

NEW ISSUE - FULL BOOK-ENTRY

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Moody's: "___"

In the opinion of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, Bond Counsel, subject, however to certain qualifications described herein, under existing law, the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and such interest is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Bonds may be subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax. The Bonds are "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, such interest is exempt from California personal income taxes. See "TAX MATTERS."



\$5,000,000*
CITY OF FOSTER CITY
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023
(Levee Protection Planning and Improvements Project)

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due August 1, as shown on inside front cover

Issuance. The general obligation bonds captioned above (the "Bonds") are being issued by the City of Foster City (the "City") under provisions of the California Government Code and under a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City (the "City Council") on May 15, 2023 (the "Bond Resolution"). The Bonds were authorized at an election of the registered voters of the City held on June 5, 2018, at which more than two-thirds of the persons voting on the proposition voted to authorize the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$90,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds. The Bonds are the second and final series of bonds to be sold and issued under this authorization. See "THE BONDS – Authority for Issuance."

Purpose. The Bonds are being issued to finance the improvement of the City's levee system. See "PLAN OF FINANCE – Purpose of Issue."

Security. The Bonds are general obligations of the City, payable solely from *ad valorem* property taxes levied by the City and collected by San Mateo County (the "County"). The City Council is empowered and is obligated to annually levy *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of interest on, and principal of, the Bonds upon all property subject to taxation by the City, without limitation of rate or amount (except certain personal property that is taxable at limited rates). See "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS."

Book-Entry Only. The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only, and will be initially issued and registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). The Bonds are issuable as fully registered securities in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive physical certificates representing their interest in the Bonds. See "THE BONDS" and "APPENDIX E – DTC AND THE BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM."

Payments. Interest on the Bonds accrues from the date of delivery and is payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2024. Payments of principal and interest on the Bonds will be paid by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Paying Agent, to DTC for subsequent disbursement to DTC Participants, which will remit such payments to the owners of the Bonds. See "THE BONDS – Description of the Bonds."

Redemption. The Bonds are subject to optional and mandatory redemption prior to maturity. See "THE BONDS – Redemption."

Maturity Schedule
(See inside cover)

Cover Page. This cover page contains certain information for general reference only. It is not a summary of all the provisions of the Bonds. Prospective investors must read the entire Official Statement to obtain information essential to making an informed investment decision.

The Bonds will be offered when, as and if issued and accepted by the Purchaser, subject to the approval as to legality by Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, Bond Counsel to the City, and subject to certain other conditions. Jones Hall is also serving as Disclosure Counsel to the City. Certain legal matters are being passed upon for the City by the City Attorney. It is anticipated that the Bonds, in book entry form, will be available for delivery by DTC in New York, New York, on or about June 20, 2023*.

The date of this Official Statement is _____, 2023.

* Preliminary; subject to change.

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MATURITY SCHEDULE
(Base CUSIP†: _____)

\$_____ Serial Bonds

<u>Maturity Date</u> <u>(August 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>CUSIP†</u>
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\$_____ % Term Bond Due August 1, 20__, Yield: _____%, Price: _____; CUSIP†: _____

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Estimates and Projections. When used in this Official Statement and in any continuing disclosure by the City, in any press release and in any oral statement made with the approval of an authorized officer of the City, the words or phrases “will likely result,” “are expected to,” “will continue,” “is anticipated,” “estimate,” “project,” “forecast,” “expect,” “intend” and similar expressions identify “forward looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in such forward-looking statements. Any forecast is subject to such uncertainties. Inevitably, some assumptions used to develop the forecasts will not be realized and unanticipated events and circumstances may occur. Therefore, there are likely to be differences between forecasts and actual results, and those differences may be material.

Information in Official Statement. The information set forth in this Official Statement has been furnished by the City and other sources which are believed to be reliable, but it is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by the City.

Involvement of Purchaser. The Purchaser (as defined in “UNDERWRITING”) has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as a part of, its responsibilities to investors under the Federal Securities Laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Purchaser does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Document Summaries. All summaries of the Bond Resolution or other documents referred to in this Official Statement are made subject to the provisions of such documents and qualified in their entirety to reference to such documents, and do not purport to be complete statements of any or all of such provisions.

