Board of Directors
Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids Nonprofit Housing Corporation
and Related Entities
Grand Rapids, Michigan

We have audited the combined financial statements of Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids Nonprofit Housing Corporation and Related Entities as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated June 1, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated December 31, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated December 31, 2019, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the combined financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Organization’s internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the combined financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. We also considered internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Organization’s combined 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. Also in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, we examined, on a test basis, evidence about the Organization’s compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement applicable to each of its major federal programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the Organization’s compliance with those requirements. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion, it does not provide a legal determination on the Organization’s compliance with those requirements.
Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit involved judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing as previously communicated to management.

Significant Audit Findings

Single Audit Findings

We are pleased to report that no findings were noted in connection with the Single Audit Report.

Housing Audit Findings

We are pleased to report that no findings were noted in connection with the Housing Audit Reports.

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids Nonprofit Housing Corporation and Related Entities are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 2, the Organization adopted new accounting guidance related to revenue recognition by adopting FASB Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, which amended Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), and ASU 2018-08, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made in 2019. The Organization also adopted ASU 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash. The adoption of the new standards did not have a significant effect on the financial statements.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. We noted no sensitive estimates affecting the combined financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The disclosures in the combined financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. Notes 14, 15 and 16 to the combined financial statements describe certain concentrations and contingencies faced by the Organization in its current operating environment. Note 17 to the combined financial statement describes the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the uncertainty of the financial impact to the Organization.
Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. The list of adjusting entries detected as a result of audit procedures that were corrected by management is attached.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 1, 2020.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.
Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the combined financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the combined financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the combined financial statements or to the combined financial statements themselves.

As part of the audit, we issued a management letter dated June 1, 2020 to communicate certain opportunities for strengthening internal controls and related documentation.

This information is intended solely for the use of Board of Directors and management of Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids Nonprofit Housing Corporation and Related Entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

June 1, 2020
Beene Garter LLP