

AUDITOR'S REPORT

HARRIS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS

SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023



July 21, 2023

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Dear Ann Harris Bennett, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector:

The Harris County Auditor's Office - Compliance Audit performed procedures relative to the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector property tax refunds for the six months ended, March 31, 2023. As required by Local Government Code §115.002 (a) and (b), Compliance Audit selectively examined the financial activity relative to the property tax refund reports and related records.

The objectives of the engagement were to determine whether:

- Refund of overpayments were in compliance with the provisions of Texas Tax Code §31.11, *Refund of Overpayments or Erroneous Payments*;
- Refunds related to changes in the Tax Roll were in compliance with the provisions of Texas Tax Code §26.15, *Correction of Tax Roll*;
- Property tax refunds were properly authorized, accurately calculated, and applied to the proper tax year;
- Property tax refunds were paid to the proper recipient, adequately supported, and paid timely; and
- Property tax refunds in excess of \$5,000 were properly authorized by Commissioners Court.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Post".

Michael Post
County Auditor

cc:

District Judges
County Judge Lina Hidalgo

Commissioner Lesley Briones
Commissioner Rodney Ellis
Commissioner Adrian Garcia

Commissioner Tom Ramsey
County Attorney Christian Menefee