No Securities Laws Registration. The Bonds have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in reliance upon exceptions therein for the issuance and sale of municipal securities. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the securities laws of any state.

Effective Date. This Official Statement speaks only as of its date, and the information and expressions of opinion contained in this Official Statement are subject to change without notice. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of the Bonds will, under any circumstances, give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the City, or the other parties described in this Official Statement, or the condition of the property within the City since the date of this Official Statement.

Website. The City maintains a website and social media accounts; however, the information presented therein is not a part of this Official Statement and should not be relied upon in making an investment decision with respect to the Bonds.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

\$5,000,000*
CITY OF FOSTER CITY
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023
(Levee Protection Planning and Improvements Project)

The purpose of this Official Statement, which includes the cover page, inside cover page and attached appendices, is to set forth certain information concerning the sale and delivery of the bonds captioned above (the “**Bonds**”) by the City of Foster City. All capitalized terms used in this Official Statement, unless noted otherwise, have the meanings set forth in the Bond Resolution (as defined below).

INTRODUCTION

This Introduction is not a summary of this Official Statement. It is only a brief description of and guide to, and is qualified by, more complete and detailed information contained in the entire Official Statement and the documents summarized or described in this Official Statement. A full review should be made of the entire Official Statement. The offering of Bonds to potential investors is made only by means of the entire Official Statement.

The City. The City of Foster City (the “**City**”), a general law city located in San Mateo County (the “**County**”), was incorporated on April 27, 1971. Located on the San Francisco Peninsula, ten miles south of the San Francisco International Airport, the City encompasses a geographic area of 19.8 square miles, of which 16.1 square miles are part of San Francisco Bay and Belmont Slough, and 3.8 square miles are land. The total area of the City is comprised of approximately 81% water.

See “APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY AND SAN MATEO COUNTY” and “APPENDIX B – ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022,” for demographic and financial information regarding the City.

Authority for Issuance. The Bonds represent a sale of bonds approved by more than two-thirds of the qualified voters in the City voting at a municipal election on June 5, 2018, to approve the issuance of up to \$90,000,000 of general obligation bonds. The Bonds are the second and final series of bonds issued under the Authorization (as defined herein). See “THE BONDS – Authority for Issuance.”

The Bonds are being issued under Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code of the State of California. The City authorized the issuance of the

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Bonds under a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City (the “**City Council**”) on June 20, 2023 (the “**Bond Resolution**”).

Purpose of Issuance. The Bonds are being issued to finance the improvement of the City’s levee system. See “PLAN OF FINANCE – Purpose of Issue.”

Security and Sources of Payment for the Bonds. The Bonds are general obligations of the City payable solely from *ad valorem* property taxes levied by the City and collected by the County. The City Council is empowered and is obligated to annually levy *ad valorem* taxes for the payment of interest on, and principal of, the Bonds upon all property subject to taxation by the City, without limitation of rate or amount (except with respect to certain personal property that is taxable at limited rates). See “SECURITY FOR THE BONDS.”

Tax-Exempt Status of the Bonds. In the opinion of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, Bond Counsel, subject, however to certain qualifications described herein, under existing law, the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and such interest is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Bonds may be subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax. The Bonds are “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, such interest is exempt from California personal income taxes. See “LEGAL MATTERS – Tax Exemption” herein.

Payment and Registration of the Bonds. The Bonds will be dated their date of original issuance and delivery (the “**Dated Date**”) and will be issued as fully registered bonds, without coupons, in the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000, registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“**DTC**”), and will be available under the book-entry system maintained by DTC, only through brokers and dealers who are or act through DTC Participants as described below. Owners of the Bonds will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of the Bonds. See “THE BONDS” and “APPENDIX E – DTC AND THE BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM.”

Interest on the Bonds accrues from the Dated Date and is payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2024. See “THE BONDS – Description of the Bonds.”

Early Redemption. The Bonds are subject to optional and mandatory redemption prior to their maturity as described in “THE BONDS - Redemption.”

