# The Albertsons Companies Foundation

Communication with Those Charged with Governance

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July 21, 2021

Board of Directors The Albertsons Companies Foundation Pleasanton, California

We have audited the financial statements of The Albertsons Companies Foundation (the "Foundation") for the two-month period ended February 28, 2021 and the year ended December 31, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated July 21, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 13, 2021. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## **Significant Audit Matters**

## **Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Foundation are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. As described in Note 2, the Foundation changed accounting policies in 2020 by adopting FASB Accounting Standards Update No. 2018-08, *Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made.* Accordingly, the accounting change has been applied using the modified prospective method. We noted no transactions entered into by the Foundation during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

1. The allowance for doubtful contributions receivable

Management's estimates are based on its previous collection experience and prior write-off history. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

- 1. Liquidity and Funds Available
- 2. Net Assets with Donor Restrictions
- 3. Risks and Uncertainties

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

## Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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



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### **Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No uncorrected misstatements were noted.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. No material, corrected misstatements were noted.

### Disagreements with Management

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

#### Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated July 21, 2021.

### Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

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

## **Other Audit Findings or Issues**

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

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of the Foundation and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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July 21, 2021

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of The Albertsons Companies Foundation (the "Foundation"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of February 28, 2021 and December 31, 2020, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the two-month period ended February 28, 2021 and the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of July 21, 2021, the following representations made to you during your audit.

#### **Financial Statements**

- 1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated January 13, 2021, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.
- 2. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
- 3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

- 6. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- 7. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 8. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 9. Significant estimates and material concentrations have been appropriately disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 10. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 11. In regard to the financial statement preparation services performed by you, we have assumed all management responsibilities, designated Christy Duncan-Anderson who has suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services, evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed and accepted responsibility for the results of the services.

#### **Information Provided**

- 12. We have provided you with:
  - a Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - b Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - c Unrestricted access to persons within from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- 13. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 14. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 15. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Foundation and involves:
  - a Management,
  - b Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - c Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

- 16. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Foundation's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.
- 17. We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 18. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 19. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Foundation's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 20. The Foundation has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 21. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us.
- 22. The Foundation is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any activities of which we are aware that would jeopardize the Foundation's tax-exempt status, and all activities subject to tax on unrelated business income or excise or other tax, have been disclosed to you. All required filings with tax authorities are up-to-date.

Christy Duncan Anderson

Christy Duncan-Anderson, Executive Director

Susan Morris, Board of Directors Chain