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October 3, 2023

Seth Bornstein Executive Director Queens Economic Development Corporation 120-55 Queens Blvd. Suite 309 Kew Gardens, New York 11424

Dear Seth Bornstein:

The Authorities Budget Office (ABO) is authorized to assist public authorities improve management practices and the procedures by which their activities and financial practices are disclosed to the public. Pursuant to Section 2800 of Public Authorities Law, state and local authorities are to make documents pertaining to their mission, current activities, annual financial reports, budgets and independent audit reports accessible to the public on the authority's official or shared website. To assist state and local authorities meet their disclosure and reporting obligations, the ABO has issued Policy Guidance No. 22-01: "Posting and Maintaining Reports on Public Authority Websites". This guidance provides a checklist of policies, reports, and other information the Authority should maintain online in accordance with the Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009 and other provisions of law.

Between March 10, 2023 and March 15, 2023, we reviewed the Queens Economic Development Corporation's (Authority) website. Our review was limited to verifying that the required information is posted on the Authority's website and did not address the substance of these documents. Our review focused on data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. We have concluded that the Authority is not making certain required information available on its website. Please review the attached findings and take the appropriate action so that all information required under Section 2800 of Public Authorities Law is available online and easily accessible to the public.

Please provide us with a written confirmation that you have fully addressed these concerns by November 14, 2023. You may view Policy Guidance No. 22-01 at <u>www.abo.ny.gov</u>. Please contact us if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Pearlman Acting Director

Enclosure

cc: Tracy Capune, President Queens Economic Development Corporation

## Review of Queens Economic Development Corporation's Website

Information To Be Posted on Public Authority's Website	Posted on Website (Yes/No)
Mission Statement	Yes
Certificate of Incorporation	No
By-laws	Yes
Code of Ethics	No
Conflict of Interest Policy	No
Whistleblower Policy	Yes
Organization Chart – including, at a minimum, the LDC's executive structure and major organizational units	Yes
Report on Operations and Accomplishments – including a description of the Authority's operations, completed and active projects, as well as any material changes in Authority operations and programs	Yes, but not for 2021
List of LDC Board Members - including appointing entity, appointment dates, and term	Yes, but appointment dates and terms are not included
Each LDC board member's current employment and professional background	Yes, but background and qualifications not included
List of Committees and Committee Members	No
Executive Management Team - including professional background and qualifications	Yes
Authority Performance Measures	No
Annual Performance Evaluation indicating status of Performance Measures	No
Authority Schedule of Debt (including conduit debt)	N/A, no debt outstanding
Management's Assessment of the Authority's Internal Control Structure and Procedures - including a description of operating and financial risks and any policies to mitigate risk	No
Board meeting schedule	No
Board meeting notice	No
Board agendas	No
Board packets	No
Board meeting minutes	No
Board meeting webcasting and video recordings	No
Board resolutions	No
Committee meeting schedule	No
Committee meeting notice	No
Committee meeting agendas	No
Committee meeting packets	No
Committee meeting minutes	No
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Committee meeting webcasting and video recordings	
Committee meeting webcasting and video recordings Annual Budget Report and details of 4-year financial plan	No
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Committee meeting webcasting and video recordings Annual Budget Report and details of 4-year financial plan Annual Independent Certified Financial Audit Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Controls over Financial Reporting	No Yes, but not 2021 No
Committee meeting webcasting and video recordings Annual Budget Report and details of 4-year financial plan Annual Independent Certified Financial Audit Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Controls over Financial Reporting Independent audit management letter	No Yes, but not 2021 No No
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List of bonds issued - including bond recipient's name, amount of bonds issued,	N/A
purpose of bonds, and current amount outstanding as of the end of the fiscal year	
Property Acquisition Policies	No
Property Disposition Policies	No
List of Real Property owned by the Authority	No
Personal Property Transactions	No, if none it should
	be stated
Real Property Transactions	No, if none it should
	be stated
Policies for the procurement of all goods and services	No
Annual Procurement Report	No
Authority's Procurement Officer	No
Investment Policies	No
Annual Investment Report - including the investment audit results and management	No
letter, record of investment income, list of fees paid for investment services, and	
explanation of any amendments to the Investment Policy	
Fee Schedules (if applicable) of any service or administrative fees charged	No
Current Year Official Statements or similar bond documents	N/A

\*Review conducted by the Authorities Budget Office between March 10, 2023 and March 15, 2023