Continuing Disclosure. The City will covenant for the benefit of bondholders to make available certain financial information and operating data relating to the City and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events, in compliance with the Securities Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the “Rule”). See “LEGAL MATTERS – Continuing Disclosure” and APPENDIX D – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE.”

Other Information. This Official Statement speaks only as of its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change. Copies of documents referred to in this Official Statement and information concerning the Bonds are available from the City of Foster City, Attention: City Clerk, 610 Foster City Blvd., Foster City, CA 94404, (650) 286-3200. The City may impose a charge for copying, mailing and handling.

PLAN OF FINANCE

Purpose of Issue

Voter Authorization. The net proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance the improvement of the City's levee system, as approved by the Authorization. The abbreviated form of the ballot measure is set forth below:

"To improve the levee protecting essential city services, including fire, police, water, sewer, transportation infrastructure; protect Foster City homes, schools, businesses from flooding; avoid both Foster City being designated a FEMA special flood hazard area and flood insurance requirements for residents/businesses; shall Foster City issue \$90,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levy approximately \$40 per \$100,000 assessed valuation, averaging \$5,171,000 collected annually while bonds are outstanding, with citizens' oversight, no funds for administrators, all funds staying local?"

The Bonds will be the second and final series of bonds issued pursuant to the Authorization. Following the issuance of the Bonds, there will be no unissued principal remaining under the Authorization.*

Existing Levee. The City maintains an approximately 35,000-linear-foot (6 mile) levee along the San Francisco Bay, which surrounds the majority of the outer perimeter of the City. The original perimeter of the levee was installed in the early 1900s and was formed with dredged Bay mud deposited on the outboard side of the perimeter channel systems. The levee system provides protection from flood hazards and storms and is a valuable safety element.

Approximately 9,000 properties in the City are protected from the 100-year flood by the levee system. In addition, properties in the City are protected from the 100-year flood by the City of San Mateo's levee and floodwall systems south of San Mateo Creek.

The current levee was permitted by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers on February 20, 1976, to protect the City from flooding due to level overtopping from high tides/stillwater or storm surge and/or wave runup. It has been improved over time and was last re-accredited by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("**FEMA**") in 2007. FEMA conducted a coastal flood hazard study in 2014, which determined that roughly 85% of the City's levee system does not meet new FEMA requirements. FEMA granted the City a temporary "seclusion mapping" designation in 2015 to remain classified as having a moderate or minimal flooding risk, so long as progress was made to address the deficiencies of the levee. The City of San Mateo also has a short segment of levee (south of San Mateo Creek) that protects Foster City. This short segment of San Mateo levee is currently accredited by FEMA and is shown on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.

Levee Protection Improvements Project. An Environmental Impact Report for the levee improvements to be financed by the Bonds (the "**Levee Protection Improvements Project**") was certified by the City Council on May 8, 2017, by Resolution No. 2017-27.

The purpose of the Levee Protection Improvements Project is to retain FEMA accreditation for the levee system and provide flood protection in accordance with updated FEMA guidelines.

* Preliminary; subject to change.

In addition, the Project would provide some level of sea level rise protection while maintaining public access along the levee system and protection for sensitive species and habitat.

On August 5, 2020, the City issued its \$85,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020 (the “**Series 2020 Bonds**”). In October of 2020, construction for the Levee Improvements Project began. Construction is ongoing, and the City expects to complete the Levee Improvements Project by January of 2024.

Risks Addressed by Levee Protection Improvements Project. The Levee Protection Improvements Project is intended to protect the City against certain risks.

Flooding. The levee system provides protection for very short-term duration, extreme high tides coupled with infrequent storm events. This element of the project addresses FEMA’s accreditation issue (FEMA does not currently require any improvements to be made to address sea level rise).

