SEATTLE AQUARIUM

Letter of Internal Control Comments

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019
To Management and the Board of Directors
Seattle Aquarium Society
Seattle, Washington

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Seattle Aquarium Society (dba Seattle Aquarium, herein referred to as the “Aquarium”) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Aquarium’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Aquarium’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Aquarium’s internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

Certified Public Accountants
April 16, 2020