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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Charleston County Council
County of Charleston, South Carolina

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, other than the financial statements of the discretely presented component units, of the County of Charleston, South Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We have also audited the financial statements of each of the County of Charleston's non-major governmental, non-major enterprise, internal service, and fiduciary funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the County's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the discretely presented component units included in the component unit column. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports thereon have been furnished to us, and our opinion, on the financial statements, insofar as it relates to the amounts included in the component unit column, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based upon our audit and the reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Charleston, South Carolina, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund and special revenue funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each non-major governmental, non-major enterprise, internal service, and fiduciary fund of the County of Charleston, South Carolina, as of June 30, 2007 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the schedule of capital assets used in the operation of governmental funds as well as the victim notification schedule of fines, assessments and surcharges collected, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the portion of the basic financial statements from which it has been derived of the County of Charleston, South Carolina as of June 30, 2007.

As discussed in Note II B to the financial statements, certain errors resulting in the understatement of previously reported accrued payroll and capital assets and the overstatement of accounts receivable as of June 30, 2006, were discovered by management of the County during 2007. Accordingly, an adjustment has been made to net assets as of June 30, 2006, to correct the error.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 13, 2007 on our consideration of the County of Charleston, South Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis listed in the table of contents is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The information identified in the table of contents as the Introductory and Statistical Sections is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the County of Charleston, South Carolina. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.



Charleston, South Carolina
December 13, 2007