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#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

RATINGS: Moody's: "A2" (Stable Outlook) S&P: "A+" (Stable Outlook) Fitch: "A" (Negative Outlook) (See "BOND RATINGS" herein.)

In the opinion of Foley & Judell, L.L.P. and Auzenne & Associates, L.L.C., Co-Bond Counsel, under existing law, interest on the Series 2024A Bonds (as defined herein) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations, and interest on the Series 2024B Bonds (as defined herein) is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Bonds (as defined herein) and the interest or other income thereon or with respect thereto shall be exempt from all income tax or other taxation in the State of Louisiana. See "TAX MATTERS" herein and Appendix "H" attached hereto.

\$183,000,000
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS,
ISSUE OF 2024A
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

\$17,000,000 TAXABLE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024B CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: December 1, as shown herein.

The referenced (i) Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024A (the "Series 2024A Bonds") and (ii) Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024B (the "Series 2024B Bonds," and together with the Series 2024A Bonds, the "Bonds") of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana (the "City") are being initially issued as fully registered bonds without coupons in denominations of \$5,000 each, or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity, and when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. Purchases of the Bonds may be made only in book-entry form in authorized denominations by credit to participating broker-dealers and other institutions on the books of DTC as described herein. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in the City of Brandon, Mississippi, or any successor paying agent (the "Paying Agent") to DTC, which will remit such payments in accordance with its normal procedures, as described herein. Interest on the Bonds is payable on December 1, 2024 and semiannually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 of each year. See Appendix "J"-BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM herein.

The Series 2024A Bonds maturing December 1, 2034 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption at the option of the City, acting through the Board of Liquidation, City Debt (the "Board of Liquidation"), prior to their stated maturities, on and after December 1, 2033, in whole or in part at any time and if less than a full maturity then by lot within such maturity at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Series 2024A Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date. Any Series 2024A Bonds made the subject of such call or calls shall be redeemed at the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. The Series 2024A Bonds are <u>not</u> required to be redeemed in inverse order of maturity.

The Series 2024B Bonds are not callable for redemption prior to their stated dates of maturity.

The Bonds are general obligations of the City, for which the full faith and credit of the City is pledged and are secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes upon all the property subject to such taxation within the City in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds. The Series 2024A Bonds are being issued for the purpose of (a) making capital improvements, including constructing, renovating, acquiring and/or improving capital improvements in the City permitted by the City's Home Rule Charter, including constructing, renovating, acquiring, and/or improving (i) roads, streets and bridges; (ii) public buildings, libraries, and parks and recreational facilities; (iii) surface and subsurface drainage systems and stormwater management facilities; and (iv) public safety equipment, including acquiring all necessary land, equipment and furnishings for each of the foregoing; and (b) paying the cost of issuance of the Series 2024A Bonds. The Series 2024B Bonds are being issued for the purpose of (a) making capital improvements, including constructing, renovating, acquiring and/or improving capital improvements in the City permitted by the City's Home Rule Charter, including constructing, renovating, acquiring, and/or improving affordable housing facilities, and (b) paying the costs of issuance of the Series 2024B Bonds. The Bonds are the final emission of the issuance of \$500,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds authorized at an election held in the City on November 16, 2019.

#### The Maturity Schedule for each series of the Bonds appears on the inside cover of this Official Statement.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the City, subject to the joint approving opinions of Foley & Judell, L.L.P. and Auzenne & Associates, L.L.C., each of New Orleans, Louisiana, Co-Bond Counsel. PFM Financial Advisors LLC and CLB Porter, LLC, each of New Orleans, Louisiana, serve as Co-Financial Advisors to the Board of Liquidation in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds. It is expected that the Bonds will be delivered in book-entry only form to DTC on or about August 15, 2024, against payment therefor.

The date of this Official Statement is July 31, 2024.

This page and the inside cover page contain information for quick reference only. They are not a summary of this issue. Investors must read the entire Official Statement to obtain information essential to the making of an informed investment decision.

## \$183,000,000 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024A CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

# MATURITY SCHEDULE (Base CUSIP No. 64763F)<sup>†</sup>

Due Dec. 1	Amount	Interest Rate	Initial Offering Price	CUSIP <sup>†</sup>
2025	\$ 2,935,000	5.00%	102.323%	E96
2026	3,085,000	5.00	104.194	F20
2027	3,235,000	5.00	105.934	F38
2028	3,400,000	5.00	107.455	F46
2029	3,570,000	5.00	109.462	F53
2030	3,745,000	5.00	110.483	F61
2031	3,935,000	5.00	111.829	F79
2032	4,130,000	5.00	113.095	F87
2033	4,340,000	5.00	114.195	F95
2034	4,555,000	5.00	$114.022^{(2)}$	G29
2035	4,785,000	5.00	113.678 <sup>(2)</sup>	G37
2036	5,020,000	5.00	$113.079^{(2)}$	G45
2037	5,275,000	5.00	112.484(2)	G52
2038	5,535,000	5.00	$111.977^{(2)}$	G60
2039	5,815,000	5.00	$111.305^{(2)}$	G78
2040	6,105,000	5.00	$110.637^{(2)}$	G86
2041	6,410,000	5.00	$109.892^{(2)}$	G94
2042	6,730,000	5.00	$109.399^{(2)}$	H28
2043	7,065,000	5.00	$108.908^{(2)}$	H36
2044	7,420,000	5.00	$108.501^{(2)}$	H44
2045	7,790,000	5.00	$108.177^{(2)}$	H51
2046	8,180,000	5.00	$107.854^{(2)}$	H69
2047	8,590,000	5.00	$107.371^{(2)}$	H77
2048	9,020,000	5.00	107.211 <sup>(2)</sup>	H85
2053(1)	52,330,000	5.00	106.493(2)	J59

<sup>(1)</sup> Term Bond.

## \$17,000,000 TAXABLE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024B CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

# MATURITY SCHEDULE (Base CUSIP No. 64763F)<sup>†</sup>

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Due Dec. 1	Amount	Interest Rate	Initial Offering Price	CUSIP <sup>†</sup>
2024	\$17,000,000	5.75%	100.082%	J67

<sup>(2)</sup> Priced to December 1, 2033 par call.

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NO DEALER, BROKER, SALESPERSON OR OTHER PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (THE "CITY") OR THE BOARD OF LIQUIDATION, CITY DEBT (THE "BOARD OF LIQUIDATION") TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE OBLIGATIONS HEREIN DESCRIBED OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AND IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH OTHER INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATIONS MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY. THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM SOURCES WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO BE RELIABLE BUT IS NOT GUARANTEED AS TO ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS. THE INFORMATION AND EXPRESSIONS OF OPINION HEREIN ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE, AND NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT NOR ANY SALE MADE HEREUNDER SHALL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES CREATE ANY IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CITY SINCE THE DATE HEREOF.

THE PURCHASER HAS REVIEWED THE INFORMATION IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH, AND AS PART OF, ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO INVESTORS UNDER THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS AS APPLIED TO THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS TRANSACTION, BUT THE PURCHASER DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF SUCH INFORMATION.

THE INVESTOR, BY ITS PURCHASE OF THE BONDS, ACKNOWLEDGES ITS CONSENT FOR THE PURCHASER TO RELY UPON THE INVESTOR'S UNDERSTANDING OF AND AGREEMENT TO THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH AS SUCH RELATES TO THE DISCLOSURE AND FAIR DEALING OBLIGATIONS THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE TO THE PURCHASER UNDER APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

BY ITS PURCHASE OF THE BONDS, AN INVESTOR IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IT HAS REVIEWED ALL THE INFORMATION IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION, AND THAT IT IS NOT RELYING ON ANY REPRESENTATION OF THE PURCHASER OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS OR DIRECTORS IN REACHING ITS DECISION TO PURCHASE BONDS.

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#### Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Statements in this Official Statement

This Official Statement is marked with a dated date and speaks only as of that dated date. Readers are cautioned not to assume that any information has been updated beyond the dated date except as to any portion of the Official Statement that expressly states that it constitutes an update concerning specific recent events occurring after the dated date of the Official Statement. Any information contained in the portion of the Official Statement indicated to concern recent events speaks only as of its date. The City expressly disclaims any duty to provide an update of any information contained in this Official Statement, except as agreed upon by said parties pursuant to the Form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate included as Appendix "I" attached hereto.

The information contained in this Official Statement may include forward looking statements by using forward-looking words such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "believes," "anticipates," "estimates," "budgets" or others. The reader is cautioned that forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from the projected results. Those risks and uncertainties include general economic and business conditions, and various other factors which are beyond the control of the City.

This Official Statement contains projections of revenues, expenditures and other matters. Because the City cannot predict all factors that may affect future decisions, actions, events or financial circumstances, what actually happens may be different from what is included in forward-looking statements.

THE BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, NOR HAS THE BOND RESOLUTION BEEN QUALIFIED UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939, AS AMENDED, IN RELIANCE UPON EXEMPTIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH ACTS. THE REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION OF THE BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES IN WHICH THE BONDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED OR QUALIFIED AND THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION IN OTHER STATES CANNOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF. NEITHER THESE STATES NOR ANY OF THEIR AGENCIES HAVE PASSED UPON THE MERITS OF THE BONDS OR THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY MAY BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR EXAMINATIONS OF THE CITY AND TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE MERITS AND RISKS INVOLVED.

THE REGISTRATION, QUALIFICATION OR EXEMPTION OF THE BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAW PROVISIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THESE SECURITIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, QUALIFIED OR EXEMPTED DOES NOT MEAN THAT EITHER THESE JURISDICTIONS OR ANY OF THEIR AGENCIES HAVE PASSED IN ANY WAY UPON THE MERITS OR QUALIFICATIONS OF, OR RECOMMENDED, THE SECURITIES, OR THEIR OFFER OR SALE. NEITHER THESE JURISDICTIONS NOR ANY OF THEIR AGENCIES HAVE GUARANTEED OR PASSED UPON THE SAFETY OF THE BONDS AS AN INVESTMENT, UPON THE PROBABILITY OF ANY EARNINGS THEREON OR UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The prices and other terms respecting the offering and sale of the Bonds may be changed from time to time by the Purchaser after the Bonds are released for sale, and the Bonds may be offered and sold at prices other than the initial offering prices, including sales to dealers who may sell the Bonds into investment accounts. In connection with the offering of the Bonds, the Purchaser may over allot or effect transactions which stabilize or maintain the market price of the Bonds at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such stabilizing, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

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#### INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana (herein referred to as the "Issuer," the "City," or "New Orleans"), provides information with respect to the referenced Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024A (the "Series 2024A Bonds") and Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024B (the "Series 2024B Bonds," and together with the Series 2024A Bonds, the "Bonds"). This Official Statement contains summaries of certain provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt (the "Board of Liquidation"), on or about August 7, 2024, pursuant to which the Bonds are being issued (the "Bond Resolution").

The descriptions and summaries of the City, the Board of Liquidation, the Bonds, the Bond Resolution and various documents hereinafter set forth do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive and are qualified by reference to such entity, act, resolution, ordinance, document or instrument so referred to or summarized.

Additional information about the City and the Parish of Orleans (the "Parish") is included in Appendix "B" hereto. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the City for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, is included by reference in Appendix "C" hereto. The Budget of the City for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 is included by reference in Appendix "D" hereto. The forms of legal opinion of Foley & Judell, L.L.P. and Auzenne & Associates, L.L.C. (collectively, "Co-Bond Counsel"), is included in Appendix "H" hereto.

Reference in this Official Statement to owner, holder, registered owner, Bondholder or Bondowner means the registered owner of the Bonds determined in accordance with the Bond Resolution.

This Official Statement contains information which has been furnished or obtained from the sources indicated. The factors affecting the City's financial condition and the security for the Bonds are described throughout this Official Statement, which should be read in its entirety. The summaries of and references to all documents, statutes, reports and other instruments referred to herein do not purport to be complete and each such document, statute, report or instrument is qualified in its entirety by reference to each such document, statute, report or instrument, copies of which are available from the Board of Liquidation.

#### **Authorization of Bonds**

The Bonds are authorized and issued pursuant to Part XIV, Chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"). The Bonds were specifically authorized by a special election held in the City on November 16, 2019 (the "Election"). See "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS-Results of Election" herein.

The Louisiana State Bond Commission (the "State Bond Commission") approved the Election and the issuance of the Bonds on September 19, 2019. The State Bond Commission expressly provides that said approval does not constitute a recommendation, approval or sanction by the State Bond Commission or the State of the investment quality of the Bonds and does not constitute any guaranty of repayment of

the Bonds by the State Bond Commission or the State. The approval of the Bonds by the State Bond Commission should not be relied upon by any prospective purchaser of the Bonds as advice. The written approval of the State Bond Commission expressly states that neither it nor the State shall have any liability or legal responsibility to investors arising out of, related to, or connected with the approval of the Bonds.

## Board of Liquidation, City Debt; Administration of General Obligation Bonds

The Louisiana Legislature (the "Legislature") created the Board of Liquidation pursuant to Act No. 133 of the 1880 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act 628 of the 1995 Regular Session of the Legislature, to provide security for the holders of general obligation debt of the City by having an independent body with exclusive control and direction of all matters related to general obligation bonded debt of the City. Under Louisiana law, the Board of Liquidation is responsible for separating and administering funds dedicated to the repayment of the general obligation debt from the operating budget of the City. All *ad valorem* taxes levied by the City Council of New Orleans (the "City Council") in each year for the payment of general obligation bonds are transferred to the Board of Liquidation, which has responsibility for the deposit and investment of such tax receipts and the servicing of the outstanding general obligation bonds. Once the property tax dollars are received by the Board of Liquidation, they are irrevocably dedicated to repay debt service on the City's general obligation bonds unless the obligation is otherwise discharged as provided by law. See "BOARD OF LIQUIDATION" herein.

#### **American Rescue Plan Act**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress approved and on March 11, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). Among its several provisions, ARPA directs significant funds to state and local governments in the United States, including the City. According to information from the United States Department of the Treasury, the City received approximately \$388 million in ARPA funds to assist in the recovery from the pandemic, consisting of funding allocated to both the City and the Parish. ARPA expressly provides that the funds may be used for various purposes, including paying costs associated with the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, providing government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and making necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. The City has now received and appropriated 100% of its expected ARPA funding.

#### PURPOSE OF ISSUE

The Series 2024A Bonds are being issued for the purposes of (a) making capital improvements, including constructing, renovating, acquiring and/or improving capital improvements in the City permitted by the City's Home Rule Charter of 1954, as amended (the "Charter"), including constructing, renovating, acquiring, and/or improving (i) roads, streets and bridges; (ii) public buildings, libraries, and parks and recreational facilities; (iii) surface and subsurface drainage systems and stormwater management facilities; and (iv) public safety equipment, including acquiring all necessary land, equipment and furnishings for each of the foregoing; and (b) paying the cost of issuance of the Series 2024A Bonds.

The Series 2024B Bonds are being issued for the purposes of (a) making capital improvements, including constructing, renovating, acquiring and/or improving capital improvements in the City permitted by the Charter, including constructing, renovating, acquiring, and/or improving affordable housing facilities, and (b) paying the cost of issuance of the Series 2024B Bonds.

#### SECURITY FOR THE BONDS

The Bonds are general obligations of the City and are payable from a special *ad valorem* tax, unlimited as to rate and amount, levied by the City on all property subject to taxation within the City. The Bonds are secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the City. The City Council is required under the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended (the "Constitution") and laws of the State to impose and collect annually, in excess of all other taxes, a tax on all property subject to taxation within the City sufficient to pay the principal of and interest and redemption premiums, if any, on all the City's general obligation bonds in each year. This special tax, when collected, is immediately segregated and paid over to the Board of Liquidation to be used for the payment of debt service on the Bonds as set forth below. See Appendix "B" for more information regarding the assessed value of property in the City and the *ad valorem* tax collection record of the City.

Article VI, Section 33(B) of the Constitution provides as follows:

Section 33. Political Subdivisions; General Obligation Bonds.

Section 33(B) Full Faith and Credit. The full faith and credit of a political subdivision is hereby pledged to the payment of general obligation bonds issued by it under this constitution or the statute or proceedings pursuant to which they are issued. The governing authority of the issuing political subdivision shall levy and collect or cause to be levied and collected on all taxable property in the political subdivision ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay principal and interest and redemption premiums, if any, on such bonds as they mature.

Section 39:1034 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, provides as follows with respect to the City:

Section 39:1034. Authority to issue particular type bonds

## A. General obligation bonds.

- (1) Authorization; election. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, or its successor, general obligation bonds may be issued by the City if authorized by a majority of the electors of the City voting on the proposition(s) at an election called by ordinance or resolution adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the council and conducted substantially in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. Prior to the holding of any election to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds, the ordinance or resolution of the council ordering and calling the election must be approved by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Board of Liquidation.
- (2) Debt limit. No general obligation bonds shall be issued by the City in an amount which shall exceed the limit of indebtedness provided for municipalities in R.S. 39:562(B), or five hundred million dollars, whichever is greater.
- (3) Security. All general obligation bonds of the City shall be payable from ad valorem taxes levied by the council on all the property subject to taxation within the City sufficient in amount to pay principal and interest and redemption premiums, if any, thereon as they respectively become due and shall be additionally secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the City.
- (4) Obligation to impose and collect taxes. The council shall impose and collect annually in excess of all other taxes, a tax on all the property subject to taxation within the City sufficient to pay the principal and interest and redemption premiums, if any, on all general obligation bonds in each year. All ad valorem taxes levied by the council in each year for the payment of general obligation bonds shall, upon their receipt, be transferred daily to the Board of Liquidation which shall have responsibility for the deposit of such receipts and for the investment and reinvestment of such receipts and the servicing of the outstanding general obligation bonds.

- (5) Failure to collect taxes; default in collection. Should the council neglect or fail for any reason to impose or collect sufficient taxes for the payment of the principal or interest or redemption premiums, if any, on any general obligation bonds, any person in interest may enforce imposition and collection thereof in any court having jurisdiction of the subject matter, and any suit, action, or proceeding brought by such person in interest for such purpose shall be a preferred cause, and shall be heard by a court of competent jurisdiction and disposed of without delay. In the event of any default in the imposition and collection of any taxes required for the payment of the principal and interest and redemption premiums, if any, on any general obligation bonds, the Board of Liquidation shall, itself, by proper resolution, have the power to levy and collect the taxes required for the payment of principal and interest and redemption premiums, if any, and shall certify the rate and necessity therefor and cause the same to be imposed and collected at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes are imposed and collected in the City.
- (6) Refunding bonds. The City and public entities are hereby authorized to issue refunding bonds for the purposes of refunding, readjusting, restructuring, refinancing, extending, or unifying the whole or any part of its outstanding bonds in an amount sufficient to provide the funds necessary to effectuate the purpose for which the refunding bonds are being issued and to pay all costs associated therewith. Such refunding bonds may be issued in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, except that in the case of refunding bonds which are general obligations of the City or are payable from limited or special ad valorem taxes, the Board of Liquidation shall be considered to be the governing body of the issuer where such term is used in connection with the issuance of the refunding bonds in said Chapter 14-A. In case of refunding bonds payable from sales tax revenues, the Board of Liquidation shall approve the issuance of such bonds by resolution adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of its members, and the Board of Liquidation shall sell such bonds. In those instances where the bonds being refunded were subject to the approval of the council, the resolution providing for the issuance of the refunding bonds shall be approved by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the council.

Upon delivery of the Bonds, the City will have \$773,170,000 of general obligation bonds outstanding.

## **Security Interest**

The Bond Resolution provides for a pledge by the Issuer of the revenues of the unlimited *ad valorem* tax referenced above as security for the Bonds. Pursuant to the Constitution, the proceeds of such tax may only be used to pay debt service on the Bonds. Pursuant to Section 39:1430.1 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, the tax collections so pledged and then or thereafter received by the City, the Board of Liquidation or the paying agent shall be subject to a first priority lien in favor of bondholders, and no filing is required under Chapter 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, as enacted in the State for the perfection and priority of such pledge.

## Millage Rate Setting and Procedures

The Board of Liquidation annually recommends to the City Council the property tax millage to be levied for the payment of debt service on the City's general obligation bonded indebtedness for the succeeding year. The Board of Liquidation's millage recommendation takes into consideration the debt service requirements on outstanding and proposed bonds, assessed valuations, net of homestead exemptions, and an assumed rate of property tax collections. The property tax levied for the purpose of paying debt service on the City's general obligation debt is separate from all other property taxes levied by the City Council and is dedicated solely for such purpose. All collections of the property tax dedicated to pay general obligation debt are required by statute to be paid over to the Board of Liquidation daily as collected by the City's Department of Finance. The Board of Liquidation is responsible for depositing, investing and reinvesting such receipts and for paying debt service on general obligation debt. In the event tax collections dedicated to the payment of debt service are insufficient therefor, the Board of Liquidation

may use its available funds on hand and not dedicated to other purposes to pay debt service and is empowered to levy an additional tax to pay such deficiency. The Act provides that the Board of Liquidation shall be continued while any of the City's general obligation bonds are outstanding and unpaid and its powers with respect to payment of the general obligation bonds shall not be diminished.

For more detailed information on the assessment and collection procedures, see "AD VALOREM TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION" herein.

#### Millage Levied to Service the Bonds

The Governing Authority levied 16.50 mills on the 2024 assessment roll for the purpose of the payment of all general obligation bonds, including the Bonds. For additional information on the debt service requirements, see Appendix "G" attached hereto. See Appendix "B" attached hereto for further information regarding historical tax collections and assessed valuations of the Issuer.