Climate Change. Numerous relevant government studies have been released to document the risk of climate change faced by the City, most notably:

- A 2018 San Mateo County report, entitled “County of San Mateo Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment,” which states that more than 30,000 residential and 3,000 commercial parcels in the County with an assessed aggregate value of \$39 billion may be vulnerable to the impacts of sea-level rise in the long-term. The County infrastructure and facilities at risk include airports, electric substations, wastewater treatment plants, healthcare facilities, police stations, fire stations, and miles of levees.
- A March 2020 report from the Bay Conservation Development Commission (“**BCDC**”), entitled “Adapting to Rising Tides Bay Area: Regional Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Study,” which outlines the worst-case scenario for impacts and consequences to four critical regional systems – transportation networks, vulnerable communities, future growth areas, and natural lands – for ten different flooding scenarios in the absence of action.
- Two reports issued by the California Ocean Protection Council, including a 2018 report entitled “State of California Sea Level Rise Guidance” (“**2018 State Guidance**”), and a February 26, 2020, report entitled “Strategic Plan to Protect California’s Coast and Ocean 2020–2025” (“**2020 State Guidance**”). The 2020 State Guidance established a new goal of ensuring California’s coast is resilient to at least 3.5 feet of sea-level rise by 2050 based on its finding that warming seas and rapidly melting ice sheets are projected to increase sea levels by 3.5 feet or more by the end of the 21st century.¹

¹ The California Ocean Protection Council was created pursuant to the California Ocean Protection Act (2004). The Council is a cabinet-level state agency that consists of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, the Secretary for Environmental Protection, the Chair of the State Lands Commission, two members of the public appointed by the Governor and two members of the Legislature.

The City adopted a Climate Action Plan (“**CAP**”) in January 2016 that contained strategies to achieve 15% greenhouse gas (“**GSG**”) emissions reduction to levels below the 2005 levels by 2020 and 20% below the 2005 levels by 2025, which the City achieved in 2017. The City is in the process of updating its current CAP to incorporate revised GHG reduction goals that align with new State targets, identify specific measures to achieve GHG reductions and suggest strategies for future adaptations of climate action planning. The City expects to complete this update of its CAP by the end of calendar year 2023..

Climate change concerns are leading to new laws and regulations at the federal, State and local levels. Research suggests that the State will experience hotter and drier conditions, reductions in winter snow and increases in winter rains, sea level rise, significant changes to the water cycle, increased occurrences of extreme and unpredictable weather events, and increased catastrophic wildfires and severity of flood events.

The City is designing the levee improvements to provide protection against 24 inches of sea level rise. The City designed the levee improvements to protect against the combined 100-year flood hazard (tides, wind waves, and wave runup) with the probability of a 0.5% (1 in 200 chance) that Sea Level Rise will exceed 1.9 Feet by 2050, based on the 2018 State Guidance. The design provides for the maximum protective vertical elevation possible within existing foundational soil limitations at reasonable cost in the current regulatory setting.

As part of its permit application to the BCDC for the Levee Protection Improvements Project, the City prepared a risk assessment and adaptive management plan (“**Adaptation Plan**”) that outlines a suite of feasible adaptation measures, including landward ecotone levees, traditional shoreline revetments with landward expansion, ecotone levees with Bay fill, adaptive offshore structures, and traditional shoreline revetments, given site conditions, and establishes a pathways approach for future adaptation through 2100. The Project’s permit conditions require that the City perform an update to the Adaptation Plan every five years in order to monitor and anticipate the actual and projected amount of sea level rise that actually occurs in the future.

Risks to the Levee and other Property in the City. Property in the City, including the levee system, is subject to risks from certain seismic conditions.

Earthquake. There are several geological faults in the greater San Francisco Bay Area that have the potential to cause serious earthquakes that could result in damage to property in the city, including taxable property, buildings, roads, bridges and the levee. There are no known active, potentially active, or inactive faults located within the City. However, the San Andreas fault, located approximately two miles west of the City, and the Hayward fault, located approximately 14 miles east of the City, are both active. Historic earthquakes have caused strong ground shaking and damage in the San Francisco Bay Area, the most recent being the magnitude 6.9 Loma Prieta earthquake on the San Andreas Fault in October 1989. The epicenter was approximately 50 miles south of the City. The risk posed by an earthquake to the existing levee system is that an earthquake, for example of greater magnitude than the Loma Prieta earthquake, would damage the levee system so that it would be vulnerable to overtopping or breach during a subsequent flood event. The City designed the levee based on expected ground motions for seismic events that have a 100-year return period.

