEY PERSONNEL AND CONSULTANTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2020**

District Mailing Address - Houston Ship Channel Security District  
4400 Highway 225, Suite 200  
Deer Park, TX 77536

District Telephone Number - (713) 671-0947

<b>Board Members</b>	Term of Office (All are <u>Appointed</u> )	Fees of Office for the year ended December 31, <u>2020</u>	Expense Reimbursements for the year ended December 31, <u>2020</u>	<u>Title</u>
Gary Scheibe	01/2019 - 01/2021	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Chairperson
Eric Bass	01/2020 - 01/2022	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Secretary
Marcus Woodring	01/2019 - 01/2021	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Vice-Chair
Clayton Pace	01/2019 - 01/2021	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Treasurer
Craig Nelson	01/2019 - 01/2021	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Director
Carl Holley	01/2020 - 01/2022	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Director
Basil Alkoussari	01/2020 - 01/2022	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Director
Niels A. Aalund	01/2018 - 01/2020	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Director
Jimmy Burke	01/2020 - 01/2022	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Director
Eric Finck	01/2020 - 01/2022	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Director

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BOARD MEMBERS, KEY PERSONNEL AND CONSULTANTS  
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<u>Consultants:</u>	<u>Date Hired</u>	<u>Fees for the year ended December 31, 2020</u>	<u>Title</u>
Schwartz, Page & Harding, L.L.P	06/25/10	\$ 81,511	Attorney
McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC	09/13/11	\$ 11,750	Auditor
Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP	05/13/14	\$ 27	Delinquent Assessment Attorney

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