## **Legal Debt Limit**

The total principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City that may be at any time outstanding is limited by Section 39:1034 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to the greater of \$500,000,000 or 35% of the total assessed valuation of the City. The following table describes the debt limit of the City:

#### LEGAL DEBT LIMIT OF THE CITY

2024 Total Assessed Valuation	\$6,090,324,930
35% of Total Assessed Valuation	\$2,131,613,725
Less amount of Outstanding General Obligation Bonds	\$ 573,170,000
as of August 2, 2024	
Less Amount of the General Obligation Bonds	\$200,000,000
Total General Obligation indebtedness of the City After	\$773,170,000
Giving Effect to the Bonds	
Percentage of 2024 Total Assessed Valuation	12.69%
Remaining General Obligation Bond Debt Capacity	\$1,358,443,725

## **Results of Election**

The Bonds are the final emission of \$500,000,000 of general obligation bonds authorized pursuant to a proposition approved by the voters of the City at the Election. The result of said election and the proposition submitted follow:

Number of Votes FOR 76,792 Number of Votes AGAINST 40,373

#### **BOND PROPOSITION**

Shall the City of New Orleans, Louisiana (the "City"), incur debt and issue up to \$500,000,000 of bonds, in multiple series, each series to run not exceeding thirty (30) years from the date thereof and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding eight percent (8.00%) per annum, for the purpose of making capital improvements in the City permitted by the City's Home Rule Charter, including constructing, renovating, acquiring, and/or improving (i) roads, streets and bridges; (ii) public buildings, affordable housing facilities, libraries, and parks and recreational facilities; (iii) surface and subsurface drainage systems and stormwater management facilities; and (iv) public safety equipment, including acquiring all necessary land, equipment and furnishings for each of the foregoing, which bonds will be general obligations of the City, payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with no estimated increase in the millage rate to be levied in the first year above the 22.5 mills currently being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the City?

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

#### The Series 2024A Bonds

**Amount Being Issued.** One Hundred Eighty-Three Million Dollars (\$183,000,000) of Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024A, of the Issuer are being issued.

*Date of Issue.* The Series 2024A Bonds are dated as of the date of delivery, which is anticipated to be on or about August 15, 2024.

**Average Life.** The average life of the Series 2024A Bonds is approximately 18.6011 years from their dated date.

*Optional Redemption Provisions.* The Series 2024A Bonds maturing December 1, 2034 and thereafter, shall be callable for redemption at the option of the City, acting through the Board of Liquidation, in full, or in part, at any time, on and after December 1, 2033, and if less than a full maturity, then by lot within such maturity, at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest on the date fixed for redemption. The Series 2024A Bonds are not required to be redeemed in inverse order of maturity.

In the event a Series 2024A Bond to be redeemed is of a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Series 2024A Bond (\$5,000 or any multiple thereof) may be redeemed. Official notice of such call of any of the Series 2024A Bonds for redemption will be given by means of (i) first class mail, postage prepaid, by notice deposited in the United States mails not less than twenty (20) days prior to the redemption date or (ii) electronic transmission not less than twenty (20) days prior to the redemption date addressed to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed at the address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

*Mandatory Redemption Provisions.* The Term Bond maturing December 1, 2053, shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on December 1 in the years and in the principal amounts set forth below, plus accrued interest thereon:

Year	Principal
(December 1)	<b>Amount</b>
2049	\$ 9,470,000
2050	9,945,000
2051	10,440,000
2052	10,965,000
2053*	11,510,000

#### The Series 2024B Bonds

*Amount Being Issued.* Seventeen Million Dollars (\$17,000,000) of Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024B, of the Issuer are being issued.

*Date of Issue.* The Series 2024B Bonds are dated as of the date of delivery, which is anticipated to be on or about August 15, 2024.

Average Life. The average life of the Series 2024B Bonds is approximately 0.2944 years from their dated date.

**Redemption Provisions.** The Series 2024B Bonds are not callable for redemption prior to their stated dates of maturity.

#### **Paying Agent**

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, of the City of Brandon, Mississippi (the "Paying Agent"), is designated as the initial Paying Agent for the Bonds pursuant to the Bond Resolution.

#### Form and Denomination

The Bonds are initially issuable as fully registered bonds in "book-entry" only form and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds, and purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. See Appendix "J" attached hereto. The Bonds are being issued in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity.

#### **Maturities**; Interest Payment Dates

The Bonds mature on December 1 in the years and in the principal amounts indicated on the inside cover of this Official Statement and bear interest from the dated date, payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2024 (each an "Interest Payment Date"), at the rates per annum indicated on the cover hereof. The Bonds shall bear interest from the date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for.

#### **Bonds May Be Defeased**

Pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, or any successor provisions thereto, and the Bond Resolution, the Bonds, in whole or in part, shall be defeased and shall be deemed to be paid and shall no longer be considered to be outstanding under the Bond Resolution,

<sup>\*</sup>Final Maturity.

and the covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Bond Resolution with respect to such Bonds shall be discharged if one of the following shall occur:

- 1) There is deposited in an irrevocable trust with a bank which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or its successor, or with a trust company, moneys in an amount sufficient to pay in full the principal of and interest and call premiums, if any, on such Bonds to their stated maturity.
- 2) There is deposited in an irrevocable trust with a bank which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or its successor, or with a trust company, non-callable direct general obligations of the United States of America or obligations unconditionally guaranteed in principal and interest by the United States of America, including certificates or other evidence of an ownership interest in such non-callable direct obligations, which may consist of specified portions of interest thereon, such as those securities commonly known as CATS, TIGRS, and STRPS, the principal of and interest on which, when added to other moneys, if any, deposited therein, shall be sufficient to pay when due the principal of and interest and call premiums, if any, on such Bonds to their stated maturity.

Neither the obligations nor the moneys deposited in irrevocable trust nor the principal or interest payments on any such obligations shall be withdrawn or used for any purpose other than and shall be held in trust for the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds defeased. The owners of the Bonds which are so defeased shall have an express lien on such moneys or governmental obligations until paid out, used, and applied as set forth above.

#### **Record Date**

The record date with respect to the Bonds shall be the  $15^{th}$  calendar day of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date (the "Record Date").

#### Provisions Applicable if Book-Entry Only System is Terminated

*General*. Purchasers of Bonds will receive principal and interest payments, and may transfer and exchange Bonds, pursuant to the following provisions only if the book-entry only system is terminated. Otherwise, payments and transfers will be made only as described in Appendix "J" attached hereto.

**Place of Payment.** The Bonds will be payable at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent in the City of Brandon, Mississippi, or at the office of any successor thereto.

**Payment of Interest.** Upon discontinuation of the book-entry only system, interest on the Bonds will be payable by check mailed on or before the Interest Payment Date by the Paying Agent to the registered owner, determined as of the close of business on the Record Date, at the address of such registered owner as it appears on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

The person in whose name any Bond is registered at the close of business on the Record Date with respect to an Interest Payment Date (unless such Bond has been called for redemption on a redemption date which is prior to such Interest Payment Date) shall be entitled to receive the interest payable with respect to such Interest Payment Date notwithstanding the cancellation of such Bond upon any registration of transfer or exchange thereof subsequent to such Record Date and prior to such Interest Payment Date.

**Provisions for Transfer, Registration and Assignment.** The Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the registration books of the Paying Agent, and such registration shall be at the

expense of the Issuer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bonds or by other instruments of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Bond or Bonds of the same series will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new registered owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bonds after receipt of the Bonds to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond or Bonds must be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register the transfer of, or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date.

## **Secondary Market**

There is no guarantee that a secondary trading market will develop for the Bonds. Consequently, prospective bond purchasers should be prepared to hold their Bonds to maturity or prior redemption. Subject to applicable securities laws and prevailing market conditions, the Purchasers intend, but are not obligated, to make a market in the Bonds. As a result, owners of the Bonds may be unable to dispose of the Bonds should they no longer desire to own the Bonds. There can be no guarantee of the liquidity of the Bonds; consequently, prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be prepared to hold such bonds until maturity.

If such secondary market exists after the issuance of the Bonds, events such as decreases in benchmark interest rate indices, downward revisions or withdrawals of ratings on the Bonds or the Issuer, and general market turmoil, among others, may adversely affect the value of the Bonds on such secondary market. The Purchasers cannot guarantee that the owner of a Bond will not experience a loss of value of such Bond prior to maturity.

There can be no guarantee the rating assigned to the Bonds at the time of issuance will not be lowered or withdrawn at any time, the effect of which could adversely affect the market price for, and marketability of, the Bonds in the secondary market. See the information under "BOND RATINGS" herein.

#### AD VALOREM TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION

The following information with respect to certain property tax and related matters is included in this Official Statement to provide background information relating to the tax revenues securing the payment of the Bonds.

#### **Assessment Procedure**

All taxable property in the State is required by law to be assessed annually at a percentage of its fair market value or use value by assessors elected for four year terms, except that public service property is assessed directly by the Louisiana Tax Commission (the "Tax Commission"). Property tax assessments are required to be equal and uniform throughout the State. Assessments fixed by the assessors are subject to review and revision by the Tax Commission which has the duty of equalizing and finally certifying the assessments. Prior to being certified, the tax rolls containing the assessments are open for public inspection and a local board of review is authorized to conduct public hearings thereon and to recommend changes to the Tax Commission.

The Constitution provides that the classifications of property subject to *ad valorem* taxation and the percentage of fair market value applicable to each classification for the purpose of determining assessed valuation are as follows:

	<u>Classifications</u>	<b>Percentages</b>
1.	Land	10%
2.	Improvements for residential purposes	10%
3.	Electric cooperative properties, excluding land	15%
4.	Public service properties, excluding land	25%
5.	Other property	15%

Fair Market values are determined by the assessors, subject to review and final certification by the Tax Commission. The Constitution also provides that agricultural, horticultural, marsh lands, timber lands and certain historic buildings are to be assessed at 10% of "use" value.

Under the Constitution, the Parish assessor is required to appraise all property within the Parish at intervals of not more than four years. A reappraisal was last made for the 2024 tax year. To achieve uniformity in assessments, the Tax Commission has adopted guidelines for the assessors to follow in determining fair market values. The guidelines require real property to be reappraised and reassessed at least every four years; personal property, every year; intangible or incorporeal real or immovable property (defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:2322 and 47:1702) at least every four years; intangible or incorporeal personal or movable property (defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:1702), every year; and public service property shall be reassessed every year.

The Tax Commission is required by law to measure the level of appraisals or assessments and the degree of uniformity of assessments for each major class and type of property in each parish throughout the State. If the assessment levels of a parish or a district deviate by more than 10% from the percentage of fair market or use value required by the Constitution, the Tax Commission is required to order the assessor, within a period of one year to reappraise all property within the parish or a district or within one or more property classifications. The Tax Commission is to certify the assessments for the year in which the order is issued but the assessments for the following year shall not be certified until all deviations are corrected to conform to legal requirements.

Real property subject to taxation is required to be reappraised and valued at intervals of not more than four years and personal property subject to taxation is required to be reappraised and valued on an annual basis. The revised "Real/Personal Property Rules and Regulations" of the Tax Commission provide that the assessors may use the cost, income and market approaches in making appraisals of residential, commercial and industrial land and improvements. An assessor may reappraise real property based on property transfers more often than every four years if the trends established by the transfers indicate that property value fluctuations are creating inequities within the assessing district by property classifications, however, the reappraisal shall not be applied on a parcel-by-parcel basis, but rather to all parcels in a particular geographical area. Improvements are added to the tax rolls on the August 1 following the year the improvements are completed. A general reappraisal of property was made by the assessor for the 2024 tax roll. There can be no guaranty that the assessed valuation of the City will increase in future years. For additional information, see Appendix "B" herein.

By law, assessment lists shall be open for public inspection from August 1 through August 15 of each year in the Parish, and the Orleans Parish Assessor (the "Assessor") must finish the preparation and listing on the assessment lists of all real and personal property and certify his roll to the Board of Review. The Board of Review is required to certify the roll to the Tax Commission on or before October 20 of each year. The roll is then filed with the tax collector (the City's Director of Finance). The City Council, as the governing authority of the City, annually adopts by December 1 an ordinance levying the *ad valorem* taxes (other than the *ad valorem* taxes levied by the Orleans Law Enforcement District, Orleans Parish School Board and the Orleans Levee District) on taxable real and personal property for the following calendar year. Taxes on both real and personal property are payable on January 1 and are delinquent on February 1.

The Tax Commission may change or correct any and all assessments of property for the purposes of taxation during the year. Such changes may be made at any time before the taxes levied have actually been paid.

Taxpayers may pay their *ad valorem* taxes under protest by paying the full amount due and giving notice at the time of payment of their intention to file suit. The amount paid under protest is held in escrow (a) for 30 days pending initiation of a suit after which period such amount is surrendered and considered paid in full or (b) if a suit is timely filed, until final judicial determination.

#### **Fair Market Value**

The Assessed Value of the Issuer is primarily a product of the fair market value of the property located within the Issuer. The Tax Commission's regulations define "fair market value" as "the price for property which would be agreed upon between a willing and informed buyer and a willing and informed seller under usual and ordinary circumstances..." The fair market value of property could fluctuate, and may in fact decrease, due to various factors in a geographic area, many of which are outside the control of the Issuer. These may include, but are not limited to, its perceived desirability, general economy and cost of living, educational and employment opportunities, environmental resilience, flood and homeowner's insurance premiums, crime rates and other social factors. The City cannot guarantee the stability of property values in the City; however, the Board of Liquidation is required to recommend and the City Council is required to levy an ad valorem tax at such rate as may be necessary to service all of the City's outstanding general obligation bonds, including the Bonds. See "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS" herein.

#### **Constitutional Amendments**

At various times, the voters of the State have approved amendments to the Constitution that affect the assessed value of and the levy and collection of *ad valorem* taxes in political subdivisions, including the territory of the Issuer. Examples of recent amendments include a property tax assessment freeze for certain military and disabled persons and limited property tax exemptions for leased medical equipment, motor vehicles, consigned art and the surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty. The Issuer cannot guarantee whether future amendments to the Constitution will be proposed or approved by voters.

## **Homestead Exemptions**

Homestead exemptions are reductions in the assessed value of property applicable to owner-occupied residences. Under the Constitution, the homestead exemption for all homeowners is currently \$7,500 of assessed valuation, except that the homestead exemption for certain homeowners (e.g., 100% disabled veterans and their surviving spouses) is \$15,000 of assessed valuation.

Approximately 8.04% of the total assessed valuation of the City for 2024 represents homestead exempt property. The special *ad valorem* tax levied by the Board of Liquidation to service the Bonds is subject to homestead exemption.

## **Tax Rate Adjustment**

The tax rate adjustment provisions of the Constitution and Section 47:1705 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, are *not* applicable to the *ad valorem* tax levied by the Board of Liquidation to service the Bonds.

THE CITY IS REQUIRED EACH YEAR TO LEVY WITHOUT LIMITATION A SEPARATE AD VALOREM TAX AT SUCH RATE AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON ALL OF ITS OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. SEE "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS" HEREIN.

## **Penalty for Nonpayment of Taxes**

A delinquent tax accrues interest at a rate of one percent for each month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid (normally, as of February 1).

## **Property Tax Collections**

The property taxes for the calendar year 2024 are currently being collected by the City Finance Department. Section 47:1997.1 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, provides that in the Parish, each tax recipient body that receives a portion of *ad valorem* taxes must reimburse the City's Finance Director for the cost of collection, not to exceed two percent (2%). The cost of collection is deducted from each tax recipient governing bodies' proportionate share of the taxes with the proceeds received from the collection charge to be deposited in the City's General Fund. In addition, the Assessor receives two percent (2%) of the amount of taxes levied pursuant to La. R.S. 47:1925.8, which provides that the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office shall be funded annually no later than March 1 by the City with no less than two percent (2%) of the *ad valorem* taxes levied on property in the City. The total amount of revenue received by the Assessor's Office shall never be less than that received by the former Board of Assessors for Orleans Parish in 2006.

See Appendix "B" for more information regarding the assessed value of property in the City and the *ad valorem* tax collection record of the City.

#### **Sales of Adjudicated Properties**

The City periodically auctions adjudicated properties with significant success. Since 2015, over 2,050 adjudicated properties have been auctioned and returned to private ownership. In addition, a number of property owners redeemed their properties prior to the scheduled auction by paying the back taxes and penalties owed to the City and other tax recipient entities.

#### **DEBT STATEMENT**

#### **Short Term Debt**

The City has no outstanding short-term indebtedness other than normal accounts payable or as otherwise stated in this Official Statement.

## **Long Term Debt**

The details of the long-term debt of the City are presented in the Debt Statement included as Appendix "F" and under the caption "Trend of Indebtedness" below.

## Overlapping Bonded Debt of Other Entities Secured by Ad Valorem Taxation

As of August 2, 2024, the Law Enforcement District of the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana had a total of \$6,560,000 of general obligation bonds outstanding which are secured by and payable from unlimited *ad valorem* taxes.

## **Limited Tax Bonds of the City and its Agencies**

As of August 2, 2024, the City had outstanding \$109,610,000 aggregate principal amount of its limited tax bonds secured by and payable from proceeds derived from the levy and collection of a special *ad valorem* tax of 13.91 mills (subject to adjustment due to reassessment) which the City is authorized to levy for general purposes pursuant to the Constitution.

The City is authorized to issue limited tax bonds for the Audubon Commission payable solely from the proceeds of special *ad valorem* taxes. The maximum principal and interest payable in any year on Audubon Commission limited tax bonds at any time outstanding may not exceed 75% of the revenues of the tax dedicated therefor in the calendar year next preceding the date of the adoption by the Audubon Commission of the resolution authorizing the issuance of said bonds. As of August 2, 2024, the Audubon Commission had \$41,120,000 of its limited tax bonds outstanding, which are payable solely from the Audubon Commission's share of the revenues of the 6.31 mills tax.

The City is authorized to issue limited tax bonds for the Downtown Development District (which includes the area within the boundaries of the Mississippi River, the upper line of the Mississippi River Bridge and Pontchartrain Expressway, the lake side right-of-way line of Claiborne Avenue, and the lower right-of-way line of Iberville Street) payable solely from the proceeds of a special *ad valorem* tax. As of August 2, 2024, the City had outstanding \$5,515,000 of limited tax bonds for the Downtown Development District, maturing December 1, 2024 to December 1, 2029, inclusive, secured by and payable from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the funds to be derived from the levy and collection of a special *ad valorem* tax not exceeding 22.97 mills (17.12 mills due to reassessment) upon all the taxable real property located in the Downtown Development District.

The City is authorized to issue limited tax bonds for the Drainage System of the City administered by the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (the "Sewerage and Water Board"), payable solely from separate *ad valorem* taxes. As of August 2, 2024, the City had \$36,690,000 aggregate principal amount of its limited tax bonds outstanding for the Drainage System and is levying an *ad valorem* tax of 7.06 mills for the payment thereof.

#### **Revenue Bonds – Sewerage and Water Board**

The City, acting by and through the Board of Liquidation, is authorized to issue water revenue bonds and sewerage service revenue bonds secured by and payable solely from revenues received from the imposition of water charges and sewerage charges, respectively, and from the amounts held on deposit in the funds and accounts established under the resolutions pursuant to which such bonds were issued.

As of August 2, 2024, there were outstanding \$209,165,000 of water revenue bonds and \$86,076,200 of sewerage service revenue bonds issued by the City for the Sewerage and Water Board.

#### **Other Revenue Bonds of Related Entities**

The City is authorized through the New Orleans Aviation Board (the "Aviation Board") to issue revenue bonds which are secured by and payable solely from the revenues derived from the operation of New Orleans International Airport. As of August 2, 2024, there were \$891,750,000 of outstanding revenue bonds of the Aviation Board.

#### **Sales Tax Bonds**

The City is authorized to issue bonds secured by and payable from sales tax revenues pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. The City does not presently have any outstanding sales tax bonds.

#### **Hurricane-Related Borrowing**

As part of the recovery efforts following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (See "INVESTOR CONSIDERATIONS-Hurricanes and Severe Weather Events" herein), the City and its component units and independent boards received special authorization to borrow funds from various sources for various purposes. The State issued \$200,000,000 of General Obligation Gulf Tax Credit Bonds, Series 2006-A and \$200,000,000 of General Obligation Match Bonds, Series 2006-B (the "State Bonds") and loaned the proceeds to various entities to assist in the payment of debt service coming due on the respective obligations of each entity.

The following table lists the various borrowings by the City and its component entities and independent boards relating to the State Bonds, including the original principal amount of the borrowing, final maturity date(s) (or redemption status) and the security therefore:

<u>Borrower</u>	Original Principal <u>Amount</u>	Final Maturity <u>Date</u>	Security
City of New Orleans	\$52,268,594	7/15/2026	All available revenues of the City after payment of all outstanding debt
Board of Liquidation	27,617,209	Redeemed	All available revenues of the Board of Liquidation after payment of all outstanding Debt
Sewerage and Water Board	77,465,247	1/15/2031	All available revenues of the Sewerage and Water Board after payment of all outstanding debt
Audubon Commission	16,758,566	7/15/2026	All available revenues of the Audubon Commission after payment of all outstanding debt
Aviation Board	35,371,990	7/15/2026	All available revenues of the Aviation Board after payment of all outstanding debt
Downtown Development District	1,600,153	Redeemed	All available revenues of the Downtown Development District after payment of all outstanding debt

The borrowings of the Board of Liquidation and Downtown Development District described in the chart above have been redeemed in full.

In addition, the Federal Government acting through the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") pursuant to Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the "Stafford Act"), as amended, loaned the City and several of its component units funds for current operations related to essential services, which loans were evidenced by one or more notes of such entities. Pursuant to Section 502 of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act of 2007, FEMA has forgiven all Stafford Act loans made to the City and its component units.

## **Loan and Lease Agreements**

The City Council has authorized the Mayor of the City to sign loan agreements under the HUD Section 108 loan program and lease agreements on behalf of the City to stimulate business development and acquire certain immovable equipment. From time to time, the City enters into lease agreements pursuant to State law for the purpose of financing the acquisition of immovable property. Such leases are subject to annual appropriations but otherwise have various terms and purposes. The City has appropriated funds to make such lease payments in past years.