Liquefaction. Liquefaction occurs when ground shaking causes the mechanical properties of some fine grained, saturated soils to liquefy and act as a fluid (liquefaction).

In order for liquefaction to occur, three general geotechnical characteristics are present: (i) ground water is within the potentially liquefiable zone, (ii) the potentially liquefiable zone is granular and meets a specific range in grain-size distribution, and (iii) the potentially liquefiable zone is of low relative density. If those criteria are present and strong ground motion occurs, then those soils could liquefy, depending upon the intensity and duration of the strong ground motion. The larger the earthquake magnitude, and the longer the duration of strong ground shaking, the greater the potential there is for liquefaction to occur.

Maps prepared by the Association of Bay Area Governments and the United States Geological Survey (the “**USGS**”) indicate that the City is located in a high- to very-high area for the potential of experiencing earthquake-induced liquefaction. However, site-specific geotechnical investigations conducted for the Levee Protection Improvements Project found that the project site is primarily underlain by soft to stiff clays with some medium dense to dense sandy soils. Based on the cohesion and density of these subsurface deposits, the project-specific geotechnical investigations concluded that the potential for liquefaction and lateral spreading is low at the project site. Based on this conclusion, the risk of liquefaction and localized slope failure at the project site was deemed to be less than significant.

Risks to the City, including climate change, earthquakes and liquefaction, pose a risk to taxable property in the City and, if not addressed, could adversely impact the City’s ability to pay debt service on the Bonds.

Sources and Uses of Funds

The estimated sources and uses of funds with respect to the Bonds will be applied as follows:

Sources of Funds

Principal Amount of Bonds
Plus: Net Original Issue Premium
Less: Purchaser’s Discount
Total Sources

Uses of Funds

Deposit to Project Fund
Deposit to Debt Service Fund
Costs of Issuance⁽¹⁾
Total Uses

(1) Includes Municipal Advisor fees, Paying Agent fees, Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel fees, printing costs, rating agency fee and other related costs.

THE BONDS

Authority for Issuance

The Bonds are being issued under Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code of the State of California (the “**Act**”) and other applicable law. The City authorized the issuance of the Bonds with the adoption of the Bond Resolution.

The City received authorization at an election held on June 5, 2018, by an affirmative vote of 86.6% of the eligible voters within the City (the “**Authorization**”) to issue \$90,000,000 of general obligation bonds. On August 5, 2020, the City issued the Series 2020 Bonds. The Bonds are the second and final series of Bonds to be sold and issued under the Authorization. Following the issuance of the Bonds there will no remaining unissued authorization remaining under the Authorization.

Description of the Bonds

Book-Entry Form. The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only, and will be initially issued and registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“**DTC**”). Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive physical certificates representing their interest in the Bonds. Payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by the Paying Agent to DTC for subsequent disbursement to DTC Participants which will remit such payments to the owners of the Bonds.

As long as DTC’s book-entry method is used for the Bonds, the Paying Agent will send any notice of prepayment or other notices to owners only to DTC. Any failure of DTC to advise any DTC Participant, or of any DTC Participant to notify any Beneficial Owner, of any such notice and its content or effect will not affect the validity or sufficiency of the proceedings relating to the prepayment of the Bonds called for prepayment or of any other action premised on such notice.

The Paying Agent, the City, and the Purchaser of the Bonds have no responsibility or liability for any aspects of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to beneficial ownership, of interests in the Bonds.

See “APPENDIX E – DTC AND THE BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM.”

Interest. Interest on the Bonds is payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year (the “**Interest Payment Dates**”), commencing February 1, 2024. Interest on each Bond shall be paid by the Paying Agent on the Interest Payment Date to the owner of the Bonds the fifteenth day of the month preceding an Interest Payment Date (each, a “**Record Date**”).

Each Bond shall bear interest from the Interest Payment Date next preceding the date of authentication with respect to which interest has been paid or provided for, unless:

- i. the date of authentication is prior to the first Record Date, in which event it shall bear interest from the date of delivery of the Bonds,
- ii. the date of authentication is after a Record Date and before the following Interest Payment Date, in which event it shall bear interest from such Interest Payment Date,
or

- iii. it is authenticated as of an Interest Payment Date, in which event it shall bear interest from such date) until the principal thereof shall have been paid.

