HARRIS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR AND VOTER REGISTRAR PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS AUDIT REPORT

SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTMBER 30, 2023



January 5, 2024

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Dear Ann Harris Bennett, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar:

The Harris County Auditor's Office - Compliance Audit performed procedures relative to the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector property tax monthly collection reports for the six months ended, September 30, 2023. As required by Local Government Code §115.002 (a) and (b), Compliance Audit selectively examined the financial activity relative to the property tax monthly collection reports and related records.

The objectives of the engagement were to determine whether:

- Penalties interest, and attorney fees were properly assessed and collected for selected tax accounts;
- Tax collections were remitted timely to the Harris County Treasurer's Office and properly recorded in the County's Financial Records; and
- Transactions were properly recorded in the Appraisal and Collection Technologies System.

Results

In connection with the procedures performed, no reportable issues were noted.

Accountability

We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards). The Standards require that we comply with the Code of Ethics and obtain reasonable assurance that significant risks to the activity are minimized to an acceptable level.

The work performed required our staff to exercise professional judgment in completing the engagement's scope. As the engagement's scope did not include a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that fraud, errors, or omissions were not detected during this engagement. The official, therefore, retains the responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of their financial records and for ensuring sufficient controls are in place to detect and prevent fraud, errors, or omissions.

We appreciate the time and attention provided by you and your staff during this engagement. If you have any questions, please contact me or Errika Perkins, Chief Assistant County Auditor, 713-274-5673.

Sincerely,

Michael Post County Auditor

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