#### **Trend of Indebtedness**

The following table shows the amounts of general obligation bonds, limited tax bonds and general fund indebtedness of the City outstanding as of the end of each of the following calendar years:

	General	Limited			Limited
	Obligation	Tax Bonds	<b>General Fund</b>		Tax Bonds of
<b>Year</b>	<b>Bonds</b>	of the City	<b>Indebtedness</b>	City Total	City Agencies
2014	\$507,081,268	\$213,395,000	\$7,070,000	\$727,546,268	\$41,955,000
2015	625,875,902	208,127,044	6,500,000	840,502,946	36,510,365
2016	577,652,123	204,552,493	5,905,000	788,109,616	31,650,000
2017	552,808,896	200,114,770	5,280,000	758,203,666	26,590,000
2018	523,950,000	184,657,062	4,625,000	713,232,062	21,310,000
2019	494,910,000	168,667,981	3,940,000	667,517,981	15,825,000
2020	433,695,000	202,246,106	3,225,000	651,086,106	19,590,000
2021	502,895,000	182,860,000	2,475,000	688,230,000	47,480,000
2022	615,960,000	167,575,000	1,690,000	785,225,000	93,655,000
2023	573,170,000	143,650,000	865,000	717,685,000	83,895,000

Sources: Board of Liquidation, City Debt, City of New Orleans.

#### **BOARD OF LIQUIDATION**

The Board of Liquidation was created by the Louisiana Legislature in 1880 and made a "body corporate," separate and distinct from the City, in 1890. The Bonds are being sold through the Board of Liquidation, which also approves their issuance.

The Board of Liquidation is composed of nine members: the Mayor and the two City Councilmembers-at-large, who serve ex officio, and six members, referred to as the "syndicate" members, appointed in the manner hereinafter described. The syndicate members have traditionally been selected from leaders of the business, financial and professional community of New Orleans. All members of the Board of Liquidation serve without pay. Further information about the Board of Liquidation, its

membership and financial data, including certain Board information, may be found on its website at <a href="http://www.bolcd.com">http://www.bolcd.com</a>.

Tracy D. Madison is the Secretary of the Board of Liquidation. The incumbent members of the Board of Liquidation, who serve until their successors are appointed, their terms of office, and their principal occupation are:

LaToya Cantrell, ex officio

Mayor, City of New Orleans (Term: 1/10/2022-1/10/2026)

Helena N. Moreno, ex officio

Councilmember-at-large, City of New Orleans

(Term: 1/10/2022-1/10/2026)

Jean Paul Morrell, ex officio

Councilmember-at-large, City of New Orleans

(Term: 01/10/2022-1/10/2026)

Ralph W. Johnson, President

Senior Finance Executive (Term: 4/07/2022-12/31/2033)

Lynes R. Sloss, Vice-President

Chairman, Bellwether Technology (Term: 11/16/2017-12/31/2027)

**Chadrick Kennedy** 

President, Health & Wealth Consultant

(Term: 7/27/2023-12/31/2025)

Julius E. Kimbrough, Jr

Impact Investment Officer, Mary Reynolds

**Babcock Foundation** 

(Term: 6/21/2018-12/31/2029)

Todd O. McDonald

President, Liberty Bank (Term: 5/7/2020-12/31/2031)

Amy Fields

Bursar, Southern University (Term 4/18/24-12/31/2035)

#### THE CITY

#### **City Government**

The City was founded in 1718, incorporated in 1805, and with an estimated 2023 population of 364,136, is the largest populated city located within the boundaries of the State. The City's system of government is established in the Charter. The Constitution prohibits the State Legislature from enacting any law affecting the structure, organization or distribution of the power and function of any local political subdivision which operates under a home rule charter. The Charter may be amended only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified voters in the City voting at an election called by the City Council on its own initiative or upon receipt by it of a petition of not less than ten thousand registered voters.

A number of important local governmental functions in the City are performed by entities which, in varying degrees, operate independently of City government. These entities include the Sewerage and Water Board, which is responsible for water, sewer and drainage service for the City, the Orleans Parish School Board, which is responsible for elementary and secondary education in the City, the Aviation Board, which operates the Louis Armstrong International Airport (the "Airport"), and the Orleans Levee Board, which has primary responsibility for levees, sea walls and breakwaters surrounding the City. These and other similar entities have their own budgets and revenue sources and are not included in the City's budget. See Appendix "F"- Debt Statement attached hereto.

The City has a Mayor-Council plan of government. The Mayor, as the chief executive officer, is elected for a four-year term. The Charter provides that the Mayor may not serve more than two consecutive

terms. The Mayor appoints the Chief Administrative Officer, who is the principal assistant and the budget officer for the City. The Chief Administrative Officer appoints all department heads, subject to the Mayor's approval, except the City Attorney, who is appointed by the Mayor, the Director of the Civil Service Department, who is appointed by the Civil Service Commission, and the Director of the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission, who is appointed by the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission. There are numerous executive departments and affiliated boards and commissions.

**Mayor LaToya Cantrell** began her first term as Mayor of New Orleans in May 2018. Born in 1972, Mayor Cantrell graduated from Xavier University. Prior to being elected Mayor, Ms. Cantrell served as a member of the New Orleans City Council for six years.

The City Council is the legislative body of City government, consisting of five members selected from districts and two members elected at-large, all for four-year terms. Members of the City Council may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The City Council has authority to levy taxes, subject to State law, and to adopt the City's annual capital and operating budgets. Ordinances for the City Council may be vetoed by the Mayor. Vetoes may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

## City Financial Management, Budgeting and Control

The City's finances are overseen by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Finance. The Chief Administrative Officer prepares the annual operating and capital budgets and supervises the execution of budget ordinances. After the budget is adopted by the City Council, the Chief Administrative Officer provides a schedule of expenditure allotments by which the timing of expenditures and the nature of expenditures within a department are controlled. All changes to allotments, other than amendments that transfer an appropriation from one classification to another, must be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer. The Charter provides that the Mayor shall direct appropriate revisions in allotments to keep expenditures within the revenues received or anticipated.

**Gilbert Montaño** serves as Chief Administrative Officer. In this capacity, he oversees the day-to-day operational functions of City Hall. Prior to joining the City in May 2018, Mr. Montaño served as the Chief Administrative Officer for Albuquerque, New Mexico. He first joined the Albuquerque city government in 2006 as a budget and policy analyst.

The Department of Finance maintains the treasury of the City and is responsible for the collection, recordation, deposit and disbursement of all taxes; licenses and permit fees; the maintenance of the City's equipment inventory; disposition of City property declared surplus; the purchasing of materials, supplies and equipment; preparation of City employee payrolls and pension rolls; preparation, validation and distribution of tax bills and rolls; and recommendation of action on claims against the City. In addition, the Department of Finance maintains documentation of financial transactions of the City and prepares its financial reports.

**Romy Samuel** is Director of Finance for the City of New Orleans, where she oversees all financial, accounting, sales and property tax collection, and procurement activities.

## The Capital Budget and Program

Pursuant to the Charter, in accordance with a schedule prescribed by the Chief Administrative Officer, each office, department and board presents to the City Planning Commission a list of proposed capital improvements to be made in conjunction with its work over the next five years. The City Planning Commission then prepares and submits to the Mayor a five-year capital improvement program.

The Mayor annually recommends to the City Council, on or before November 1, a capital program for the next five years and a capital budget for the first year of the program. The City Council is obligated to approve a capital program and adopt a capital budget before it adopts the annual operating budget. The City Council may not amend the capital program as submitted to it until it has requested and received through the Mayor the recommendations of the City Planning Commission with respect thereto. The capital program and budget must show the amount and sources of money for each separate project. The amounts budgeted constitute appropriations from the funds indicated when they become available. Expenditures for capital projects are made through the Capital Fund. The capital program budget historically excludes bond proceeds.

The budget revenues of the capital budget for the current and subsequent four years are as follows:

## CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

#### ESTIMATE OF CAPITAL FUND REVENUES 2024-2028

SOURCE OF FUNDS	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	\$ 13,250	\$662,250	\$662,250	\$662,250	\$0	\$2,000,000
FEMA Reimbursement Funds	\$57,000,000	\$57,000,000	\$57,000,000	\$57,000,000	\$57,000,000	\$285,000,000
Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds (HMGP)	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$1,850,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
Miscellaneous Capital Funds (MCF)	\$1,350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,350,000
Self-Generated Funds (FMC, NOAB)	\$80,225,269	\$133,863,500	\$177,038,000	\$96,620,000	\$8,225,000	\$495,971,769
State Capital Outlay Funds (SCO)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$138,638,519	\$191,625,750	\$236,550,250	\$154,282,250	\$65,225,000	\$786,321,769

Source: Chief Administrative Office, City of New Orleans.

## **The Operating Budget**

The Charter requires the annual preparation and adoption of a balanced operating budget for the City. Not later than August 1 of each year, the Chief Administrative Officer is required to make available sufficient data relating to the current and preceding year's appropriations and expenditures for the City Council and for each office, department or board or other entity that (i) is receiving or seeks to receive an appropriation from the City Council payable from any operating fund of the City of (ii) which expends City funds. Any entity which seeks an appropriation from any operating fund of the City shall submit detailed data, in a format which seeks an appropriation from any operating fund of the City shall submit detailed data, in a format which adheres to generally accepted accounting principles, to the Chief Administrative Officer in accordance with a schedule prescribed by the Chief Administrative Officer for a compilation and recommendations for review by the Mayor prior to the Mayor's submission of the proposed budget to the City Council.

The Chief Administrative Officer, after consulting with the City Council and the heads of offices, departments and boards, is required by the Charter to prepare a preliminary budget for the consideration of the Mayor. The preliminary budget must include all budget requests, and the recommendations of the Chief Administrative Officer with respect to each request, an estimate of the receipts from each source of revenue and a statement of the total estimated income and total recommended expenditures for each operating fund.

A summary of the adopted City General Fund Budget for the year ending December 31, 2024 follows:

Revenues	<b>Amount</b>	% of Total
Taxes	\$ 520,185,023	63.87%
Licenses & Permits	74,004,677	9.09%
Intergovernmental	32,635,830	4.01%
Service Charges	91,799,039	11.27%
Fines & Forfeits	23,055,147	2.83%
Miscellaneous Revenues	29,800,127	3.66%
Other Financing Sources	42,943,368	5.27%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ <u>814,423,211</u>	<u>100.00</u> %
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	% of Total
Personal Services	\$449,678,686	55.21%
Other Operating	328,723,441	40.36%
Debt Service	36,021,084	4.42%
Grants, Contributions & Fund	<del></del>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ <u>814,423,211</u>	<u>100.00</u> %

Source: Chief Administrative Office, City of New Orleans.

The Charter further provides that the City Council may amend the budget during the year via ordinance. Typically, adjustments to the budget are made from time to time to prevent deficits occurring in certain expenditure accounts and to recognize differences in anticipated revenues. The budget for Fiscal Year 2024 can be viewed using this link: <a href="https://nola.gov/next/mayors-office/topics/budget/">https://nola.gov/next/mayors-office/topics/budget/</a>.

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<sup>\*</sup>Totals may not add due to rounding.

## **Revenues and Expenditures**

The following page contains a five-year history of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance of the City's General Fund.

## CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA SUMMARY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

GENERAL FUND REVENUES	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<mark>2021</mark> Dollars in Thousa	2022	<u>2023</u>
Taxes	437,734	397,768	441,499	503,706	520,255
Licenses and permits	73,617	69,660	57,012	84,493	76,191
Intergovernmental	43,957	44,421	42,655	54,303	47,176
Charges for services	97,581	132,987	85,323	96,363	95,022
Fines and forfeits	41,201	23,088	21,572	23,085	27,078
Interest income	5,867	1,214	1,099	6,928	23,462
Miscellaneous	40,381	19,547	33,096	22,380	39,234
Contributions, Gifts & Donations	38	5	33,070	22,300	37,231
Total Revenues	740,736	688,690	682,255	791,258	828,418
EXPENDITURES Current:					
General government	256,236	250,560	261,573	290,526	341,923
Public safety	306,438	247,652	196,541	187,002	322,567
Public works	82,437	73,578	67,674	85,042	94,489
Health and human services	27,106	24,084	23,119	25,804	34,527
Culture and recreation	32,144	28,715	26,000	32,714	37,778
Urban development and housing	905	572			5,282
Economic development and assistance					766
Capital Outlay	181	620	515	596	678
Debt Service:					
Principal retirement	17,919	7,649	7,958	8,904	62,606
Interest and fiscal charges	8,721	2,021		1,477	3,704
Leases:	-,	_,		-,	-,
Principal				541	565
Interest				63	45
Total Expenditures	732,087	635,451	583,379	632,668	904,931
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	8,289	53,239	98,876	158,589	(76,513)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Operating transfers in	89	10,782		50,335	42,601
Operating transfers out	(12,502)	(21,455)	(2,947)	(41,169)	(42,601)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(12,413)	(10,673)	(2,947)	9,165	<u>(+2,001)</u> 
Net change in fund balance	(4,124)	42,566	95,929	167,755	(76,513)
Fund Balance					
Beginning of year	97,978	95,854	139,596	235,525	403,280
Prior period adjustment	2,000	1,176	139,390	233,323	403,200
Beginning of year as restated	2,000 99,978	97,030		<del></del>	
End of Year	95,854	139,596	235,525	403,280	326,767
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 $Source: City\ of\ New\ Orleans,\ Annual\ Financial\ Reports.$ 

#### **Financial Controls**

Internal accounting controls have been developed by the City to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are property safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and the financial records used in the preparation of financial statements and accountability of assets are reliable.

The Charter requires that the City Council execute an agreement with a certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants for the purpose of securing an audit of the accounts of the City and may execute such an agreement for the purpose of securing an audit of the accounts of any office or public body that receives or expends City funds, including non-municipal offices and public bodies. As soon as practicable, and in no event later than six months after the close of the fiscal year, the accountant or accountants shall submit to the City Council a report upon the transactions of the year just completed.

The Department of Finance annually prepares the City's Annual Financial Report in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

#### **Extraordinary Expenditures**

As stated previously, the City Council is required to approve a balanced operating budget each fiscal year. At times, various factors may impact the expenditures to be incurred in a current or future fiscal year, causing the City Council to either increase revenue or decrease other expenditures to achieve a balanced budget. For example, the City is party to a number of consent decrees that require it to accomplish various tasks within a designated period of time, and while the City has made reasonable estimates of the total costs of such tasks, various factors outside of the control of the City may impact the accuracy of such estimates. The City's operating budget for 2024 includes the anticipated costs associated with the various consent decrees and other non-recurring expenditures as estimated by the City, and the City presently expects to continue to budget such anticipated costs in future years.

#### **Employee Relations**

Under State law, the City and its employees may enter into collective bargaining agreements, subject to the rules and regulations of the New Orleans Civil Service Commission (the "Civil Service Commission"). State and local laws do not expressly prohibit strikes by City employees although Civil Service Commission rules permit discipline and discharge of classified employees who fail to discharge their duties in a satisfactory manner.

The compensation of classified City employees is set by a comprehensive pay plan prepared by the Civil Service Commission and submitted to the City Council for approval or rejection. The Civil Service Commission is composed of five members appointed by the City Council and must be selected from nominees submitted by the presidents of several local universities and are prohibited from engaging in political activities. Once a pay plan has been adopted, the City Administration implements that plan through its adoption of a pay policy. The pay plan and the pay policy, combined, determine the actual compensation of City employees. The compensation of unclassified employees is set by a pay plan and pay policy recommended by the Mayor and adopted by ordinance of the City Council.

Certain employees of the Police Department, Fire Department and Department of Parks and Parkways belong to employee organizations which have agreements with the City.

## **Retirement Systems**

The City sponsors and administrates four separate pension systems:

- (1) Fire Fighter's Pension and Relief Fund Old System ("Old Fire System"), which covers City firemen who were employed on or before December 31, 1967;
- (2) Fire Fighter's Pension and Relief Fund New System ("FPRF"), which covers City firemen employed on and after January 1, 1968;
- (3) Police Pension Fund Old System ("Old Police System"), which merged with the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana ("MPERS") on March 6, 1983; and
- (4) Employees' Retirement System of the City of New Orleans ("NOMERS"), which covers all City employees other than firefighters and police.

*Old Police System and MPERS Descriptions.* All former members of the Old Police System are now members of MPERS. Consequently, the Old Police System exists solely to provide a \$2,000 death and survivor benefit to City policemen and to hold deposits due to inactive members who left service without vesting in the Old Police System and have not requested a refund. An unfunded actuarial liability is no longer applicable to the Old Police System due to the transfer of pension operations to MPERS.

MPERS is the only cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plan in which employees of the City participate. The City's contribution to MPERS for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$26,992,997. Further information on MPERS, including publicly available financial reports, are available at <a href="https://www.lampers.org/">https://www.lampers.org/</a>.

**NOMERS, Old Fire System and FPRF Descriptions.** Each plan is a defined benefit pension plan established by statute, which provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Each plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for that plan. Those reports may be obtained by contacting the plan using the information below:

Employee's Retirement System of the City of New Orleans 1300 Perdido Street, Suite 1E12 New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 (504) 658-1850 https://www.nola.gov/nomers/

Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund of the City of New Orleans (Old and New Systems) 2401 Westbend Parkway, Suite 3001 New Orleans, Louisiana 70114 (504) 366-8102 https://noffpf.com/

The employer contributions for NOMERS and the FPRF are based on actuarially determined amounts. The employer contribution for the Old Fire System is based on amounts necessary to pay current expenses, and, in effect, is being funded on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. There are no active participants in the Old Fire System. The City's contribution to NOMERS for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$25,414,666. The City's contributions to the FPRF and the Old Fire System for the year ended December 31, 2023 were \$40,819,651 and \$12,178,448, respectively.

On October 16, 2015, the City announced a comprehensive settlement of litigation filed by City firefighters against the City to adjust their pensions for longevity raises not received while employed by the City. As a result of the settlement, the City made a contribution of \$15,000,000 to the FPRF in fiscal year 2016 and has since made and is scheduled to continue making additional contributions of \$5,000,000 in each year until the FPRF is adequately funded per the terms of the settlement. A portion of an ad valorem tax for fire protection purposes approved by the voters in the City at an election held on December 10, 2016, is being allocated to fund these contributions. The City expects adequate funding to occur in 2028.

Employees covered under NOMERS currently contribute 6% of their earnable compensation to the plan. Employees covered under the FPRF currently contribute 10% of their salary to FRPF.

The City's Total Pension Liability and Net Position for NOMERS, the Old Fire System and the FPRF are as follows:

	<b>NOMERS</b>	Old Fire System (In Thousands)	<b>FPRF</b>
Actuarial Valuation Date	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/22
Total Pension Liability	\$686,755	\$90,088	\$465,101
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	\$383,519	\$10,617	\$53,468
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	55.85%	11.79%	11.50%
Total Plan Participants (Active and Inactive)	5,557	348	1,421

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE CITY'S PENSION LIABILITIES, INCLUDING ITS ACTUARIALLY DETERMINED OR REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS INTO EACH PLAN AND ITS RECOGNITION OF AGGREGATE PENSION REVENUE OR EXPENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, SEE APPENDIX "C" ATTACHED HERETO, specifically Note 10 (pages 53-62), Exhibit B-3 (pages 76-81), Exhibit C-5 (page 112) and Exhibit C-6 (page 113) therein.

## **Post-Employment Benefits**

The City provides certain health and continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The City's OPEB Plan ("OPEB Plan") is a multi-employer defined benefit OPEB Plan administered by the City, in which the City permits the employees of its component units and other City organizations and agencies to participate. The City's medical benefits are provided through a self-insured comprehensive health benefit program and are made available to employees upon retirement. Retirees that reach 65 years of age and become eligible for Medicare Parts A and B are transitioned to a Medicare Supplement Plan. Medical benefits are provided to employees upon actual retirement according to the retirement eligibility provisions of the retirement system by which the employee is covered.

As of December 31, 2023, 6,332 total City employees were covered by the OPEB Plan. On such date, the City's proportionate share of the total liability in the OPEB Plan was \$146,600,701, which was 86.73% of the OPEB Plan's total liability. The OPEB Plan's total liability is subject to change based on changes in health care costs or the applicable discount rate.

Notes 2 and 11 and the Required Supplementary Information to the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023 contains further information regarding the City Pension and other post-employment benefit obligations. See Appendix "C"- 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the City, Note 2 - Deposits and Investments, pages 42-44 therein; Note 10 - Pension Plans and Postretirement Healthcare Benefits, pages 53-62 therein; Note 11 - Postretirement Healthcare Benefits and Life Insurance Benefits, pages 62-64 therein; and Required Supplementary Information, pages 73-82. The information contained therein is current as of the date stated, and there has been no material adverse change in the financial information contained therein from the date stated.

#### INVESTOR CONSIDERATIONS

The purchase of the Bonds involves certain investment risks which are discussed throughout this Official Statement, and each prospective investor should make an independent evaluation of all information presented in this Official Statement in order to make an informed investment decision. Particular attention should be given to the factors described below which, among others, could affect the payment of debt service on the Bonds.

#### **Infectious Disease Outbreak**

The City cannot predict the potential of an outbreak of infectious disease in the future or its impact on the operations of the City. The COVID-19 pandemic, for example, prompted national, state and local emergency declarations that adversely affected and often resulted in significant reductions in business, travel, and other economic activity. Future epidemic or pandemic outbreaks could have similar far-reaching effects, negatively impacting the amount of revenues available for the payment of debt service.

## **Hurricanes and Severe Weather Events**

The State is located along the Gulf of Mexico with a topography that includes a number of low-lying areas and eight different watershed regions. As a result, the State and the City are susceptible to flooding from rain and tropical events. In recent years, Hurricanes Isaac, Harvey, Laura, Delta and Ida, along with less intense tropical storms and tropical depressions, have impacted the State, and multiple non-tropical rain and snow events have resulted in State and federal emergency declarations in many parishes. These events, along with rising sea levels and unrelated economic activities, have accelerated the erosion of the State's coastline, jeopardizing the State's natural protection system and imposing additional environmental risk on the State and the City.

On August 29, 2021, Hurricane Ida made landfall around Port Fouchon, Louisiana, as a Category 4 storm on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. Shortly after landfall, Ida turned north-northwestward, and its center passed just west of the City. The City did not experience the same level of damage as other locations in south Louisiana; however, Ida's winds disrupted electric transmission and resulted in widespread electrical power failures in the City. Many residents were temporarily displaced while repairing their homes or awaiting the restoration of electrical service; however, few residents remain displaced. The City's total expenditures for debris removal and building repair and reconstruction due to Ida are estimated to be approximately \$106,000,000. The City expects that a combination of Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements, private insurance proceeds, and available fund balance will cover most, if not all, costs. As a result, the City does not expect the impacts of Ida to negatively affect its financial position.