Interest on the Bonds will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year comprising twelve 30-day months.

Denominations and Maturity. The Bonds shall be issued in the denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple of \$5,000. The Bonds mature on August 1 in the years and amounts set forth on the inside cover page hereof.

See the maturity schedule on the inside cover page hereof and “DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE” below.

Payment

Interest on the Bonds (including the final interest payment upon maturity) is payable by check of the Paying Agent mailed to the owner thereof at such owner’s address as it appears on the Registration Books (as defined below) at the close of business on the preceding Record Date, except that at the written request of the Owner of at least \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, which written request is on file with the Paying Agent as of any Record Date, interest on such Bonds shall be paid by wire transfer on the succeeding Interest Payment Date to an account in the United States of America as shall be specified in such written request.

Principal of and premium (if any) on the Bonds is payable in lawful money of the United States of America upon presentation and surrender at the principal office of the Paying Agent.

Application of Bond Proceeds

The proceeds of the sale from the Bonds, net of costs of issuance and any premium received upon the sale thereof, will be deposited by the City to the credit of the improvement fund created by the Resolution (the “**Project Fund**”), and will be applied solely for the purposes for which the Bonds are being issued. Interest earnings in the Project Fund will be retained therein.

The City will establish an interest and sinking fund for the Bonds (the “**Debt Service Fund**”), which will be established as a separate fund to be maintained distinct from all other funds of the City. All taxes levied by the City pursuant to the Bond Resolution for the payment of the principal of and interest and premium (if any) on the Bonds will be deposited in the Debt Service Fund by the City promptly upon receipt from the County. The Debt Service Fund is pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest and premium (if any) on the Bonds when and as the same become due. The City will transfer amounts in the Debt Service Fund, to the extent necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable, to the Paying Agent, as required to pay the principal of and interest and premium (if any) on the Bonds.

If, after payment in full of the Bonds, any amounts remain on deposit in the Debt Service Fund, the City shall transfer such amounts to its general fund, to be applied solely in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of applicable state and federal tax law.

Statutory Lien

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 53515, the Bonds will be secured by a statutory lien on all revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of *ad valorem* property taxes for the payment thereof. The lien automatically attaches, without further action or authorization by the City Council, and is valid and binding from the time the Bonds are executed and delivered. The revenues received pursuant to the levy and collection of the *ad valorem* property tax will be immediately subject to the lien, and such lien will be enforceable against the City, its successor, transferees and creditors, and all other parties asserting rights therein, irrespective of whether such parties have notice of the lien and without the need for physical delivery, recordation, filing or further act.

Redemption

Optional Redemption. The Bonds maturing on or before August 1, 20__ are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 20__ are subject, at the option of the City, to redemption prior to their stated maturities in whole or in part on any date commencing August 1, 20__, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption, without premium.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption. The Bonds maturing on August 1, 20__, and August 1, 20__ (“**Term Bonds**”), are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption, in part by lot, prior to their stated maturity, on each August 1 on and after August 1, 20__, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof called for redemption, without premium, plus accrued interest thereon to the date of redemption in the aggregate respective principal amounts set forth in the following table:

\$ _____ **Bond Due August 1, 20__**

Redemption Date (August 1)	Principal Amount to be Redeemed

(Maturity)

\$ _____ **Bond Due August 1, 20__**

Redemption Date (August 1)	Principal Amount to be Redeemed

(Maturity)

Selection of Bonds for Redemption. If less than all of the Bonds outstanding are to be redeemed, the portion of any Bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$5,000 or an integral multiple thereof, and, in selecting portions of such Bond for redemption, the Paying Agent shall treat each such Bond as representing that number of Bonds of \$5,000 denominations which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond to be redeemed in part by \$5,000. The Paying Agent shall promptly notify the City in writing of the Bonds, or portions thereof, selected for redemption.

