

Communication of No Material Weaknesses

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To the Board of Trustees  
and Luke Swetland, President and CEO, and Diane Wondolowski, COO and CFO  
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (Museum) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 Museum's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Museum'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. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Museum'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 Trustees, and others within the Museum, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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