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Central Gulf Coast near New Orleans as a Category 4 hurricane. Failure of several sections of the levee system surrounding the City resulted in flooding that inundated approximately 80 percent of the City with water up to 20 feet deep in some places.

Hurricane Rita struck near the Texas-Louisiana border on September 24, 2005, as a Category 3 hurricane. Storm surge associated with Hurricane Rita reopened some of the levee breaches that originally resulted from Hurricane Katrina and reflooded parts of New Orleans.

The Board of Liquidation continued to make the required debt service payments on all thenoutstanding bonds issued by the Board of Liquidation following Hurricane Katrina, due in part to loans from the State. To assist local political subdivisions, including the City and its component entities and independent boards (such as the Sewerage and Water Board) with current operating expenses and the payment of debt service on various obligations, the State and the federal government put in place borrowing programs designed to provide immediately available revenues to such political subdivisions. For more information on the amounts borrowed by the Board of Liquidation and the City and its component entities and independent boards pursuant to these programs, see "DEBT STATEMENT – Hurricane-Related Borrowing" herein.

#### **Levees and Flood Protection**

Subsequent to Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers undertook a project consisting of the planning, design and construction of a flood protection system for the Metropolitan New Orleans Area. The flood protection system includes improved levees and floodwalls and temporary and permanent floodgates. Construction has been completed on several portions of the flood protection system improvements, and construction has commenced on others. Substantially all proposed flood protection system improvements have been completed at a total cost of approximately \$14 billion; however, concerns have been raised regarding the adequacy of the current flood protection system. The City can give no assurance that the current flood protection system will prevent flooding resulting from future significant weather events.

To mitigate the severity and impact of future events, the State is leading a coordinated effort with the United States federal government, various state agencies, and local government entities including the City. The State created the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority ("CPRA"; <a href="www.coastal.la.gov">www.coastal.la.gov</a>) in December 2005 to focus development and implementation efforts to achieve comprehensive coastal protection for Louisiana. The State launched the Louisiana Watershed Initiative ("LWI"; <a href="www.watershed.la.gov">www.watershed.la.gov</a>) that introduced a new watershed-based approach to reducing flood risk in Louisiana. CPRA and LWI are collectively responsible for coordinating the investment of hundreds of billions of dollars in environmental protection activities in the State. This investment is designed to enhance the sustainability of the entire State, including the Issuer; however, the Issuer cannot guarantee the effect or ultimate success of such efforts.

Additionally, in 2023, the Louisiana Legislature established the role of Chief Resilience Officer within the Office of the Governor to coordinate policy response to various environmental hazards. The Chief Resilience Officer serves on a newly-created Interagency Resilience Coordination Team along with other department heads within the executive branch to advance a cross-agency, holistic approach to the challenges and opportunities associated with the impacts of environmental hazards in the State's coastal areas. The Louisiana Legislature also created the Louisiana Resilience Task Force, which will meet quarterly to make strategic recommendations to the Chief Resilience Officer. This cross-government approach to the coordination of resiliency efforts aims to improve planning and strategy within State government and enhance the State's ability to adapt to wide-ranging environmental challenges.

## **Cybersecurity**

The City and the Board of Liquidation are dependent on electronic information technology systems to deliver high quality, coordinated and cost-efficient services. These systems may contain sensitive

information or support critical operational functions which may be valued for unauthorized purposes. As a result, the electronic systems and networks of the City and the Board of Liquidation may be targets of cyberattack. The City and the Board of Liquidation have taken, and continues to take, measures to protect its information technology systems, and the private, confidential information that those systems may contain, against cyberattack. While the City and the Board of Liquidation employs information technology professionals and utilizes operational safeguards that are tested periodically, no assurance can be given that such measures will protect the City and the Board of Liquidation against all cybersecurity threats or attacks or the severity or consequences of any such attack.

On December 13, 2019, the City was the victim of a cyberattack. The City did not pay any ransom, and no access to financial data or banking activity was compromised during the attack. Although this particular cyberattack impacted the City's electronic capabilities for several weeks, workforce and operational interruptions have since been resolved.

The availability of funds to pay debt service on the Bonds is likewise dependent upon technology systems of various third parties, including financial institutions, over which the City and the Board of Liquidation have no control.

#### **Difficulty in Enforcing Remedies**

The timely payment of the Bonds and the remedies available to the owners of the Bonds in the case of nonpayment of the Bonds are in many respects dependent upon judicial actions which are often subject to delayed payment or discretion and delay. Under existing constitutional and statutory law and judicial decisions, including specifically in the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code"), remedies may not be readily available or may be limited. The various legal opinions delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds will be qualified as to the enforceability of the various legal instruments by limitations imposed by general principles of equity and by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.

The enforceability of the rights and remedies of the owners of the Bonds, and the obligations incurred by the Issuer in issuing the Bonds, are subject to the Bankruptcy Code and applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, now or hereafter in effect to the extent constitutionally applicable; equity principles which may limit the specific enforcement under State law of certain remedies; the exercise by the United States of America of the powers delegated to it by the federal Constitution; and the exercise of the sovereign police powers of the State or its governmental bodies. Consistent with the contracts clauses of the Louisiana and United States Constitutions, in a bankruptcy proceeding or due to the exercise of powers by the federal or State government, bondowners could be subject to judicial discretion and the interpretation of their rights in bankruptcy or otherwise, which consequently may entail risks of delay, limitation, or modification of their rights. Under current State law, no political subdivision of the State, including the Issuer, may file for protection under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code unless such filing is approved by the State Bond Commission (the "State Bond Commission") and the Governor and Attorney General of the State. Further, no political subdivision of the State, after filing for bankruptcy protection, may carry out a plan of readjustment of debts approved by the bankruptcy court until such plan is approved by the State Bond Commission and the Governor and Attorney General of the State.

#### **Fair Market Value of Property**

The Assessed Value of property in the City is primarily a product of the fair market value of the property located within the Issuer, which is subject to fluctuation as a result of a variety of factors. See "AD VALOREM TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION – Fair Market Value" herein. The City cannot

guarantee the stability of property values in the City; however, the City is required to levy an ad valorem tax at such rate as may be necessary to service all of its outstanding general obligation bonds, including the Bonds.

#### **Financial Information**

Certain financial information relating to the City is set forth herein and in the appendices hereto. There can be no assurance that the financial results achieved by the City in the future will be similar to historical results. Such future results will vary from historical results and actual variations may be material.

## **Failure to Provide Ongoing Disclosure**

The failure of the City to comply with the continuing disclosure certificate described herein may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" herein.

## **Book-Entry**

Persons who purchase Bonds through DTC Participants become creditors of the DTC Participant with respect to the Bonds. Records of the investors' holdings are maintained only by the DTC Participant and the investor. In the event of the insolvency of the DTC Participant, the investor would be required to look to the DTC Participant's estate and to any insurance maintained by the DTC Participant, to make good the investor's loss. Neither the Issuer, Purchaser nor any of their agents are responsible for failures to act by, or insolvencies of, the Securities Depository or any DTC Participant. See Appendix "J" attached hereto.

#### TAX MATTERS

#### General

In the opinion of Co-Bond Counsel, interest on the Series 2024A Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. See Appendix "H" attached hereto.

In the opinion of Co-Bond Counsel, interest on the Series 2024B Bonds is **NOT** excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the Code. See Appendix "H" attached hereto.

The opinions of Co-Bond Counsel will state that pursuant to the Act, the Bonds and the interest or other income thereon or with respect thereto shall be exempt from all income tax and other taxation in the State. See Appendix "H" attached hereto. Each prospective purchaser of the Bonds should consult his or her own tax advisor as to the status of interest on the Bonds under the tax laws of any state other than the State.

Except as stated above, Co-Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any federal, State or local tax consequences resulting from the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds.

## **Special Considerations with Respect to the Series 2024A Bonds**

The Code imposes a number of requirements that must be satisfied for interest on State and local obligations to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. These requirements include limitations on the use of bond proceeds and the source of repayment of bonds, limitations on the investment of bond proceeds prior to expenditure, a requirement that excess arbitrage earned on the investment of certain bond proceeds be paid periodically to the United States, except under certain circumstances, and a requirement that information reports be filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

The opinion of Co-Bond Counsel will assume continuing compliance with the covenants of the City pertaining to those sections of the Code which affect the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Series 2024A Bonds for federal income tax purposes and, in addition, will rely on certifications and representations by officials of the City and others with respect to matters solely within their respective knowledge, which Co-Bond Counsel has not independently verified. If the City should fail to comply with the covenants in the Bond Resolution or if the foregoing representations should be determined to be inaccurate or incomplete, interest on the Series 2024A Bonds could become included in gross income from the date of original delivery of the Series 2024A Bonds, regardless of the date on which the event causing such inclusion occurs. The Bond Resolution does not provide for any adjustment in the interest rate or after-tax return on the Series 2024A Bonds in the event of any change in the tax-exempt status of interest on the Series 2024A Bonds.

Owners of the Series 2024A Bonds should be aware that (i) the ownership of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Series 2024A Bonds, may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers and (ii) certain other federal, State and/or local tax consequences may also arise from the ownership and disposition of the Series 2024A Bonds or the receipt of interest on the Series 2024A Bonds. Furthermore, future laws and/or regulations enacted by federal, state or local authorities may affect certain owners of the Series 2024A Bonds. All prospective purchasers of the 2024A Bonds should consult their legal and tax advisors regarding the applicability of such laws and regulations and the effect that the purchase and ownership of the Series 2024A Bonds may have on their particular financial situation.

Owners of the Series 2024A Bonds are also advised that the Internal Revenue Service may initiate an audit of the Series 2024A Bonds. The Owners of the Series 2024A Bonds may have limited rights to participate in any audit proceedings. The commencement of such an audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Series 2024A Bonds until the audit is concluded, regardless of the ultimate outcome. Further, an adverse determination by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the tax-exempt status of interest on the Series 2024A Bonds may adversely affect the availability of any secondary market for the Series 2024A Bonds. Should interest on the Series 2024A Bonds become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, not only will Owners of Series 2024A Bonds be required to pay income taxes on the interest received on such 2024A Bonds and related penalties, but because the interest rate on such Series 2024A Bonds will not be adequate to compensate Owners of the Series 2024A Bonds for the income taxes due on such interest, the value of the Series 2024A Bonds may decline.

**Alternative Minimum Tax Consideration.** Interest on the Series 2024A Bonds is not a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations.

*Not Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations (Non-Bank Deductibility)*. The Series 2024A Bonds are <u>not</u> designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code.

*Tax Treatment of Original Issue Premium.* All of the Series 2024A Bonds (the "Premium Bonds"), are being offered and sold to the public at prices in excess of their stated principal amounts.

Such excess is characterized as a "bond premium" and must be amortized by an investor purchasing the Premium Bonds on a constant yield basis over the remaining term of the Premium Bonds in a manner that takes into account potential call dates and call prices. An investor cannot deduct amortized bond premium related to a tax-exempt bond for federal income tax purposes. However, as bond premium is amortized, it reduces the investor's basis in the Premium Bonds. Investors who purchase Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the amortization of bond premium and its effect on the Premium Bonds' basis for purposes of computing gain or loss in connection with the sale, exchange, redemption or early retirement of the Premium Bonds.

## **Special Considerations with Respect to the Series 2024B Bonds**

The following is a summary of certain anticipated United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Series 2024B Bonds by those that acquire the Series 2024B Bonds in the initial offering. The summary is based upon the provisions of the Code, the regulations promulgated thereunder and the judicial and administrative rulings and decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change. The summary generally addresses "U.S. holders" (as defined below) who will hold the Series 2024B Bonds as capital assets (generally, property held for investment) within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code and does not purport to address all aspects of federal income taxation that may affect particular investors in light of their individual circumstances or certain types of investors subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws, including but not limited to financial institutions, insurance companies, dealers in securities or currencies, persons holding such Series 2024B Bonds as a hedge against currency risks or as a position in a "straddle" for tax purposes, or persons whose functional currency is not the United States dollar. Potential purchasers of the Series 2024B Bonds should consult their own tax advisors in determining the federal, state or local tax consequences to them of the purchase, holding and disposition of the Series 2024B Bonds. Prospective investors should note that no rulings have been or will be sought from the Internal Revenue Service with respect to any of the federal income tax consequences discussed below, and no assurance can be given that the Internal Revenue Service will not take contrary positions.

As used herein, a "U.S. holder" is a "U.S. person" that is beneficial owner of a Series 2024B Bond. A "non-U.S. holder" is a holder (or beneficial owner) of a Series 2024B Bond that is not a U.S. person. For these purposes, a "U.S. Person" is a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation or partnership created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof (except, in the case of a partnership, to the extent otherwise provided in the Treasury Regulations), an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source or a trust if (i) a United States court is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and (ii) one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of the trust's substantial decisions.

Sale or Redemption of the Series 2024B Bonds. A bondowner's tax basis for a Series 2024B Bond is the price such owner pays for the Series 2024B Bond plus the amount of any original issue discount and market discount previously included in income, reduced on account of any payments received (other than "qualified periodic interest" payments) and any amortized bond premium. Gain or loss recognized on a sale, exchange or redemption of a Series 2024B Bond, measured by the difference between the amount realized and the Series 2024B Bond's basis as so adjusted, will generally give rise to capital gain or loss if the Series 2024B Bond is held as a capital asset. The defeasance of the Series 2024B Bonds may result in a deemed sale or exchange of such Series 2024B Bonds under certain circumstances; owners of such Series 2024B Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the Federal income tax consequences of such event.

A purchaser (other than a person who purchases a Series 2024B Bond upon issuance at the issue price) who buys a Series 2024B Bond at a discount from its principal amount (or its adjusted issue price if issued with original issue discount greater than a specified de minimis amount) will be subject to the market discount rules of the Code. In general, the market discount rules of the Code treat principal payments and gain on disposition of a debt instrument as ordinary income to the extent of accrued market discount. Each potential investor should consult his tax advisor concerning the application of the market discount rules to the Series 2024B Bonds.

**Defeasance.** The legal defeasance of the Series 2024B Bonds may result in a deemed sale or exchange of such bonds under certain circumstances. Owners of such Series 2024B Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the federal income tax consequences of such a defeasance.

**Reporting Requirement.** In general, information reporting requirements will apply to certain payments of principal and interest paid on the Series 2024B Bonds, and to the proceeds paid on the sale of the Series 2024B Bonds, other than certain exempt recipients (such as corporations and foreign entities).

**Backup Withholding.** Certain purchasers may be subject to backup withholding at the application rate determined by statute with respect to interest paid with respect to the Series 2024B Bonds, if the purchasers, upon issuance, fail to supply the indenture trustee or their brokers with their taxpayer identification numbers, furnish incorrect taxpayer identification numbers, fail to report interest, dividends or other "reportable payments" (as defined in the Code) properly, or, under certain circumstances, fail to provide a certified statement, under penalty of perjury, that they are not subject to backup withholding. Owners of the Series 2024B Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to their qualification for exemption from backup withholding and the procedure for obtaining the exemption.

Legislation and Guidance Relating to Foreign Accounts. The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, or FATCA, generally imposes a U.S. federal withholding tax of 30% on interest income on and the gross proceeds from a sale or other disposition of the Series 2024B Bonds paid to a "foreign financial institution" (as specifically defined under these rules), unless otherwise provided by the Treasury Secretary or such institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. government to, among other things, withhold on certain payments and to collect and provide to the U.S. tax authorities substantial information regarding the U.S. account holders of such institution (which include certain equity and debt holders of such institution, as well as certain account holders that are foreign entities with U.S. owners) or otherwise establishes an exemption. FATCA also generally imposes a U.S. federal withholding tax of 30% on interest income on and the gross proceeds from a sale or other disposition of the Series 2024B Bonds paid to a "non-financial foreign entity" (as specifically defined for purposes of these rules) unless otherwise provided by the Treasury Secretary or such entity provides the withholding agent with a certification identifying certain substantial direct and indirect U.S. owners of the entity, certifies that there are none or otherwise establishes an exemption. The withholding provisions under FATCA generally apply to interest income on the Series 2024B Bonds. The Treasury Secretary has issued proposed regulations providing that the withholding provisions under FATCA do not apply with respect to the gross proceeds from a sale or other disposition of the Series 2024B Bonds, which may be relied upon by taxpayers until final regulations are issued. Under certain circumstances, a non-U.S. holder might be eligible for refunds or credits of such taxes. An intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country may modify the requirements described in this paragraph. Prospective investors are encouraged to consult with their tax advisors regarding the possible implications of FATCA on their investment in the Series 2024B Bonds.

## **Changes in Federal and State Tax Law**

From time to time, there are legislative proposals in Congress and in the states that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal and State tax matters referred to herein. In addition, such legislation

(whether currently proposed, proposed in the future or enacted) could affect the market value or marketability of the Bonds or significantly reduce the benefit of, or otherwise affect, the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax of interest on the Series 2024A Bonds. Future Congressional proposals could also affect the Bonds, even if never enacted. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposals might ultimately be enacted or whether if enacted such proposals would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment. In addition, regulatory actions are from time to time announced or proposed and litigation is threatened or commenced which, if implemented or concluded in a particular manner, could adversely affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether any such regulatory action will be implemented, how any particular litigation or judicial action will be resolved, or whether the Bonds or the market value thereof would be impacted thereby. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax or investment advisors regarding any pending or proposed legislation, regulatory initiatives or litigation.

The opinions expressed by Co-Bond Counsel are based upon existing legislation and regulations as interpreted by relevant judicial and regulatory authorities as of the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, Co-Bond Counsel has expressed no opinion as of any date subsequent thereto or with respect to any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation.

THE FOREGOING DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES IS PROVIDED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY. INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM IN LIGHT OF THEIR OWN PARTICULAR INCOME TAX POSITION, OF ACQUIRING, HOLDING OR DISPOSING OF THE BONDS.

#### **CO-FINANCIAL ADVISORS**

This Official Statement has been prepared under the direction of the Issuer and with the assistance of PFM Financial Advisors LLC, of New Orleans, Louisiana, and CLB Porter, LLC, of New Orleans, Louisiana, who have been employed by the Board of Liquidation to perform professional services in the capacity of financial advisor (the "Co-Financial Advisors"). The Co-Financial Advisors have reviewed and commented on certain legal documentation, including the Official Statement with respect to financial matters. The Co-Financial Advisors have not audited, authenticated or otherwise verified the information set forth in the Official Statement, or any other information available to the Issuer, with respect to the appropriateness, accuracy or completeness of disclosure of such information or other information, and no guaranty, warranty or other representation is made by the Co-Financial Advisors respecting such accuracy and completeness of information or any other matter related to such information and the Official Statement.

## LITIGATION AFFECTING THE CITY

Like other public entities in Louisiana, the City is subject to being sued and is, from time to time, a party to a substantial number of lawsuits arising from State and federal claims. The City is additionally subject to various regulatory actions and other consent decrees sought by other governmental agencies with proper jurisdiction. It is possible that awards in any litigation or other proceedings or decrees could impact various revenues or expenditures currently being budgeted by the City (see, e.g., APPENDIX D herein); however, the City cannot predict at this time whether such an impact is likely to occur.

THE CITY IS CURRENTLY AND MAY IN THE FUTURE BE PARTY TO CIVIL MATTERS ARISING FROM ITS VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES; HOWEVER, SAID CIVIL ACTIONS, IF SETTLED OR DECIDED ADVERSELY TO THE CITY, ARE LIKELY TO RESULT ONLY IN MONETARY JUDGEMENTS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XII, SECTION 10 OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION. THE

# CITY CANNOT GUARANTY THAT ANY SUCH LITIGATION WILL NOT AFFECT THE SECURITY FOR THE BONDS.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

No litigation has been filed questioning the validity of the Bonds or the security therefor and a certificate to that effect will be delivered by the Issuer to the Purchasers upon the issuance of the Bonds.

The approving opinion of Co-Bond Counsel is limited to the matters set forth therein, and Co-Bond Counsel is not passing upon the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. Co-Bond Counsel's opinion is based on existing law, which is subject to change. Such opinion is further based on certifications and factual representations made as of the date thereof. Co-Bond Counsel assumes no duty to update or supplement its opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may thereafter come to Co-Bond Counsel's attention, or to reflect any changes in law that may thereafter occur or become effective. Moreover, Co-Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a particular result and is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service or the courts; rather, such opinion represents Co-Bond Counsel's professional judgment based on its review of existing law and in reliance on the representations and covenants that it deems relevant to such opinion.

A manually executed original of such opinions will be delivered to the Purchasers on the date of payment for and delivery of the Bonds. The form of said legal opinion appears in Appendix "H" to this Official Statement. For additional information regarding the opinion of Co-Bond Counsel, see the preceding section titled "TAX MATTERS." The compensation of Co-Bond Counsel is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Board of Liquidation by its counsel, William R. Forrester, Jr., Esq., New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the City for the year ended December 31, 2023 has been audited by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, as stated in their report dated as of July 1, 2024 and can be viewed using the link included in Appendix "C" to this Official Statement. Since the date of its report, said auditors have not performed any procedures on the financial statements, consented to inclusion of the financial statements herein, and have not performed any additional review procedures related hereto.

Included in Appendix "E" to this Official Statement are the audited financial statements of the Board of Liquidation for the year ended December 31, 2023, which have been examined by Paciera, Gautreau & Priest, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, to the extent and for the period indicated in their report thereon, dated as of April 16, 2024. The audited financial statements pertaining to the Board of Liquidation which are included in this Official Statement have been included in reliance upon said report; however, since the date of its report, said auditors have not consented to inclusion of the financial statements herein, and have not performed any additional review procedures related hereto.

# **GOVERNING AUTHORITY**

The City is governed by the Mayor and City Council. The City Council consists of seven members. The names of the members of the City Council, as well as the Mayor and other City officials, appear at the beginning of this Official Statement.