Whenever provision is made for the optional redemption of Bonds and less than all Outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, the Paying Agent, upon written instruction from the City, will select Bonds for redemption as so directed and if not directed, in inverse order of maturity. Within a maturity, the Paying Agent will select Bonds for redemption as directed by the City and, if not so directed, by lot. Redemption by lot shall be in such manner as the Paying Agent shall determine; provided, however, that the portion of any Bond to be redeemed in part shall be in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

In the event that a portion of any Term Bond is optionally redeemed prior to maturity, the remaining mandatory sinking fund payments with respect to such Term Bonds will be reduced proportionately, or as otherwise directed by the City, in integral multiples of \$5,000 principal amount, in respect of the portion of such Bonds optionally redeemed.

Notice of Redemption. The Paying Agent will cause notice of any redemption to be mailed, first class mail, postage prepaid, at least 20 days but not more than 45 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, (i) to DTC and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access system, and (ii) to the respective owners of any Bonds designated for redemption, at their addresses appearing on the Registration Books (as defined below) maintained by the Paying Agent. Such mailing will not be a condition precedent to such redemption and failure to mail or to receive any such notice will not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of such Bonds.

The City is entitled to send a redemption notice that declares that the redemption is conditional upon the availability of moneys to accomplish the redemption, and the City may rescind any notice of optional redemption of the Bonds by written notice to the Paying Agent on or prior to the date fixed for redemption, and the Paying Agent shall mail notice of such rescission of redemption in the same manner as the original notice of redemption was sent under this section. Any notice of redemption shall be cancelled and annulled if for any reason funds will not be or are not available on the date fixed for redemption. The City and the Paying Agent have no liability to the owners or any other party related to or arising from such rescission.

A notice of redemption will (a) state the redemption date; (b) state the redemption price; (c) state the dates of maturity of the Bonds and, if less than all of any such maturity is called for redemption the distinctive numbers of the Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed, and in the case of Bonds redeemed in part only, the respective portions of the principal amount thereof, to be redeemed; (d) state the CUSIP number, if any, of each Bond to be redeemed; (e) give notice that further interest on such Bonds will not accrue after the designated redemption date; and (f) include any other descriptive information regarding the Bonds needed to identify accurately the Bonds being redeemed. The actual receipt by the Owner of notice of such redemption shall not be a condition precedent to redemption, and failure to receive such notice shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of such Bonds or the cessation of interest on the date fixed for redemption.

Partial Redemption. Upon surrender of Bonds redeemed in part only, the City will execute and the Paying Agent will authenticate and deliver to the owner, at the expense of the City, a new Bond or Bonds, of the same maturity, of authorized denominations in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond or Bonds.

Effect of Redemption. From and after the date fixed for redemption, if notice of such redemption has been duly given and funds available for the payment of the principal of and

interest (and premium, if any) on the Bonds so called for redemption have been duly provided, such Bonds so called will cease to be entitled to any benefit under the Bond Resolution other than the right to receive payment of the redemption price, and no interest will accrue thereon on or after the redemption date specified in such notice.

Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds

If the book-entry system as described above and in Appendix E is no longer used with respect to the Bonds, the following provisions will govern the registration, transfer, and exchange of the Bonds.

Registration Books. The Paying Agent will keep or cause to be kept sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds (the “**Registration Books**”), which will at all times be open to inspection by the City; and, upon presentation for such purpose, the Paying Agent shall, under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, register or transfer or cause to be registered or transferred, on said books, the Bonds.

Transfer. Any Bond may, in accordance with its terms, be transferred, upon the Registration Books, by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by his duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of such Bond for cancellation at the principal office of the Paying Agent, accompanied by delivery of a written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Paying Agent, duly executed. The City may charge a reasonable sum for each new Bond issued upon any transfer.

Whenever any Bond or Bonds are surrendered for transfer, the City will execute and the Paying Agent will authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount.

Exchange. Bonds may be exchanged at the principal office of the Paying Agent for a like aggregate principal amount of Bonds of authorized denominations and of the same maturity. The City may charge a reasonable sum for each new Bond issued upon any exchange.