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The City and Board of Liquidation will, pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Certificate to be dated the date of delivery of the Bonds (the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate"), covenant for the benefit of Bond owners to provide (i) certain financial information and operating data relating to the Issuer in each year on or before August 31, commencing August 31, 2025 (the "Annual Report"), and (ii) notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events, called "Listed Events," in the future that may affect the City or the Bonds. The Annual Reports and any notices of Listed Events required pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate will be filed with the MSRB through the Electronic Municipal Market Access website ("EMMA") and with any future Louisiana officially designated State Information Repository. For the specific nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Report or the potential Listed Events, see Appendix "I" attached hereto. The City and Board of Liquidation is entering into the Continuing Disclosure Certificate in order to assist the Purchaser in complying with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the "Rule") of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The City has not undertaken to provide all information investors may desire to have in making decisions to hold, sell or buy the Bonds and has no obligation to provide any information subsequent to the delivery of the Bonds except as provided in the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. The failure of the City to comply with the terms of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate is not an event of default with respect to the Bonds but may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

The City's initial Dissemination Agent for the Bonds is the Secretary of the Board of Liquidation, Room 8E17, City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112, telephone 504-565-6280.

The City and the Board of Liquidation have entered into other undertakings with respect to bonds previously issued that designated the Secretary of the Board of Liquidation as the Dissemination Agent (the "Board's Prior Undertakings"). Each of the Board's Prior Undertakings have different requirements depending on the security for the bonds; however, the filing deadline for the required annual reports for all of the Board's Prior Undertakings is August 31 of each year. As discussed below, the City and the Board failed to timely file the certain Audited Financial Statements or annual financial information and operating data pursuant to certain of the Board's Prior Undertakings.

For Fiscal Year 2019, the filing of the City's Audited Financial Statements (required for all of the Board's Prior Undertakings) was delayed until June 21, 2021, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cybersecurity event described herein. For Fiscal Year 2020, the filing of the City's Audited Financial Statements was delayed until June 29, 2022, because of the impact of Hurricane Ida, the COVID-19 pandemic and the continued recovery from the cybersecurity event described herein. For Fiscal Year 2021, the City's Audited Financial Statements were not yet available and were filed on February 17, 2023.

The Board of Liquidation filed but failed to properly index its Audited Financial Statements and Annual Reports for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020 to the CUSIPs of all bonds which were required to be indexed. The Audited Financial Statements and Annual Reports for these fiscal years have since been properly indexed to the affected bonds which are currently outstanding. A notice of this failure was filed on EMMA.

For Fiscal Years 2019 through 2022, the Sewerage and Water Board's Annual Report failed to contain, and the Board of Liquidation failed to make available, certain annual financial information and operating data required by prior undertakings related to certain revenue bonds issued in the name of the City by the Sewerage and Water Board. The required information, except for one chart that is no longer prepared by the Sewerage and Water Board, has been filed on EMMA for those fiscal years. All Sewerage and Water Board information required to be filed for Fiscal Year 2022 was timely filed except for the largest customers of the Water and Sewer Systems, which was filed 22 days late. A notice of this failure was filed on EMMA.

Certain other operating data required pursuant to the Board's Prior Undertakings was either filed late or properly filed but not indexed to all bonds. The Board of Liquidation has corrected those filings.

On August 6, 2021, S&P Global downgraded the City's General Obligation Bonds, Audubon Commission Aquarium Tax Bonds, Series 2011A-1, and Limited Tax Bonds (Audubon Commission Projects), Series 2020 to A+ from AA-. The Board of Liquidation filed a notice indicating this change in the City's General Obligation Bond ratings, but failed to properly index this notice to the Audubon Commission Bonds even though the information was publicly available. The notice indicating the downgrade has since been properly indexed to the outstanding Audubon Commission bonds. A notice of this failure was filed on EMMA.

The City has entered into separate undertakings with respect to certain issues of its Limited Tax Refunding Bonds that designated the City's Finance Director as the Dissemination Agent (the "City's Prior Undertakings"). The filing deadline for the required annual reports for the City's Prior Undertakings is August 31 of each year.

For Fiscal Year 2019, the filing of the City's Audited Financial Statements (required for the City's Prior Undertakings) was delayed until June 21, 2021, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cybersecurity event described herein. For Fiscal Year 2020, the filing of the City's Audited Financial Statements was delayed until June 29, 2022, because of the impact of Hurricane Ida, the COVID-19 pandemic and the continued recovery from the cybersecurity event described herein. For Fiscal Year 2021, the City's Audited Financial Statements were not yet available and were filed on February 17, 2023, but were not properly indexed to all bonds at the time of filing. The City has corrected those indexing errors.

The City and the Board of Liquidation have not made any determination as to the materiality of the foregoing.

The City and the Board of Liquidation have, with respect to the Board of Liquidation's Prior Undertakings, and the City has, with respect to the City's Prior Undertakings, established procedures to ensure proper filing of the reports and notices required by the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and its Prior Undertakings with the MSRB in the future. Furthermore, Section 39:1438 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, provides additional procedures designed to ensure compliance with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate by (i) requiring public entities, such as the City and Board of Liquidation, to keep certain records demonstrating compliance with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, and (ii) mandating the City and Board of Liquidation's auditors, as part of the preparation of the City and Board of Liquidation with their continuing disclosure undertakings and record keeping requirements.

#### **PURCHASERS**

The Series 2024A Bonds are being purchased by Truist Securities, Inc., of Charlotte, North Carolina (the "Series 2024A Bonds Purchaser") at a purchase price of \$198,335,801.11 (representing the principal amount of the Series 2024A Bonds, plus a premium of \$16,061,319.80, less the Series 2024A Bonds Purchaser's discount of \$725,518.69).

The Series 2024B Bonds are being purchased by Piper Sandler & Co., of Minneapolis, Minnesota (the "Series 2024B Bond Purchaser") at a purchase price of \$17,002,380.00 (representing the principal amount of the Series 2024B Bond, plus a premium of \$13,940.00, less the Series 2024B Bonds Purchaser's discount of \$11,560.00).

#### BOND RATINGS

Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch", and together with Moody's and S&P, the "Rating Agencies") will assign their municipal bond ratings of "A2" (Stable Outlook), "A+" (Stable Outlook) and "A" (Negative Outlook) to the Bonds. Such ratings reflect only the views of such organizations and are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Bonds. Any desired explanation of the significance of such ratings should be obtained from the rating agency furnishing the same, at the following address: Moody's Investors Service, Plaza of the Americas, Suite 2165, 600 N. Pearl Street, Dallas, TX, telephone 214-220-4350; S&P Global Ratings, Ross Tower, Suite 3200, 500 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, telephone 214-871-1400; or Fitch Ratings, 111 Congress Avenue, Suite 2010, Austin, TX 78701, telephone 888-262-4820. The City may have furnished to the Rating Agencies information relating to the Bonds and other matters, certain of which information and materials have not been included in this Official Statement. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials so furnished and on investigations, studies and assumptions by such rating agency. Ratings may be changed, suspended or withdrawn as a result of changes in rating criteria or changes in, or unavailability of, information. There is no assurance that the rating on the Bonds will not be changed or withdrawn entirely if, in the judgment of S&P, circumstances so warrant. Any downward change or withdrawal of the rating could have an adverse effect on the market price for the Bonds.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For any additional information concerning the City, please address Mr. Tracy D. Madison, Secretary, Board of Liquidation, City Debt Room 8E17, City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, telephone 504-658-1410. For additional information concerning the Bonds now offered for sale, please address Ms. Lisa Lawrence, PFM Financial Advisors LLC, 201 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 4208, New Orleans, Louisiana 70170, telephone: 901-682-8356.

#### CERTIFICATION AS TO OFFICIAL STATEMENT

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Bonds, the Governing Authority of the Issuer will furnish the Purchaser a certificate signed by the Secretary of the Board of Liquidation and the Director of Finance of the City to the effect that (i) the descriptions and statements, including financial data, of or pertaining to the Board of Liquidation and the City, on the date of the Preliminary Official Statement, on the date of the sale of the Bonds and on the date of the delivery thereof, were and are true in all material respects, and, insofar as such matters are concerned, the Official Statement did not and does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, (ii) insofar as the descriptions and statements, including financial data, of or pertaining to governmental and/or non-governmental entities other than the City and their activities contained in the Official Statement are concerned, such descriptions, statements, and data have been obtained from sources which the Board of Liquidation believes to be reliable and the Board of Liquidation has no reason to believe that they are untrue or incomplete in any material respect, and (iii) there has been no adverse material change in the affairs of the City between the date the Official Statement was deemed final by the City and the date of delivery of the Bonds.

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#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

This Official Statement has been prepared in connection with the initial offering and sale of the Bonds on the date hereof and is not intended for use in connection with any subsequent sale, reoffering or remarketing of the Bonds. Subsequent purchasers must therefore rely on their own examination of the offering, including the merits and the risks involved.

The City has authorized the delivery of this Official Statement to the Purchasers. Potential purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the consequences of investing in the Bonds. Also, see "TAX MATTERS" herein.

/s/Tracy D. Madison/s/Romy SamuelTracy D. Madison, SecretaryRomy Samuel, Director of FinanceBoard of Liquidation, City DebtCity of New Orleans, Louisiana

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF BOND SALE

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF BOND SALE

# \$183,000,000 CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024A

and

# \$17,000,000 CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TAXABLE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024B

Electronic bids via PARITY® will be received by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt (the "Board"), Room 8E17, City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112-2197, for the purchase of the above-described Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024A (the "Series 2024A Bonds") and Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024B (the "Series 2024B Bonds" and, together with the Series 2024A Bonds, the "Bonds") in accordance with this Official Notice of Bond Sale.

<u>Date of Sale</u>: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 (or such other date as may be determined by the President and Secretary of the Board).

<u>Time of Sale of Tax-Exempt Series 2024A Bonds</u>: 9:30 a.m., New Orleans, Louisiana (Central) Time.

<u>Time of Sale of Taxable Series 2024B Bonds</u>: 10:00 a.m., New Orleans, Louisiana (Central) Time.

#### PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS MAY BID ON EITHER OR BOTH SERIES OF THE BONDS.

<u>Place of Sale</u>: Bids will be received at the date and respective times set forth above by officers and members of the Board present at the Office of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, Room 8E17, City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112-2197, telephone (504) 658-1410. The sale of each series of the Bonds will be confirmed at a special meeting of the Board to be held subsequent to the respective times set forth above. Details of and an agenda for the special meeting will be available via the Board's website (<a href="https://www.bolcd.com">www.bolcd.com</a>).

**Date of Bonds:** Delivery date of the Bonds. (See "Delivery of the Bonds" herein).

**Form and Denomination:** The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds in "book-entry only" form and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds, and purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. The Bonds will be in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) each.

Maximum Interest Rate Allowable: Eight per centum (8%) per annum.

Paying Agent and Registrar: As set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement (defined below).

<u>Interest Payment Dates</u>: June 1 and December 1. The Bonds will bear interest from their delivery date until paid, payable on December 1, 2024 and semiannually on each June 1 and December 1 thereafter.

<u>Manner and Place of Payment</u>: Principal of the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America by the Paying Agent.

<u>Preliminary Official Statement</u>: Additional terms and conditions of the Bonds are described in the Preliminary Official Statement of the City prepared in connection with the Bonds (the "Preliminary Official Statement"). In the event of a conflict between the Preliminary Official Statement and this Official Notice of Bond Sale, the provisions of the Preliminary Official Statement shall control. The City will cause to be prepared a Final Official Statement (the "Final Official Statement") subsequent to the award of the Bonds, and the Board will furnish a reasonable number of Final Official Statements on or before the seventh business day following the award of the Bonds.

<u>Maturity Schedules</u>: The Series 2024A Bonds will mature on December 1 of each of the following years and in the principal amounts as follows:

DUE	PRINCIPAL	DUE	PRINCIPAL
( <b>DEC. 1</b> )	<u>AMOUNT</u>	( <b>DEC. 1</b> )	<b>AMOUNT</b>
2025	\$3,055,000	2040	\$6,200,000
2026	3,205,000	2041	6,480,000
2027	3,365,000	2042	6,770,000
2028	3,535,000	2043	7,075,000
2029	3,710,000	2044	7,395,000
2030	3,900,000	2045	7,725,000
2031	4,095,000	2046	8,075,000
2032	4,295,000	2047	8,435,000
2033	4,510,000	2048	8,815,000
2034	4,740,000	2049	9,215,000
2035	4,975,000	2050	9,630,000
2036	5,200,000	2051	10,060,000
2037	5,435,000	2052	10,515,000
2038	5,675,000	2053	10,985,000
2039	5,930,000		

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change by the Secretary as described in the heading "Adjustment of Maturity Schedule" below.

All of the Series 2024B Bonds will mature on December 1, 2024, in the principal amount as follows:

DUE	PRINCIPAL
(DEC. 1)	<b>AMOUNT</b>
2024	\$17,000,000

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change by the Secretary after consultation with the Co-Financial Advisors (as defined below).

Prior to accepting bids, the Board reserves the right to change the principal amount of either series of the Bonds and certain terms of either series of the Bonds, as described herein, to postpone the sale to a later date, or to cancel the sale of either or both series of the Bonds based upon market conditions. Notice of a change or cancellation will be announced via Refinitiv at the internet website address <a href="https://www.tm3.com">www.tm3.com</a> not later than noon, Central Time, on the business day preceding the bid opening. Such notice will specify the revised principal amount or feature, if any, and any later date selected for the sale, which may be postponed or cancelled in the same manner. If the sale is postponed, a later public sale may be held at the hour and place and on such date as communicated upon at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice via Refinitiv service at the internet website address <a href="https://www.tm3.com">www.tm3.com</a>.

Adjustment of Maturity Schedule: The schedules of maturities set forth above (each a "Maturity Schedule") represent an estimate of the principal amounts and maturities of the applicable series of Bonds which will be sold. If, after final computation of the bids, the Board determines that the maturities of either series of the Bonds should be adjusted after consideration of the winning bidder's coupon structure in order to achieve the Board's structuring goals, the Board reserves the right to either increase or decrease the principal amount of any maturity of either series of the Bonds, except that the total par amount of the Series 2024A Bonds will not exceed \$183,000,000 and the total par amount of the Series 2024B Bonds will not exceed \$17,000,000.

In the event of any such adjustment of either Maturity Schedule as described herein, no rebidding or recalculation of the bids submitted for that series of the Bonds will be required or permitted. Nevertheless, the award of that series of the Bonds will be made to the bidder whose proposal produces the lowest true interest cost solely on the basis of the series of the Bonds offered, without taking into account any adjustment in the applicable Maturity Schedule pursuant to this paragraph. Any such adjustment made will hold constant the bidder's spread on a per bond basis.

**Redemption:** Series 2024A Bonds. The Series 2024A Bonds maturing December 1, 2034 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption at the option of the City of New Orleans (the "City"), acting through the Board, prior to their stated maturities, on and after December 1, 2033, in whole or in part at any time and if less than a full maturity then by lot within such maturity at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date. Any Bonds made the subject of such call or calls shall be redeemed at the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Bonds are <u>not</u> required to be redeemed in inverse order of maturity.

In the event a Bond to be redeemed is of a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Bond (\$5,000 or any multiple thereof) may be redeemed. In the event of redemption of less than all of the outstanding Bonds of like maturity, such Bonds shall be redeemed by lot or in such other manner as shall be deemed fair and equitable by the Paying Agent for random selection.

Notice of redemption shall be given by the Paying Agent by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail (postage prepaid) or delivering notice via other accepted means of electronic communication, not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the Registered Owner of each Bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at the address shown on the Bond Register.

If a Bidder shall elect to specify Term Bonds as provided in "Special Bidders' Option" below, the Bonds subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption shall also be subject to the terms and conditions described in the Preliminary Official Statement.

*Series 2024B Bonds*. The Series 2024B Bonds are not callable for redemption prior to their stated maturity.

Security: The Bonds will be general obligations of the City and are authorized by Part XIV, Chapter 4, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 39:1031 to 1043, inclusive), and other constitutional and statutory authority, and proceedings of the Council of the City of New Orleans and of the Board. The Bonds were specifically authorized by special election held in the City on November 16, 2019, the results of which election have been duly promulgated in accordance with law. The full faith and credit of the City is pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and the City is obligated under the aforesaid provisions of law to impose and collect annually in excess of all other taxes, a tax on all the property subject to such taxation in the City, in the manner prescribed by such provisions, in an amount sufficient to pay such principal and interest.

**Bond Insurance:** If any series of the Bonds qualifies for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment therefor shall be at the sole option and expense of such bidder and any increased costs of issuance of such series of the Bonds resulting by reason of the same shall be paid by such bidder. Any failure of any Bonds to be so insured or of any such policy of insurance to be issued shall not constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser of such series of the Bonds to accept delivery of and pay for said Bonds in accordance herewith.

<u>Electronic Bids</u>: Notice is hereby given that electronic proposals will be received via PARITY®, in the manner described below:

For the tax-exempt Series 2024A Bonds - until 9:30 a.m., New Orleans, Louisiana (Central) time, on July 31, 2024.

For the taxable Series 2024B Bonds - until 10:00 a.m., New Orleans, Louisiana (Central) time, on July 31, 2024.

No bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY® conflict with this Official Notice of Bond Sale, the terms of this Official Notice of Bond Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY®, potential bidders may contact PARITY® at (212) 849-5021.

Sealed bids will not be accepted.

**Disclaimer:** Each prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to register to bid via PARITY® as described above. Each qualified prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY® for the purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Official Notice of Bond Sale. Neither the Board nor PARITY® shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure access to PARITY® to any prospective bidder, and neither the Board nor PARITY® shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, PARITY®. The Board is using PARITY® as a communication mechanism, and not as the Board's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. No other form of electronic bid or provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. The Board is not bound by any advice and determination of PARITY® to the effect that any particular bid complies with the terms of this Official Notice of Bond Sale and in particular the "Bid Requirements" hereinafter set forth. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their registration and submission of bids via PARITY® are the sole responsibility of the bidders; and the Board is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any of such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in submitting, modifying or withdrawing a bid for either series of the Bonds, he should telephone PARITY® at (212) 849-5021 and notify the Board's Co-Financial Advisors, PFM Financial Advisors LLC (901) 466-4556, 201 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 4208, New Orleans, Louisiana 70170, and CLB Porter, L.L.C. (504) 299-3433, 650 Poydras Street, Suite 1400, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 (collectively, the "Co-Financial Advisors").

Electronic Bidding Procedures: Electronic bids must be submitted for the purchase of each series of the Bonds via PARITY®. Bids for the Series 2024A Bonds will be communicated electronically to the Board at 9:30 a.m., local New Orleans, Louisiana (Central) time, on Wednesday, July 31, 2024. Bids for the Series 2024B Bonds will be communicated electronically to the Board at 10:00 a.m., local New Orleans, Louisiana (Central) time, on Wednesday, July 31, 2024. Prior to such time, a prospective bidder may (1) submit the proposed terms of its bid via PARITY®, (2) modify the proposed terms of its bid, in which event the proposed terms as last modified will (unless the bid is withdrawn as described herein) constitute its bid for such series of the Bonds, or (3) withdraw its proposed bid. Once the bids are communicated

electronically via PARITY® to the Board, each bid will constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the series of Bonds on which the bidder is submitting a bid on the terms therein provided. For purposes of the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained on PARITY® shall constitute the official time.

**Bid Requirements:** Each bid for the Series 2024A Bonds (i) shall be for the full amount of \$183,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Series 2024A Bonds, (ii) shall name the rate or rates of interest to be borne by the Series 2024A Bonds, (iii) shall prescribe one rate of interest for the Series 2024A Bonds of any one maturity, not to exceed eight per centum (8%) per annum for any maturity and not less than five per centum (5.00%) per annum for any maturity of the Series 2024A Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2034, (iv) shall limit the interest due on each Series 2024A Bond for each interest period to a single rate and (v) shall be unconditional. No bid for less than the principal amount of the Series 2024A Bonds will be accepted.

Each bid for the Series 2024B Bonds (i) shall be for the full amount of \$17,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Series 2024B Bonds, (ii) shall name the rate of interest to be borne by the Series 2024B Bonds, (iii) shall prescribe one rate of interest for the Series 2024B Bonds, not to exceed eight per centum (8%) per annum for any maturity, (iv) shall limit the interest due on each Series 2024B Bond for each interest period to a single rate and (v) shall be unconditional. No bid for less than 99% of the principal amount of the Series 2024B Bonds will be accepted.

Special Bidders' Option (Series 2024A Bonds Only): Bidders may specify that all of the principal amount of Series 2024A Bonds on any two or more consecutive annual payment dates on or after December 1, 2034, may, *in lieu* of maturing on each of such dates, be combined to comprise one or more maturities of Series 2024A Bonds scheduled to mature on the latest of such annual payment dates and be subject to redemption through mandatory sinking fund installments at the principal amount thereof in the manner described in the Preliminary Official Statement, on each of the annual principal payment dates ("Term Bonds"). Bidders may specify one or more of such Term Bonds.

Award of Bid: The Series 2024A Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid offers the lowest "true interest cost" to the City on the Series 2024A Bonds, to be determined by doubling the semiannual interest rate (compounded semiannually) necessary to discount the debt service payments on the Series 2024A Bonds from the payment dates to the date of delivery of the Series 2024A Bonds, such that the sum of such present values is equal to the price bid, including any premium bid or less any discount (the preceding calculation is sometimes referred to as the "Canadian Interest Cost Method" or "Present Value Method"). In the case of a tie bid, the Board may award the sale of the Series 2024A Bonds in any manner it chooses in its sole discretion.

The Series 2024B Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid offers the lowest "true interest cost" to the City on the Series 2024B Bonds, to be determined by doubling the semiannual interest rate (compounded semiannually) necessary to discount the debt service payments on the Series 2024B Bonds from the payment dates to the date of delivery of the Series 2024B Bonds, such that the sum of such present values is equal to the price bid, including any premium bid or less any discount (the preceding calculation is sometimes referred to as the "Canadian Interest Cost Method" or "Present Value Method"). In the case of a tie bid, the Board of Liquidation may award the sale of the Series 2024B Bonds in any manner it chooses in its sole discretion.

Establishment of Issue Price of Series 2024A Bonds: The Board expects to comply with the competitive sale requirements of Treasury Regulation § 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) with respect to the Series 2024A Bonds; however, in the event the Board does not receive sufficient qualified bids to satisfy such requirement, which would allow the Board to treat the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public as of the sale date as the issue price of the Series 2024A Bonds, the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule" of Treasury Regulation § 1.148-1(f)(2)(ii) (the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule"), shall apply, which will

allow the Board to treat the initial offering price to the public of each maturity of the Series 2024A Bonds as of the sale date as the issue price of that maturity of the Series 2024A Bonds. So long as the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule applies to any maturity of the Series 2024A Bonds, the winning bidder by submitting its bid agrees that it will neither offer nor sell that maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following: (i) the date on which the winning bidder has sold at least 10 percent of that maturity of the Series 2024A Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public or (ii) the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the sale date. The winning bidder agrees to promptly report to the Co-Financial Advisors when it has sold 10 percent of a maturity of the Series 2024A Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the sale date.

In order to provide the Board with information required to comply with certain conditions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, relating to the exclusion of interest on the Series 2024A Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the winning bidder will be required to complete, execute and deliver to the Board (on or before the date of delivery of the Series 2024A Bonds) a certification regarding the "issue price" of the Series 2024A Bonds substantially in the form attached as an appendix to the Preliminary Official Statement for the Series 2024A Bonds, subject to modification in a manner acceptable to the Board. Each bidder, by submitting its bid, agrees to complete, execute and deliver such a certificate by the date of delivery of the Series 2024A Bonds, if its bid is accepted. It will be the responsibility of the winning bidder to institute such syndicate reporting requirements, to make such investigation, or otherwise to ascertain the facts necessary to enable it to make such certification with reasonable certainty. Any questions concerning such certification should be directed to the Board.

By submitting a bid for the Series 2024A Bonds, each bidder certifies it has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds. The Board will not accept bids from firms without an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds.

<u>Costs Paid by Board</u>: The costs of preparing, selling and delivering the Bonds shall be paid by the Board.

**Rejection of Bids:** The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids for either series of the Bonds.

<u>Waiver of Informalities</u>: The Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid.

Good Faith Deposit for Purchase of Series 2024A Bonds: In the event a bid for the Series 2024A Bonds is accepted, the acceptance of such bid shall be subject to the receipt of a good faith deposit (the "Series 2024A Bonds Deposit") by the winning bidder of the Series 2024A Bonds in the amount of \$1,830,000. The Series 2024A Bonds Deposit shall be made via wire transfer to the Board by 3:00 o'clock p.m., New Orleans, Louisiana (Central) Time, on the day of the sale. The Series 2024A Bonds Deposit received by the Board will be deposited and credited against the purchase price of the Series 2024A Bonds. In the case of neglect or refusal to comply with such bid, the Series 2024A Bonds Deposit will be forfeited to the Board as and for liquidated damages. No interest will be allowed on the amount of the Series 2024A Bonds Deposit.

The Board or its Co-Financial Advisors will communicate the instructions for delivery of the Series 2024A Bonds Deposit to the winning bidder upon the award of the Series 2024A Bonds.

Good Faith Deposit for Purchase of Series 2024B Bonds: In the event a bid for the Series 2024B Bonds is accepted, the acceptance of such bid shall be subject to the receipt of a good faith deposit (the "Series 2024B Bonds Deposit") by the winning bidder of the Series 2024B Bonds in the amount of \$170,000. The Series 2024B Bonds Deposit shall be made via wire transfer to the Board by 3:00 o'clock p.m., New Orleans, Louisiana (Central) Time, on the day of the sale. The Series 2024B Bonds Deposit received by the Board will be deposited and credited against the purchase price of the Series 2024B Bonds. In the case of neglect or refusal to comply with such bid, the deposit will be forfeited to the Board as and for liquidated damages. No interest will be allowed on the amount of the Deposit.

The Board or its Co-Financial Advisors will communicate the instructions for delivery of the Series 2024A Bonds Deposit to the winning bidder upon the award of the Series 2024B Bonds.

<u>Delivery of the Bonds</u>: The Bonds will be delivered to DTC on or as soon as practicable after August 15, 2024, in "book-entry only" form. Each purchaser selected by the Board shall pay in Federal Funds on the date of delivery the balance of the purchase price of the Bonds being purchased. Each series of the Bonds will be delivered in New Orleans, Louisiana, or in New York, New York, unless another place shall be mutually agreed upon between the Board and the purchaser of that series of the Bonds.

<u>Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel and Co-Bond Counsel and Closing Documents</u>: The approving legal opinion of Foley & Judell, L.L.P. and Auzenne & Associates, L.L.C., Co-Bond Counsel, who have supervised the proceedings, the Bonds and the transcript of record as passed upon will be furnished without cost to each purchaser.

CUSIP Numbers: It is anticipated that the American Bankers' Association Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures (CUSIP) identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but the failure to print such numbers shall not constitute cause for refusal by any purchaser to accept delivery of and to pay for the Bonds. No CUSIP identification number shall be deemed to be part of any Bond or a part of the contract evidenced thereby, and no liability shall hereafter attach to the City or the Board or any of the officers or agents thereof because of or on account of such numbers. All expenses in relation to the printing of the CUSIP identification numbers on the Bonds shall be paid by the Board. However, the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of such numbers to each series of the Bonds shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid by the respective purchaser. The Co-Financial Advisors will request the assignment of CUSIP numbers in accordance with MSRB Rule G-34.

<u>Continuing Disclosure</u>: In order to assist bidders in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), the City and the Board will undertake, pursuant to the resolution providing for the issuance of the Bonds and a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, to provide annual reports and notices of certain listed events. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement and will also be set forth in the Final Official Statement. The Annual Reports are due on or before August 31 of each year.

Additional Information: Further information and particulars, including the required procedures for bidding and the Official Statement relating to the Bonds, will be furnished electronically and upon application to the undersigned. The Preliminary Official Statement and this Official Notice of Bond Sale will be available in electronic format on the following websites: <a href="http://www.i-dealprospectus.com">http://www.i-dealprospectus.com</a> and www.bolcd.com.

<u>Participation by Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Firms</u>: The City and the Board strongly encourage the participation of minority-owned and women-owned firms as bidders or as members of syndicates submitting bids for the purchase of the Bonds. Each bidder is strongly encouraged to make a good faith effort to include minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises in their bidding syndicates.

TRACY D. MADISON, Secretary Board of Liquidation, City Debt Room 8E17, City Hall 1300 Perdido Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70112-2197 Telephone: (504) 658-1410

# FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA RELATIVE TO THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

# FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA RELATIVE TO THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS AND THE PARISH OF ORLEANS, STATE OF LOUISIANA

The City of New Orleans (the "City") and the Parish of Orleans (the "Parish") have the same boundaries and are located in southeastern Louisiana, approximately 110 miles from the mouth of the Mississippi River. The City occupies an area of approximately 363.5 square miles, of which approximately 199.4 square miles are land and approximately 164.1 square miles are water. The developed area of the City consists of approximately 75 square miles; much of the relatively large amount of undeveloped land consists of reclaimed wetlands.

The City is one of the largest seaports in the United States, a major trade and service market, and a world-wide tourist and convention center. The manufacturing base is relatively small. The oil and gas industry plays an important role in the City's economy. Several major oil companies, financial institutions, law firms, utilities, government agencies, universities, and hospitals have office buildings in the central business district and are among the largest employers within the City.

# **Population**

The actual population of the City, from time to time, may be larger than its basic resident population as a result of an influx of commuters, tourists, visitors and convention attendees. The New Orleans Metropolitan Statistical Area (the "MSA"), as now defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, includes Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist and St. Tammany Parishes. A history of the population of the City and the MSA is provided below. The decline in population between the 2000 Census and the 2020 estimate is largely a result of Hurricane Katrina.

# Population of New Orleans and the New Orleans Metropolitan Statistical Area

	<u> 1950</u>	<u> 1960</u>	<u> 1970</u>	<u> 1980</u>	<u> 1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u> 2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2023</u>
New Orleans	570,445	627,525	593,471	557,927	496,938	484,674	343,829	383,997	364,136
MSA*	754,856	969,326	1,125,058	1,282,391	1,264,391	1,316,510	1,167,764	1,007,286	962,165

\*Restated to reflect inclusion of Plaquemines Parish in 1993. Source: U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Department of Commerce.

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## **Assessed Valuations**

The following table sets forth the assessed value of taxable property in the City and homestead exemptions for the years 2014-2024.

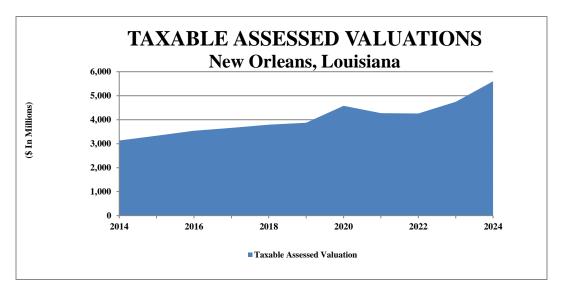
**Assessed Value of Property in the City** 

				Total	Less:	Taxable
Tax	Real	Personal	<b>Public Service</b>	Assessed	Homestead	Assessed
<u>Year</u>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	<b>Exemption</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
2014	2,992,593,440	405,514,430	181,055,280	3,579,163,150	448,696,881	3,130,466,269
2015	3,188,376,880	431,355,330	170,541,020	3,790,273,230	458,941,272	3,331,331,958
2016	3,376,000,478	456,453,540	169,105,350	4,001,559,368	466,204,914	3,535,354,454
2017	3,481,746,470	471,985,530	175,685,210	4,129,417,210	474,168,843	3,655,248,367
2018	3,592,392,910	497,655,080	173,902,710	4,263,950,700	472,200,590	3,791,750,110
2019	3,648,117,620	527,777,040	169,565,520	4,345,460,180	471,545,070	3,873,915,110
2020	4,334,697,770	549,441,880	169,565,520	5,053,705,170	474,994,140	4,578,711,030
2021	4,044,418,490	543,125,551	161,573,520	4,749,117,561	479,330,890	4,269,786,671
2022	4,029,581,760	543,636,610	162,100,360	4,735,318,730	480,326,930	4,254,991,800
2023	4,430,131,800	639,983,500	163,094,520	5,233,209,820	482,403,250	4,743,982,020
2024*	5,202,572,050	720,488,580	167,264,280	6,090,324,910	490,144,230	5,600,180,680

Sources: Department of Finance, City of New Orleans.

(Note: The values shown are those certified by the Tax Assessor at the beginning of each respective tax year; however, minor adjustments are often made during the tax year that may change the values shown above. There can be no assurance that such changes will not be made in 2024.)

Unlike other municipalities in Louisiana, homestead exemptions are applicable to most taxes levied in the City, pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Constitution. For additional information, see Tax Rates in this Appendix.



<sup>\*</sup>All information regarding the Assessed Value of the City for 2024 is preliminary, and subject to change.

The following table shows, in summary, the millages levied in the City and Parish for the

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
		(\$ per \$1,000	of Taxable As	ssessed Value)	
General Purposes	13.91	13.91	13.91	13.91	12.23
City Services	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.05
Debt Service of General Obligation Bonds	22.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	16.50
Fire and Police	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40	5.62
Police (1)	5.26	5.26	5.26	5.26	4.67
Fire (1)	7.71	7.71	7.71	7.71	6.84
Audubon Park Zoo	0.15		1.95	1.95	1.71
Aquarium	1.80				4.39
Library	4.91	4.91	4.91	4.91	
Capital Improvements & Infrastructure	0.56	0.56			4.32
Trust Fund					
Economic Development & Housing	0.91	0.91			
Parkway & Recreation	2.79				
New Orleans Recreation Development		1.95	1.95	1.95	1.71
Commission					
New Orleans Department of Parks and		1.80	1.80	1.80	1.59
Parkways					
City Park Improvement Association		0.61	0.61	0.61	0.54
Streets (Traffic Control Devices)	1.77	1.77			
Drainage System (Act 617 of 1977)	4.71	4.71	4.71	4.71	4.14
Drainage System (Ord. 6289, M.C.S.)	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.46	3.92
Drainage System (R-81-29)	7.06	7.06	7.06	7.06	6.20
Total City Tax Rates	86.09	82.71	81.42	81.42	71.04
Orleans Law Enforcement District	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.46
Orleans Parish School Board	45.31	45.31	45.31	45.31	45.31
Total Parishwide Tax Rates	134.20	130.82	129.53	129.53	123.20
Orleans Levee District (Eastbank)	11.18	11.18	11.18	11.18	10.79
Orleans Levee District (Westbank)	12.26	12.26	12.26	12.26	10.81
Downtown Development District (2)	14.76	14.76	17.12	17.12	13.73
Garden District Security	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.13
Touro Bouligny	8.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.10

<sup>(1)</sup> No homestead exemption.

**Tax Rates** 

years 2020 through 2024:

Neighborhood based special taxing districts have been created by the Louisiana Legislature in portions of Orleans Parish. These special taxing districts have been authorized, upon voter approval, to impose parcel fees on the real property located within the boundaries of the respective district to be used for various purposes solely within such district. Parcel fees are not listed above.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Tax levied only on certain real property in the central business area of the City.

# **Property Tax Collection Record**

The following table shows the total property tax levied by the City and all other tax recipient entities in the Parish in each year from 2015 through 2024, along with the amounts collected and the percentage of such levy that has been collected since the date the taxes were imposed (through the dates specified below), as reported by the City Finance Department, which collects and disburses all *ad valorem* taxes in the Parish:

Real Estate Taxes

		Collected through December 31, 2023		Total Collection March 31	_
Tax	Total	Amount	Percent		Percent of
<b>Year</b>	<b>Levied</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<u>Levy</u>
2015	\$422,306	\$420,483	99.57%	\$420,519	99.58%
2016	457,800	455,689	99.54%	455,721	99.55%
2017	480,924	478,615	99.52%	478,662	99.53%
2018	497,718	495,260	99.51%	495,309	99.52%
2019	496,197	494,691	99.38%	494,769	99.71%
2020	551,514	549,319	99.60%	549,386	99.61%
2021	543,383	526,154	99.54%	526,374	99.58%
2022	520,272	515,998	99.18%	516,467	99.27%
2023	604,693	557,573	92.21%	565,185	93.47%
2024	643,727	N/A	N/A	539,104	83.75%

Personal Property Taxes

		Collected through December 31, 2023		Total Collection  March 3	0
Tax	Total	Amount	Percent		Percentage
<b>Year</b>	<b>Levied</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Amount</b>	of Levy
2015	\$ 86,961	\$85,108	97.87%	\$85,120	97.88%
2016	92,428	90,310	97.67%	90,322	97.72%
2017	96,441	93,359	96.76%	93,385	96.83%
2018	101,280	96,919	95.68%	96,976	95.75%
2019	103,260	98,639	95.00%	98,691	95.58%
2020	100,865	95,483	92.98%	95,556	94.74%
2021	99,482	92,190	92.67%	92,348	92.83%
2022	96,762	87,931	90.87%	88,195	91.15%
2023	116,856	94,589	80.94%	99,190	84.88%
2024	116,788	N/A	N/A	73,537	62.97%

Source: Department of Finance, City of New Orleans (unaudited).

All amounts in thousands.

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# **Property Taxpayers**

The following list includes the names and the 2024 assessed valuations of the ten largest property taxpayers in the City:

		2024 Assessed
Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	<b>Valuation</b>
Entergy	Utility	\$125,861,850
Capital One Bank	Banking	84,257,650
Folgers Coffee	Coffee Manufacturing	51,489,160
Harrah's	Casino	37,709,180
Hancock Whitney Bank	Banking	32,648,610
International River Center	Commercial Leasing	27,245,700
C S & M Associates	Real Estate	24,852,250
Marriott Hotel	Hotel	24,608,670
JPMorgan Chase Bank	Banking	22,675,080
Gumbo Alley	Real Estate	14,547,420
Total		\$416,511,821
	Entergy Capital One Bank Folgers Coffee Harrah's Hancock Whitney Bank International River Center C S & M Associates Marriott Hotel JPMorgan Chase Bank Gumbo Alley	Entergy Capital One Bank Folgers Coffee Coffee Manufacturing Harrah's Casino Hancock Whitney Bank International River Center C S & M Associates Marriott Hotel JPMorgan Chase Bank Gumbo Alley Utility Bank Banking Coffee Manufacturing C Saino Banking Casino Hancock Whitney Bank Banking Harriott Hotel Hotel JPMorgan Chase Bank Real Estate

The ten largest property taxpayers accounted for approximately 6.84% of the City's 2024 total assessed valuation.

Source: Department of Finance, City of New Orleans.

#### **Sales and Other Taxes**

The general 2½% sales and use tax is the City's largest single source of revenue available to pay operating expenses. In addition, the State of Louisiana (the "State"), the Regional Transit Authority, and the Orleans Parish School Board levy general sales and use taxes of 4.45%, 1% and 1.50%, respectively, within the boundaries of the Parish. The total sales tax levied on goods sold or used (excluding hotel and motel rooms) in the Parish is 9.45%. The various sales taxes are not levied on the same sales of goods and services and have different related exemptions. Any increase in the City's sales tax rate would require legislative approval and an affirmation vote in a City election. The City's sales taxes do not secure the payment of debt service on the Bonds.

Six public agencies share in the taxation of hotel/motel rooms in the Parish. The rate of taxation of each of the respective agencies is as follows: (a) the State -2%, (b) the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District (the "LSED") -4%, (c) the City  $-1\frac{1}{2}\%$ , (d) the School Board  $-1\frac{1}{2}\%$ , (e) the Regional Transit Authority (the "RTA") -1% and (f) the Ernest N. Morial - New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority (the "NOEH") -3%, plus the proceeds from the "hotel/motel tax" and "food and beverage tax" authorized by the voters on November 21, 1987, and effective April 1, 1988, and which serves as security for outstanding special tax bonds of the NOEH. Other hotel occupancy taxes to benefit the City and have been proposed but not yet enacted.

Effective November 1, 1990, the City began collection of a Hotel Occupancy Privilege Tax upon persons occupying hotel rooms in the City for the purpose of funding tourism promotion by the New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation, a nonprofit economic development corporation.

The Constitution prohibits political subdivisions of the State from levying a severance tax, income tax or a tax on motor fuel.

Hurricane Katrina had an impact on the collections of the sales and use taxes of the City, but the City's recovery resulted in sales taxes from 2012 to 2023 exceeding pre-Katrina levels. In 2020, restrictions on business, travel and other economic activity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the collection of sales and use taxes of the City

The following table shows annual revenues of the City's general-purpose sales and use tax deposited in the City's General Fund.

Calendar	Sales Tax	Calendar	Sales Tax
<u>Year</u>	Revenues	<u>Year</u>	Revenues
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)
1997	\$120,652	2011	\$152,840
1998	126,899	2012	163,128
1999	133,490	2013	176,326
2000	139,770	2014	193,183
2001	139,511	2015	204,293
2002	145,009	2016	203,235
2003	148,855	2017	218,051
2004	153,851	2018	230,295
2005	116,339	2019	240,769
2006	124,229	2020	184,712
2007	134,114	2021	232,525
2008	137,587	2022	273,023
2009	133,868	2023	275,509
2010	147,300	2024	287,031*

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as projected by December 31, 2024.

Sources: Annual Financial Reports, City of New Orleans (1997-2017); Department of Finance, City of New Orleans (2018-2024). Figures unaudited.

## **Default Record**

The City has never defaulted in the payment of its outstanding bonds.

# **Audit Report**

Included by reference in Appendix "C" attached hereto is a copy of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, audited by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPA's and Advisors, and their report, dated as of July 1, 2024, is included therein. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report pertaining to the City which is included in this Official Statement has been included in reliance upon said report; however, such auditors have not consented to inclusion of the financial statements herein and have not performed any additional review procedures related thereto. The auditors did not perform any procedures relating to any of the information in this Official Statement.

# **Budget**

Included in Appendix "D" attached to this Official Statement the general fund budget, as adopted, for the City for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. The City's Operating Budget in its entirety has been approved by the City Council and signed by the Mayor. It is available for reviewing and download on the City's website (<a href="www.nola.gov/next/mayors-office/topics/budget">www.nola.gov/next/mayors-office/topics/budget</a>).

## **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

# Per Capita Personal Income

A comprehensive revision of the estimates of Per Capita Personal Income by State was published in November 2023 by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The recent trends in revised per capita personal income for the Parish, Louisiana, and the Nation are indicated in the following table:

	Per Capita Personal Income					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Orleans Parish	\$ <del>51,32</del> 7	\$53,427	\$55,577	\$62,529	\$61,623	
Louisiana	45,464	47,009	50,243	54,531	54,501	
United States	53,309	55,547	59,153	64,430	65,470	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. November 16, 2023.

(The personal income level for the United States is derived as the sum of the county estimates; it differs from the national income and product accounts (NIPA) estimate of personal income because, by definition, it omits the earnings of Federal civilian and military personnel stationed abroad and others. It can also differ from the NIPA estimate because of different data sources and revision schedules.)

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

The Louisiana Workforce Commission has issued revised not seasonally adjusted annual average statistics for various employment areas within Louisiana. The annual average figures for the Parish area were reported as follows:

<b>Year</b>	Labor Force	<b>Employment</b>	<u>Unemployment</u>	Parish Rate	State Rate
2018	179,187	170,775	8,412	4.7%	4.8%
2019	178,850	156,655	22,195	12.4%	4.6%
2020	176,799	162,126	14,673	8.3%	8.6%
2021	175,296	167,464	7,832	4.5%	5.6%
2022	175,616	167,786	7,830	4.5%	3.7%

The preliminary figures for March 2024 were reported as follows:

<b>Month</b>	Labor Force	<b>Employment</b>	<u>Unemployment</u>	Parish Rate	State Rate
03/24	175,189	166,103	9.086	5.2%	4.5%*

<sup>\*</sup> The seasonally adjusted rate was 4.4%.

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission. April 26, 2024.

The following table shows the composition of the employed work force not seasonally adjusted in the MSA:

# Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Major Industry (Employee in Thousands)

	Preliminary	Revised	
	<u> March 2024</u>	February 2024	<b>March 2023</b>
Mining & Logging	3.1	3.1	3.2
Construction	27.2	27.0	28.4
Manufacturing	30.1	30.3	29.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	106.8	106.6	108.8
Information	6.5	6.5	7.8
Financial Activities	28.8	29.0	29.1
Professional and Business Services	74.6	73.7	76.4
Education and Health Services	107.5	107.8	108.2
Leisure and Hospitality	80.0	79.9	81.7
Other Services	25.1	24.7	24.2
Government	70.2	<u>70.2</u>	68.7
Total	<u>559.9</u>	<u>558.8</u>	<u>566.4</u>

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission.

# **Largest Employers**

The names of several of the largest private employers located in the City and their approximate number of local employees were reported as follows:

			Approximate No. of
	Name of Employer	Type of Business	<b>Employees</b>
1.	Hilton-New Orleans Riverside	Hospitality	5,000-9,999
2.	Naval Air Station Joint Reserve	Military	5,000-9,999
3.	United States Postal Service	Mail	1,000-4,999
4.	University of New Orleans	Education	1,000-4,999
5.	Sewerage and Water Board	Public Utility	1,000-4,999
6.	Lockheed Martin Manned Space	Spacecraft Manufacturer	1,000-4,999
7.	Tulane Medical Center	Healthcare	1,000-4,999
8.	Harrah's New Orleans Casino	Casino	1,000-4,999
9.	Advanced Cutting Solutions	Composite Material Cutting	1,000-4,999
10.	US National Finance Center	Financial Services	1,000-4,999

Sources: Louisiana Workforce Commission.

Note: This list excludes some major employers who declined to supply employment information. The list also excludes State and local governmental employers.

No assurance may be given that any employer listed will either continue to locate in the City or maintain employment at the level stated.

The following table shows the composition of the employed work force, not seasonally adjusted, in the City for the periods indicated.

ANNUAL AVERAGE ORLEANS PARISH CONCURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 AND THIRD QUARTER 2023 (All data not seasonally adjusted)

	ORLEANS	PARISH			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023:3
EMPLOYMENT					
Total	200,936	171,600	174,323	184,953	184,051
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	234	260	285	258	320
Mining	1,536	1,486	1,312	1,171	1,174
Utilities	1,132	1,160	1,119	1,101	1,131
Construction	4,447	4,112	4,138	4,295	3,927
Manufacturing	4,421	4,261	4,428	4,732	4,784
Wholesale Trade	3,474	2,960	3,045	3,306	3,360
Retail Trade	14,621	13,056	13,199	13,518	13,111
Transportation & Warehousing	8,876	7,691	8,038	8,669	8,142
Information	4,988	3,752	4,963	5,549	3,261
Finance & Insurance	5,070	4,899	5,186	5,001	4,922
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3,115	2,746	2,902	3,037	3,066
Professional & Technical Services	15,393	15,183	15,647	16,514	15,697
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,059	2,912	2,903	2,165	2,116
Administrative and Waste Services	12,573	10,310	10,189	11,201	10,284
Educational Services	23,137	22,440	22,175	22,582	23,244
Health Care and Social Assistance	27,363	26,704	26,873	26,569	28,515
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6,504	4,290	4,057	5,502	5,527
Accommodation and Food Services	42,187	25,717	26,996	33,064	34,469
Other Services, except Public Administration	5,931	4,866	4,888	5,373	5,451
Public Administration	12,848	12,790	11,961	11,346	11,547
EARNINGS (\$ in Thousands)	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	Quarterly
Total	\$10,771,698	\$10,378,399	\$10,903,023	\$11,804,271	\$2,925,633
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	21,502	20,076	18,780	22,214	6,768
Mining	318,171	287,853	257,399	268,935	49,403
Utilities	90,946	102,240	106,392	96,320	21,712
Construction	262,616	259,367	267,907	292,347	72,445
Manufacturing	327,188	344,406	344,214	382,320	98,202
Wholesale Trade	273,238	227,480	237,117	267,969	66,797
Retail Trade	436,953	410,257	445,384	485,550	115,736
Transportation & Warehousing	486,733	459,763	498,271	544,612	135,192
Information	306,779	245,362	361,255	442,927	67,722
Finance & Insurance	583,318	651,561	636,183	641,928	145,921
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	144,200	137,548	154,096	180,007	44,446
Professional & Technical Services	1,364,667	1,423,082	1,486,228	1,632,996	373,119
Management of Companies and Enterprises	336,996	367,043	345,250	253,721	47,942
Administrative and Waste Services	508,341	493,282	519,146	590,605	128,115
Educational Services	1,328,584	1,368,532	1,440,119	1,504,871	420,552
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,480,701	1,582,469	1,669,590	1,722,242	492,295
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	203,888	152,748	172,933	209,565	53,754
Accommodation and Food Services	1,171,444	717,435	833,896	1,128,557	281,328
Other Services, except Public Administration	237,221	215,989	226,438	264,943	70,110
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Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission as of May 6, 2024.

**Public Administration** 

911,765

882,096

871,611

234,022

887,217

#### Construction

The New Orleans CityBusiness Top Construction Projects, 2024, were published on February 16, 2024, lists the top construction projects taking place within the MSA. The following construction projects are partially or wholly within the city limits of New Orleans:

PROJECTS PROJECTS	TOTAL COST
New Orleans Street, Sewer and Water Repairs	\$2.4 Billion
Louisiana International Terminal	\$1.8 Billion
River District	\$1 Billion
LCMC Health System Expansion & Renovation	\$727 Million
Charity Hospital Redevelopment	\$600 Million
New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center	
Renovations	\$557 Million
Caesars Superdome Renovations	\$535 Million
Harrah's Casino & Hotel Transformation	\$435 Million
Niagara Bottling Manufacturing Facility	\$160 Million
New Orleans Infrastructure & Climate Funding	\$123 Million

Source: New Orleans CityBusiness Top Construction Projects 2024.

# **Housing**

The Institute of Economic Development and Real Estate Research of the University of New Orleans periodically publishes its *Real Estate Market Analysis New Orleans and Northshore Regions*, a recent edition being dated April 2024 (the "Analysis"). According to the Analysis, average prices in this sector of the market continue to rise. Average prices rose across all three major submarket sectors for the second year running.

Single family home prices in the Parish between 2022 and 2023 had an average decrease of 5.2% from \$455,765 to \$432,241. The decreases are linked to the higher interest rates and rising insurance costs. Unit sales in the Parish decreased 24.9% from 3,064 in 2022 to 2,301 in 2023, with the aggregate dollar volume of sales also decreasing 28.8%, from \$1.396 billion to \$994 million.

On the Westbank of Orleans Parish comprising zip code 70114 (Algiers), average prices decreased 22.6% between 2022 and 2023. In Central Orleans, the largest decreases in average prices occurred in zip codes 70113 (16.3%) and 70118 (11.8%). Finally, in Eastern New Orleans, the average prices in the 70126-zip code decreased 12.4%. Eastern New Orleans, one of the most affordable areas in the region for first-time homebuyers and bargain hunters, experienced a decrease in average price of 4.1%.

In Central New Orleans, five of the eleven zip codes experienced price increases during 2023 even though overall average prices decreased. Zip code 70112 had a double-digit average price increase of 16.6% from \$311,227 in 2022 to \$362,862 in 2023. The other zip codes with average price increase are 70130 (up 7.6%), 70124 (up 5.8%), 70116 (up 5.3%), and 70119 (up 0.06%).

#### **Education**

Elementary and secondary education in the Parish is provided by public, charter, parochial and private schools. The state-run New Orleans Recovery School District, an intermediate educational unit created in 2003 by the State legislature for the purpose of governing public schools in failing school districts, primarily Orleans Parish, has over 49,000 public school students in the City.

Institutions of higher education located in the City include:

	Fall Enrollment						
Institution	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u> 2020</u>	<u> 2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
University of New Orleans	8,151	8,231	8,375	7,953	7,111	6,601	
Tulane University	14,062	14,199	14,472	14,669	14,578	14,300	
Loyola University New Orleans	4,302	4,422	4,548	4,598	4,436	4,548	
Southern University at New	2,355	2,309	2,418	2,106	1,950	1,997	
Orleans							
Xavier University of Louisiana	3,231	3,325	3,231	3,604	3,419	3,181	
Dillard University	<u>1,309</u>	1,225	<u>1,215</u>	1,220	1,224	<u>1,123</u>	

Source: NOLA.com/The Advocate; Xavier University; Southern University of New Orleans; Tulane University; The University of New Orleans.

These seven institutions educate students in fields such as engineering, health care, public administration, urban studies, law, business, psychology, social sciences, communications, nursing, music, computer information systems, criminal justice, pharmacy, education, and theology. In addition, Delgado Community College, with a 2023 fall enrollment of 10,864, the LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, with a 2023 fall enrollment of 2,835, and other similar facilities educate persons in various trades. Also, the acute care hospitals previously listed under the "Largest Employers" have research and teaching facilities and staff to educate, train and employ physicians and medical personnel who come from numerous foreign and domestic locations.

## **Recent Recognition of the City and Region**

The City and the Greater New Orleans Region has been recognized by multiple publications for various achievements and accomplishments, including the following:

## General

- MSY/New Orleans International ranked Best Airport in North America [Airports Council International]
- New Orleans ranked as # 1 for Major Market of the Year [Southern Business and Development]
- New Orleans named # 2 in USA for Industrial Real Estate Growth [Costar]
- New Orleans voted # 3 for Best Big City in the United States [Conde Nast Magazine]
- New Orleans named a Top Tech Hub in North America [Business Facilities]

• Louisiana ranked #3 in the nation for Leading Workforce Development [Area Development]

# Talent/Workforce

- New Orleans named a "New Innovation Hotspot" [Axios]
- Louisiana ranked #1 in National Workforce Development [Business Facilities]
- Louisiana ranked a Top 10 State for Business [*Area Development*]
- GNO, Inc. recognized as a top economic development group in the USA [Site Selection]
- New Orleans ranked the #1 place for the youngest entrepreneurs in the USA [Lending Tree]
- New Orleans ranked #7 in USA for Tech growth [Emsi Economic Research Firm]
- New Orleans ranked #3 for Women in Tech [SmartAsset]
- New Orleans made the top ten list for Places to Work for Millennials [*Emsi*]
- Louisiana ranked #1 state for Software Engineers [Computer Science Online]
- Louisiana ranked # 2 for infrastructure investment [Site Selection]

# Quality of Life

- New Orleans ranked as #1 food destination in the USA [*TripAdvisor*]
- The #1 Most Desirable City in the World (outside of Europe) [Wanderlust]
- New Orleans ranked as 1 of the 10 most Excellent cities in the World [*TripAdvisor*]
- New Orleans ranked # 1 for Best Metros for Commuting [Clever]
- New Orleans listed in the top ten for Best Places to Live in the United States car free [CityLab]
- New Orleans has two of the Top Ten Festivals in the World [Vents Music Magazine]
- New Orleans ranked # 5 for the Best City in USA for Baby Boomers [New York Times]
- New Orleans ranked #6 for Most Family Friendly City in the USA [Homes.com]

For further information, see the website of Greater New Orleans, Inc., a regional economic development alliance, at <a href="https://gnoinc.org">https://gnoinc.org</a>.

# ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

The 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the City of New Orleans is available in PDF format at the City's website using the following link:

https://nola.gov/nola/media/Finance/2023-Annual-Comprehensive-Financial-Report.pdf

In addition, the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report can be viewed at the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board – Electronic Municipal Market Access (MSRB-EMMA) site using the following link:

https://emma.msrb.org/P21828113-P21401239-P21842949.pdf

# BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

The 2024 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of New Orleans is available in PDF format at the City's website using the following link:

https://nola.gov/nola/media/Mayor-s-Office/Budget/2024/2024-Adopted-Budget-Book.pdf

# ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF LIQUIDATION CITY DEBT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

The Annual Statements of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt is available in PDF format at the Board of Liquidation City Debt's website using the following link:

https://bolcd.com/FinancialReports/FinancialReportPDF?ReportId=908

In addition, the 2023 Annual Statement can be viewed at the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board – Electronic Municipal Market Access (MSRB-EMMA) site using the following link:

 $\underline{https://emma.msrb.org/P21828123-P21401249-P21842963.pdf}$ 

**DEBT STATEMENT** 

# STATEMENT OF DIRECT BONDED DEBT AS OF AUGUST 2, 2024

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.)

<u>Notes</u>	Name of Issuer & Issue	Interest Rates (%)	Dated <u>Date</u>	Final Maturity <u>Date</u>	Principal <u>Outstanding</u>	Principal Amount Due Within <u>One Year</u>
	Direct Debt of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana					
(1)	Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2013A	4.75-5.0	3/01/13	12/01/42	\$ 18,055,000	\$ 0
(1)	Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2015A	3.5-5.0	4/29/15	12/01/44	53,880,000	1,680,000
(1)	Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2016	3.07-4.55	12/08/16	12/01/46	59,620,000	1,620,000
(1)	Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2019	2.20-2.65	10/22/19	12/01/29	16,495,000	5,155,000
(1)	Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2021A	5.0	9/16/21	12/01/50	262,000,000	9,000,000
(1)	General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015	3.5-5.0	11/24/15	12/01/34	25,895,000	3,870,000
(1)	General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016	2.5-5.0	9/28/16	12/01/36	39,415,000	2,365,000
(1)	General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022	5.0-5.25	12/01/22	12/01/38	97,810,000	11,135,000
(2)	Taxable Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2016	2.57	10/12/16	9/01/26	3,300,000	1,065,000
(2)	Taxable Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2017	3.26	11/30/17	9/01/27	4,780,000	1,095,000
(2) (3)	Taxable Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 Sales Tax Increment Revenue Bonds (St. Thomas	0.606-2.320	10/26/21	9/01/30	101,500,000	13,885,000
	Economic Development District), Series 2013	8.125	11/03/03	4/01/50	17,990,000	215,000
(A)	Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana (Certificates of Indebtedness, Capital					
(A)	Leases, LCDA Bonds) Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of	4.64	7/19/06	7/15/26	9,183,751	4,487,759
(A)	Louisiana (General Obligation Bonds)	4.64	7/19/06	7/15/26	4,342,246	2,121,895
(A)	Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of	4.04	7/19/00	7/13/20	4,542,240	2,121,093
(A)	Louisiana (Capital Improvement Bonds)	4.64	7/19/06	7/15/26	510,182	249,307
	<b>Underlying Debt of the Audubon Commission</b>					
(4)	Limited Tax Bonds (Audubon Commission Projects),					
	Series 2020	4.0-5.0	11/10/20	10/01/40	8,790,000	380,000
(4)	Limited Tax Bonds (Audubon Commission Projects), Series 2021	4.0-5.0	12/15/21	10/01/40	32,330,000	775,000
(A)	Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of				- ,,	,
	Louisiana (Revenue Bonds)	4.64	7/19/06	7/15/26	1,264,935	402,672
(A)	Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of					
	Louisiana (4.11 Mill Tax Bonds)	4.64	7/19/06	7/15/26	2,773,390	882,865
(A)	Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of					
	Louisiana (0.44 Mill Tax Bonds)	4.64	7/19/06	7/15/26	281,270	89,538
	<b>Underlying Debt of the Sewerage and Water Board</b>					
(5)	Drainage System Limited Tax Bond, Series 2022	4.02	12/07/22	12/01/27	36,690,000	8,640,000
(6)	Water Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2014	5.0	7/02/14	12/01/26	7,390,000	2,345,000
(6)	Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2015	5.0	12/17/15	12/01/28	12,490,000	2,260,000
(6)	Taxable Water Revenue Refunding Bonds,					
	Series 2021	0.639-2.989	3/03/21	12/01/45	189,285,000	2,525,000
(6)	Sewerage Service Subordinate Revenue Bonds,					
	Series 2011	0.95	11/22/11	11/01/32	4,260,000	456,000
(6)	Sewerage Service Revenue and Refunding Bonds,					
	Series 2014	5.0	7/02/14	6/01/25	1,970,000	1,970,000
(6)	Sewerage Service Revenue Bonds, Series 2015	5.0	12/17/15	6/01/27	6,710,000	2,125,000
(6)	Sewerage Service Revenue Bond, Series 2019	0.95	11/20/19	6/01/40	8,148,000	474,000
(6)	Sewerage Service Revenue Bond, Series 2020A	1.50	6/10/20	6/01/25	2,160,000	2,160,000
(6)	Sewerage Service Revenue Bonds, Series 2020B	4.0-5.0	12/08/20	6/01/50	64,750,000	0
(6)	Taxable Sewerage Service Revenue Refunding					_
	Bonds, Series 2021	0.365-2.939	3/03/21	6/01/45	171,160,000	2,375,000
(6)	Sewerage Service Revenue Bond (WIFIA Projects),	4.0#	11/10/2	10/04/	<b>ARE</b> 000 005	£
	Series 2021	1.85	11/10/21	12/01/57	275,000,000	0

<u>Notes</u>	Name of Issuer & Issue	Interest Rates (%)	Dated <u>Date</u>	Final Maturity <u>Date</u>	Principal <u>Outstanding</u>	Principal Amount Due Within <u>One Year</u>
	Underlying Debt of the Sewerage and Water Board	d (continued)				
(6)	Sewerage Service Revenue Bond, Series 2022	0.95	6/22/22	6/01/43	\$10,603,000	\$ 512,000
(6)	Sewerage Service Revenue Bond, Series 2023	0.95	12/20/23	6/01/44	31,525,000	1,439,000
(6)	Sewerage Service Revenue Bond, Series 2024A	0.95	6/28/24	6/01/45	38,948,200	0
(6)	Sewerage Service Revenue Bond, Series 2024B	0.95	6/28/24	6/01/45	5,000,000	0
(A)	Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of	0.50	0,20,2.	0,01,10	2,000,000	v
()	Louisiana	4.64	7/19/06	1/15/31	13,610,880	6,651,134
	Underlying Debt of the Downtown Development D	istrict of the C	City of New	Orleans		
(7)	Downtown Development District Limited Tax		, or 11011	<u> </u>		
( )	Refunding Bond, Series 2021	1.7	11/19/21	12/01/29	5,515,000	880,000
	Underlying Debt of the Magnolia Economic Develo	nment Distric	·t			
(8)	Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2015	4.375-6.00	4/09/15	4/01/45	2,995,000	0
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	<b>Underlying Debt of the New Orleans Aviation Boar</b>	<u>rd</u>				
(9)	General Airport Revenue Bonds (North Terminal					
	Project), Series 2015A	5.0	3/26/15	1/01/45	53,400,000	1,250,000
(9)	General Airport Revenue Bonds (North Terminal				400 40 7 000	
(0)	Project), Series 2015B	4.0-5.0	3/26/15	1/01/45	499,495,000	11,240,000
(9)	General Airport Revenue Bonds (North Terminal	<b>7</b> 0	5/05/17	1 /01 /40	02 020 000	1 000 000
(0)	Project), Series 2017A	5.0	5/25/17	1/01/48	93,830,000	1,000,000
(9)	General Airport Revenue Bonds (North Terminal	5.0	5/05/17	1 /01 /40	205 705 000	2 1 (0 000
(0)	Project), Series 2017B	5.0	5/25/17	1/01/48	205,705,000	2,160,000
(9)	General Airport Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017D-2	5.0	10/04/17	1/01/38	39,320,000	2,005,000
(9)	General Airport Revenue Refunding Bonds, (Gulf	3.0	10/04/17	1/01/36	39,320,000	2,003,000
(3)	Opportunity Zone Projects), Series 2019	4.0-5.0	12/30/19	1/01/41	20,895,000	820,000
(10)	Gulf Opportunity Zone CFC Revenue Bonds	4.0-3.0	12/30/17	1/01/41	20,075,000	020,000
(10)	(Consolidated Rental Car Project), Series 2009A	6.0-6.5	12/09/09	1/01/40	75,290,000	2,855,000
(10)	Special Facility Revenue Bonds (Parking Facilities	0.0 0.5	12/05/05	1/01/10	75,270,000	2,033,000
(10)	Corporation Consolidated Garage System), Series					
	2018A	4.0-5.0	10/04/18	10/01/48	80,465,000	0
(10)	Special Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds (Parking		- 0, 0 1, - 0	- 0, 0 -, 10		
\ -/	Facilities Corporation Consolidated Garage					
	System), Series 2018B	5.0	10/04/18	10/01/34	28,200,000	635,000
(A)	Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of					•
	Louisiana	4.64	7/19/06	7/15/26	6,214,966	3,037,024

## **NOTES**

- (A) On July 19, 2006, the State of Louisiana issued \$200,000,000 General Obligation Gulf Tax Credit Bonds, Series 2006-A; \$194,475,000 General Obligation Match Bonds, Series 2006-B; and \$200,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2008. In conjunction therewith, certain debt issuing entities in the City and the State entered Cooperative Endeavor Agreements in which the State agreed to make loans to the entities from the proceeds of any combination of the said bonds of the State pursuant to Act 41 of the First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 2006 ("Act 41") for the following purposes:
- Paying Debt Service of the City on outstanding debt for general obligation and special limited tax bonds.
- Paying outstanding debt for special tax bonds of the Downtown Development District, Audubon Commission, and Sewerage and Water Board.
- Paying outstanding sewerage revenue and water revenue bonds of the Sewerage and Water Board.
- Paying outstanding bonds of the Orleans Parishwide School District; the Orleans Parish School Board; the Orleans Law Enforcement District; the New Orleans Aviation Board; the Orleans Levee District; the New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority, and the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans.
- (1) Secured by and payable from unlimited *ad valorem* taxation.

- (2) Secured by and payable from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the funds to be derived by the issuer from the levy and collection of an *ad valorem* tax of 13.91 mills (subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment), which the issuer is authorized to impose and collect in each year the bonds are outstanding, to be levied on all property subject to taxation within the corporate boundaries of the issuer.
- (3) Secured by and payable solely from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the City's 2 ½% tax collected each year on the sale at retail, use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use and consumption of tangible personal property, and the sales of services, all as defined in R.S. 47:301 *et seq.* and as specified in Ordinance 24, 072 MCS derived by the City solely from Wal-Mart or any replacement or successor national retailer occupying the improvements which are expected to be occupied by a Wal-Mart to be located within the St. Thomas Economic Development District.
- (4) Payable from and secured solely by the Audubon Commission's portion of the revenues of the separate *ad valorem* tax of 6.31 mills, which is authorized to be levied in the City each of the years 2021 through 2040 pursuant to a special election held in the City on May 4, 2019 (subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment).
- (5) Secured by and payable from a pledge and dedication of the funds to be derived by the City from the levy and collection of a special tax of 7.06 mills (such rate being subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment), which has been authorized to be levied in each of the years 1982 through 2031, inclusive, which tax was originally authorized at 9 mills pursuant to an election held in the City on May 16, 1981.
- (6) Secured by and payable solely from the net revenues of the water system and sewer system, respectively.
- (7) Payable solely from and secured by the not exceeding 22.97 mills *ad valorem* tax currently being levied at a rate of 14.76 mills, authorized by voters at elections held on December 8, 1979 and April 7, 2001 upon all taxable real property situated within the boundaries of the district (such rate being subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment, which the City is authorized to collect for a period of 25 years, beginning with the year 1980, pursuant to the authority of an election held on April 7, 2001.
- (8) Payable from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the special 1% sales tax now being levied and collected by the issuer pursuant to the EDD Act and other statutory authority, subject to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the tax.
- (9) These bonds are special, limited obligations of the Aviation Board, payable from and secured by (i) general airport revenues subject to the Aviation Board's obligation to pay the operation and maintenance expenses of the Airport and make payments into the Arbitrage Rebate Fund of the first Supplemental Indenture, (ii) the proceeds of any reserve asset and of any additional securities as further described in the official statement, and (iii) amounts on deposit in certain funds and accounts.
- (10) These bonds are special, limited obligations of the Aviation Board, payable from and secured by (i) revenues primarily to be derived from a customer facility charge imposed by the Aviation Board and secondarily from contingent rent derived from the initial facilities leases executed by the companies and other supplemental facility charges, if established pursuant to the CFC Master Indenture dated December 1, 2009, (ii) the proceeds of any reserve asset, and (iii) amounts on deposit in the pledged funds.

(NOTE: The above statement excludes certain outstanding indebtedness of the New Orleans Home Mortgage Authority; New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority; Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission; New Orleans Finance Authority; New Orleans Industrial Development Board, Inc.; New Orleans Housing Development Corporation; Transportation Center Authority; New Orleans Regional Loan Corporation; Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District; Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, and all operating and capital leases.)

ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

# ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS ON OUTSTANDING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024A AND TAXABLE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024B

[	OUTS	STANDING BOND	S (a)		ISSUE OF 2024A		TAXABLE ISSUE OF 2024B			TOTAL REQUIREMENTS		
CALENDAR				(12/1)	(6/1; 12/1)		(12/1)	(6/1; 12/1)				
YEAR	PRINCIPAL	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	<u>TOTAL</u>	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	<u>TOTAL</u>	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2024	34,825,000.00	26,829,591.26	61,654,591.26	0.00	2,694,166.67	2,694,166.67	17,000,000.00	287,819.44	17,287,819.44	51,825,000.00	29,811,577.37	81,636,577.37
2025	30,040,000.00	25,263,947.25	55,303,947.25	2,935,000.00	9,150,000.00	12,085,000.00				32,975,000.00	34,413,947.25	67,388,947.25
2026	29,125,000.00	23,951,458.25	53,076,458.25	3,085,000.00	9,003,250.00	12,088,250.00				32,210,000.00	32,954,708.25	65,164,708.25
2027	26,510,000.00	22,628,321.25	49,138,321.25	3,235,000.00	8,849,000.00	12,084,000.00				29,745,000.00	31,477,321.25	61,222,321.25
2028	24,975,000.00	21,397,398.75	46,372,398.75	3,400,000.00	8,687,250.00	12,087,250.00				28,375,000.00	30,084,648.75	58,459,648.75
2029	25,240,000.00	20,254,307.25	45,494,307.25	3,570,000.00	8,517,250.00	12,087,250.00				28,810,000.00	28,771,557.25	57,581,557.25
2030	23,380,000.00	19,122,405.25	42,502,405.25	3,745,000.00	8,338,750.00	12,083,750.00				27,125,000.00	27,461,155.25	54,586,155.25
2031	23,030,000.00	17,998,940.25	41,028,940.25	3,935,000.00	8,151,500.00	12,086,500.00				26,965,000.00	26,150,440.25	53,115,440.25
2032	22,075,000.00	16,957,197.00	39,032,197.00	4,130,000.00	7,954,750.00	12,084,750.00				26,205,000.00	24,911,947.00	51,116,947.00
2033	23,040,000.00	15,966,860.25	39,006,860.25	4,340,000.00	7,748,250.00	12,088,250.00				27,380,000.00	23,715,110.25	51,095,110.25
2034	20,045,000.00	14,897,681.75	34,942,681.75	4,555,000.00	7,531,250.00	12,086,250.00				24,600,000.00	22,428,931.75	47,028,931.75
2035	20,015,000.00	13,985,788.25	34,000,788.25	4,785,000.00	7,303,500.00	12,088,500.00				24,800,000.00	21,289,288.25	46,089,288.25
2036	20,930,000.00	13,067,387.75	33,997,387.75	5,020,000.00	7,064,250.00	12,084,250.00				25,950,000.00	20,131,637.75	46,081,637.75
2037	18,010,000.00	12,143,858.75	30,153,858.75	5,275,000.00	6,813,250.00	12,088,250.00				23,285,000.00	18,957,108.75	42,242,108.75
2038	18,880,000.00	11,284,590.00	30,164,590.00	5,535,000.00	6,549,500.00	12,084,500.00				24,415,000.00	17,834,090.00	42,249,090.00
2039	17,850,000.00	10,374,062.50	28,224,062.50	5,815,000.00	6,272,750.00	12,087,750.00				23,665,000.00	16,646,812.50	40,311,812.50
2040	18,710,000.00	9,519,010.00	28,229,010.00	6,105,000.00	5,982,000.00	12,087,000.00				24,815,000.00	15,501,010.00	40,316,010.00
2041	19,620,000.00	8,621,010.00	28,241,010.00	6,410,000.00	5,676,750.00	12,086,750.00				26,030,000.00	14,297,760.00	40,327,760.00
2042	20,570,000.00	7,679,197.50	28,249,197.50	6,730,000.00	5,356,250.00	12,086,250.00				27,300,000.00	13,035,447.50	40,335,447.50
2043	19,030,000.00	6,691,632.50	25,721,632.50	7,065,000.00	5,019,750.00	12,084,750.00				26,095,000.00	11,711,382.50	37,806,382.50
2044	19,955,000.00	5,782,897.50	25,737,897.50	7,420,000.00	4,666,500.00	12,086,500.00				27,375,000.00	10,449,397.50	37,824,397.50
2045	17,030,000.00	4,829,840.00	21,859,840.00	7,790,000.00	4,295,500.00	12,085,500.00				24,820,000.00	9,125,340.00	33,945,340.00
2046	17,875,000.00	3,995,867.50	21,870,867.50	8,180,000.00	3,906,000.00	12,086,000.00				26,055,000.00	7,901,867.50	33,956,867.50
2047	14,480,000.00	3,120,500.00	17,600,500.00	8,590,000.00	3,497,000.00	12,087,000.00				23,070,000.00	6,617,500.00	29,687,500.00
2048	15,205,000.00	2,396,500.00	17,601,500.00	9,020,000.00	3,067,500.00	12,087,500.00				24,225,000.00	5,464,000.00	29,689,000.00
2049	15,965,000.00	1,636,250.00	17,601,250.00	9,470,000.00	2,616,500.00	12,086,500.00				25,435,000.00	4,252,750.00	29,687,750.00
2050	16,760,000.00	838,000.00	17,598,000.00	9,945,000.00	2,143,000.00	12,088,000.00				26,705,000.00	2,981,000.00	29,686,000.00
2051				10,440,000.00	1,645,750.00	12,085,750.00				10,440,000.00	1,645,750.00	12,085,750.00
2052				10,965,000.00	1,123,750.00	12,088,750.00				10,965,000.00	1,123,750.00	12,088,750.00
2053				11,510,000.00	575,500.00	12,085,500.00				11,510,000.00	575,500.00	12,085,500.00
TOTALS	573,170,000.00	341,234,500.76	914,404,500.76	183,000,000.00	170,200,416.67	353,200,416.67	17,000,000.00	287,819.44	17,287,819.44	773,170,000.00	511,722,736.87	1,284,892,736.87

<sup>(</sup>a) Outstanding: Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2013A; Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue 2015A; General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015; General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016; Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2016; Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2019; Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2021A and General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022.

## APPENDIX "H"

FORMS OF LEGAL OPINIONS
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August \_\_\_\_, 2024

Board of Liquidation, City Debt City of New Orleans, Louisiana New Orleans, Louisiana

### \$183,000,000 CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024A

We have acted as co-bond counsel to the City of New Orleans, Louisiana (the "City"), in connection with the issuance of the captioned bonds (the "Series 2024A Bonds"). The Series 2024A Bonds are issued in fully registered form, are dated, bear interest at the rates, are payable and mature on the dates and in the principal amounts as set forth in the Bond Resolution (hereinafter defined).

The Series 2024A Bonds have been issued by the City pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt (the "Board of Liquidation"), on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (the "Bond Resolution"), under the authority conferred by Part XIV, Chapter 4 of Title 39, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), and are part of the final emission of \$500,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the City that were specially authorized at an election held on November 16, 2019, the results of which election have been duly promulgated in accordance with law.

We have examined the provisions of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana, including the Act, a certified transcript of the proceedings of the governing authority of the City and the Board of Liquidation relating to the issuance of the Series 2024A Bonds, and such other documents, proofs and matters of law as we deemed necessary to render this opinion.

As to questions of fact material to our opinions below, we have relied upon certified proceedings and other certifications and representations of public officials and others furnished to us without undertaking to verify same by independent investigation.

On the basis of the foregoing examinations, we are of the opinion, as of the date hereof and under existing law, that:

- 1. The Bond Resolution has been duly adopted by the Board of Liquidation and constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the City, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
  - 2. The Series 2024A Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the City.

- 3. All taxable property within the territory of the City is subject to the levy of *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2024A Bonds without limit as to rate or amount.
- 4. Interest on the Series 2024A Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and is not a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations.
- 5. Under the Act, the Series 2024A Bonds are exempt from all taxation for state, parish, municipal, or other purposes in the State of Louisiana.

The opinion rendered in numbered paragraph 4 above is subject to the condition that the City comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Series 2024A Bonds in order that the interest thereon be, and continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The City has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause interest on the Series 2024A Bonds to be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Series 2024A Bonds, regardless of the date on which the event causing such inclusion occurs.

Except as stated above, we express no opinion as to any federal, state or local tax consequences resulting from the ownership of, receipt or accrual of interest on, or disposition of the Series 2024A Bonds.

It is to be understood that the rights of the owners of the Series 2024A Bonds and the enforceability of the Series 2024A Bonds may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable, and that their enforceability may also be subject to the exercise of the sovereign police powers of the State of Louisiana, or its governmental bodies, and the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

Respectfully submitted,

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August	,	2024

Board of Liquidation, City Debt City of New Orleans, Louisiana New Orleans, Louisiana

## \$17,000,000 CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TAXABLE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024B

We have acted as co-bond counsel to the City of New Orleans, Louisiana (the "City"), in connection with the issuance of the captioned bonds (the "Series 2024B Bonds"). The Series 2024B Bonds are issued in fully registered form, are dated, bear interest at the rates, are payable and mature on the dates and in the principal amounts as set forth in the Bond Resolution (hereinafter defined).

The Series 2024B Bonds have been issued by the City pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt (the "Board of Liquidation"), on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (the "Bond Resolution"), under the authority conferred by Part XIV, Chapter 4 of Title 39, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), and are part of the final emission of \$500,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the City that were specially authorized at an election held on November 16, 2019, the results of which election have been duly promulgated in accordance with law.

We have examined the provisions of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana, including the Act, a certified transcript of the proceedings of the governing authority of the City and the Board of Liquidation relating to the issuance of the Series 2024B Bonds, and such other documents, proofs and matters of law as we deemed necessary to render this opinion.

As to questions of fact material to our opinions below, we have relied upon certified proceedings and other certifications and representations of public officials and others furnished to us without undertaking to verify same by independent investigation.

On the basis of the foregoing examinations, we are of the opinion, as of the date hereof and under existing law, that:

- 1. The Bond Resolution has been duly adopted by the Board of Liquidation and constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the City, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
  - 2. The Series 2024B Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the City.
- 3. All taxable property within the territory of the City is subject to the levy of *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2024B Bonds without limit as to rate or amount.

- 4. Interest on the Series 2024B Bonds is *not* excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 5. Under the Act, the Series 2024B Bonds are exempt from all taxation for state, parish, municipal, or other purposes in the State of Louisiana.

Except as stated above, we express no opinion as to any federal, state or local tax consequences resulting from the ownership of, receipt or accrual of interest on, or disposition of the Series 2024B Bonds.

It is to be understood that the rights of the owners of the Series 2024B Bonds and the enforceability of the Series 2024B Bonds may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable, and that their enforceability may also be subject to the exercise of the sovereign police powers of the State of Louisiana, or its governmental bodies, and the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

Respectfully submitted,

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

\$183,000,000
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS,
ISSUE OF 2024A
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

\$17,000,000
TAXABLE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS,
ISSUE OF 2024B
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "*Disclosure Certificate*") is executed and delivered by the City of New Orleans, Louisiana (the "*City*"), acting through its duly elected Mayor, and the Board of Liquidation, City Debt (the "*Board*"), the entity created and charged by Act No. 133 of the 1880 Regular Session, as amended by Act 628 of the 1995 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, with the issuance and administration of the general obligation debt of the City, acting through its duly authorized President, in connection with the issuance of the above captioned (i) Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024A (the "*Series 2024A Bonds*"), and (ii) Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024B (the "*Series 2024B Bonds*," and together with the Series 2024A Bonds, the "*Bonds*"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (the "*Resolution*"), and are described in that certain Official Statement dated July 31, 2024 (the "*Official Statement*") which contains certain information concerning the City, the Bonds and certain financial and other information relating thereto. The City covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. *Definitions*. In addition to the definitions set forth in the preceding paragraph and in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Annual Report" shall mean any Annual Report provided by the City pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

"Board" shall mean the Board of Liquidation, City Debt.

"Bondholder" shall mean any owner of the Bonds, including any owner of a beneficial interest in the Bonds.

"Dissemination Agent" shall mean the Secretary of the Board, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated by the City acting through the Board.

"Listed Events" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

"MSRB" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") website which has been designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as the single centralized repository for the collection and availability of continuing disclosure documents for purposes of the Rule, and which is available at the following web address:

## Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Electronic Municipal Market Access http://emma.msrb.org

"*Participating Underwriter*" shall mean the original Purchasers (as defined in the Resolution) of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with an offering of the Bonds.

"*Resolution*" shall mean the Resolution as adopted by the Board on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 authorizing the issuance of the Bonds.

"*Rule*" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 2. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the City and the Board for the benefit of the Bondholders and the Participating Underwriter, and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with the Rule.

#### SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

- 1. The City acting through the Board shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, in each year no later than eight (8) months from the end of the City's fiscal year, with the first such report to be due not later than August 31, 2025, provide to the MSRB an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements set forth in Section 4 below. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as set forth below; provided that the audited financial statements of the City and the Board may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report.
- 2. If the Dissemination Agent is unable to provide to the MSRB an Annual Report by the date required in (a) above, the City acting through the Board shall in a timely manner send a Notice of Failure to File Annual Report to the MSRB, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A.
- 3. It is recognized that the Series 2024B Bonds are scheduled to mature prior to the date on which the first annual report is due hereunder; accordingly, no Annual Report is expected to be filed with respect to the Series 2024B Bonds.

SECTION 4. *Content of Annual Reports*. The City's Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the following:

- 1. Audited financial statements of both the City and the Board for the preceding fiscal year. If the City's or the Board's audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be filed pursuant to Section 3(a), the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in the format determined by the City or the Board, as applicable, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report when they become available.
- 2. Any change in the basis of accounting used by the City and the Board in reporting their financial statements. The City and the Board follow GAAP principles and mandated Louisiana statutory accounting requirements as in effect from time to time. In the event of any material change in such requirements, the impact of such changes will be described in the Annual Report of the year such change occurs.
- 3. The total amount of general obligation debt of the City, as well as any general obligation debt which has been authorized but not yet issued.
- 4. Any material changes in the assessment procedures and the homestead exemption as authorized by law.
- 5. The assessed value of taxable property in the City and homestead exemptions for the most recent tax year available.
- 6. The assessed value of property by classifications for the City for the most recent tax year available.

- 7. The ad valorem tax levies and collections of the City and the Board for the prior tax year.
- 8. The millage rates for the prior tax year.
- 9. A listing of the ten largest ad valorem taxpayers within the City for the prior tax year.

Any or all of the items listed above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the City or related public entities, which have been submitted to the MSRB or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document incorporated by reference is a deemed final official statement, it shall be available from the MSRB. The City shall clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by reference.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Listed Events. (a) This section shall govern the giving of notices of the occurrence of any of the following Listed Events with respect to the Bonds:

- (i) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (iii) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iv) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties:
- (v) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (vi) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (vii) Modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material;
- (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (ix) Defeasances:
- (x) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (xi) Rating changes;
- (xii) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the City;
- (xiii) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the City or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the City, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (xiv) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or paying agent or the change of name of a trustee or paying agent, if material;
- (xv) Incurrence of a financial obligation of the City, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the City, any of which affect Bondholders; or
- (xvi) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the City, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

- (b) Whenever the City or the Board obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall file as soon as possible, but in no event more than ten business days after the occurrence of the event, a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB.
- (c) The term "financial obligation" as used in Section 5(a)(xv) and (xvi) above shall have the meaning given to such term in the City's Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for Municipal Securities in effect on the date hereof, as said policy may be amended from time to time.
- SECTION 6. *Management Discussion of Items Disclosed*. If an item required to be disclosed as part of the Annual Report or the Listed Events would be misleading without discussion, the City shall additionally provide a statement clarifying the disclosure in order that the statement made will not be misleading in light of the circumstances in which it is made.
- SECTION 7. *Termination of Reporting Obligation*. The obligations of both the City and the Board under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds.
- SECTION 8. Dissemination Agent. The City, acting through the Board may, from time to time, appoint or engage a successor Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent.
- SECTION 9. *Amendment; Waiver*. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Board acting on behalf of itself and the City may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, if:
  - (a) The amendment or waiver is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the City, or type of business conducted;
  - (b) This Disclosure Certificate, as amended, or the provision, as waived, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and
  - (c) The amendment or waiver does not materially impair the interests of the Bondholders, as determined either by an opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel or by approving vote of the Bondholders pursuant to the terms of the Resolution at the time of the amendment.

In the event of any such amendment or waiver of a provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the City shall describe such amendment in the next Annual Report relating to the City and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or in the case of change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by or in respect of the City.

SECTION 10. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the City or the Board from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the City or Board chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required

by this Disclosure Certificate, the City shall not have any obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 11. *Default*. In the event of a failure of the City to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate any Bondholder or the Participating Underwriter may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, to cause the City to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default under the Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the City to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 12. *Beneficiaries*. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the City, the Board, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and the Bondholders, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 13. *Other Stipulations*. Any document submitted to the MSRB pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB. Any document submitted to the MSRB pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate shall be in Portable Document Format (.pdf) and word-searchable (without regard to diagrams, images and other non-textual elements).

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IN	FAITH WHEREOF, th	ie undersigned hav	e executed this Co	ontinuing Disclosure Certificate or
this, the	_ day of	, 2024.		
			CITY OF NE	EW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
			Ву:	
				Mayor
			BOARD OF	LIQUIDATION, CITY DEBT
			Ву:	
				President
ATTEST:				
By:	G .			
	Secretary			

# NOTICE OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of City:	City of New Orleans, Louisiana		
Name of Bond Issue:	\$183,000,000 Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024A; and \$17,000,000 Taxable Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 2024B		
Date of Issuance:	, 2024		
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that neither the City of New Orleans, Louisiana (the "City"), nor the Board of Liquidation City Debt (the "Board"), has provided an Annual Report as required by the Continuing Disclosure Certificate executed by the City and the Board in connection with the issuance of the above bonds. The City anticipates that its Annual Report will be filed by  BOARD OF LIQUIDATION, CITY DEBT			
	By: Secretary		
Date:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		

**BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM** 

#### **BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM**

The Bonds initially will be issued solely in book-entry form to be held in the book-entry only system maintained by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. So long as such book-entry only system is used, only DTC will receive or have the right to receive physical delivery of the Bonds and, except as otherwise provided herein with respect to Beneficial Owners of Beneficial Ownership Interests, Beneficial Owners will not be or be considered to be, and will not have any rights as owners or holders of the Bonds under the Bond Resolution.

The following information about the book-entry only system applicable to the Bonds has been supplied by DTC. The Issuer makes no representations, warranties or guarantees with respect to its accuracy or completeness.

DTC will initially act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully registered Bond will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Cleaning Corporation and Fixed Income Cleaning Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has an S&P Global Rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of the Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial

Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Issuer or Paying Agent on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Issuer or Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Issuer or Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, the Bonds are required to be printed and delivered.

The Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bonds will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Issuer believes to be reliable, but the Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

THE ISSUER AND PURCHASERS CANNOT AND DO NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES THAT THE DTC PARTICIPANTS OR THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS (i) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST AND PREMIUM, IF ANY, ON THE BONDS, (ii) CONFIRMATION OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN BONDS, OR (iii) REDEMPTION OR OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF THE BONDS, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS OR THAT DTC, DTC PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. THE CURRENT "RULES" APPLICABLE TO DTC ARE ON FILE WITH THE SEC, AND THE CURRENT "PROCEDURES" OF DTC TO BE FOLLOWED IN DEALING WITH DTC PARTICIPANTS ARE ON FILE WITH DTC.

NEITHER THE ISSUER, PURCHASERS NOR THE PAYING AGENT WILL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATIONS TO SUCH DTC PARTICIPANTS OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO (1) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT; (2) THE PAYMENT BY ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OR INTEREST OR PREMIUM, IF ANY, ON THE BONDS; (3) THE DELIVERY BY ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WHICH IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION TO BE GIVEN TO BONDHOLDERS; (4) THE SELECTION OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS; OR (5) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS BONDHOLDER.