Defeasance

All or any portion of the outstanding maturities of the Bonds may be defeased at any time prior to maturity by irrevocably depositing with the City in a separate account of the Debt Service Fund to be held separate and apart from all other funds of the City, and which is irrevocably pledged to the Bonds so defeased (or with an entity designated by the City to act as escrow agent with respect thereto):

- (a) Cash: an amount of cash which together with amounts then on deposit in the Debt Service Fund, is sufficient, without reinvestment, to pay and discharge all or part of the Bonds outstanding (including all principal, interest and premium, if any) at or before their stated maturity date; or
- (b) Government Obligations: Government Obligations not subject to call, together with cash, if required, in such amount as will, without reinvestment, in the opinion of an independent certified public accountant, together with interest to accrue thereon and moneys transferred from the Debt Service Fund together with the interest to accrue thereon, be fully sufficient to pay and discharge all of the corresponding

Bonds (including all principal and interest and premium, if any) to be defeased at or before their stated maturity date.

In such event, notwithstanding that any such maturities of Bonds shall not have been surrendered for payment, all obligations of the City with respect to all such outstanding Bonds designated for defeasance shall cease and terminate, except only the obligation of the City to pay or cause to be paid from funds deposited pursuant to paragraphs (a) or (b) above, to the owners of such designated Bonds not so surrendered and paid all sums due with respect thereto; provided that the City shall have received an opinion of bond counsel for said Bonds, that said Bonds have been defeased.

“Government Obligations” means direct and general obligations of the United States of America, or obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States of America (which may consist of obligations of the Resolution Funding Corporation that constitute interest strips), and obligations secured or otherwise guaranteed, directly or indirectly, as to principal and interest by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the United States of America. In the case of direct and general obligations of the United States of America, Government Obligations shall include evidences of direct ownership of proportionate interests in future interest or principal payments of such obligations. Investments in such proportionate interests must be limited to circumstances where (a) a bank or trust company acts as custodian and holds the underlying United States obligations; (b) the owner of the investment is the real party in interest and has the right to proceed directly and individually against the obligor of the underlying United States obligations; and (c) the underlying United States obligations are held in a special account, segregated from the custodian’s general assets, and are not available to satisfy any claim of the custodian, any person claiming through the custodian, or any person to whom the custodian may be obligated; provided that such obligations are rated or assessed by S&P Global Ratings (“**S&P**”) or Moody’s Investors Service (“**Moody’s**”) at least as high as direct or general obligations of the United States of America by either S&P or Moody’s.

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULES

The following table shows the debt service schedule with respect to the Bonds (assuming no optional redemptions).

Year Ending <u>August 1</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>
2023			
2024			
2025			
2026			
2027			
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2045			
2046			
2047			
2048			
2049			
2050			
Total			

Combined Debt Service Schedule. The following table shows the combined debt service schedule for outstanding general obligation bonds of the City following the issuance of the Bonds, assuming no optional redemptions. The following table does not show debt service for bonds that are not general obligation bonds and that are payable from other sources of funds.

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>August 1</u>	<u>Series 2020</u> <u>Bonds</u>	<u>The Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Debt Service</u>
2023	\$5,407,312.50		
2024	3,935,312.50		
2025	3,937,312.50		
2026	3,936,512.50		
2027	3,937,912.50		
2028	3,936,312.50		
2029	3,936,712.50		
2030	3,938,912.50		
2031	3,937,712.50		
2032	3,938,112.50		
2033	3,939,912.50		
2034	3,937,162.50		
2035	3,937,312.50		
2036	3,935,212.50		
2037	3,939,412.50		
2038	3,939,312.50		
2039	3,940,012.50		
2040	3,937,112.50		
2041	3,938,612.50		
2042	3,937,412.50		
2043	3,938,512.50		
2044	3,936,762.50		
2045	3,937,162.50		
2046	3,939,562.50		
2047	3,935,250.00		
2048	3,939,250.00		
2049	3,936,337.50		
2050	3,936,625.00		
Total	\$111,723,062.50		

SECURITY FOR THE BONDS

Ad Valorem Taxes

Bonds Payable from Ad Valorem Property Taxes. The Bonds are general obligations of the City, payable solely from *ad valorem* property taxes levied and collected pursuant to the Authorization. The City has the power, is obligated and has covenanted to direct the County to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all property within the City subject to taxation without limitation of rate or amount (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates) for the payment of the Bonds and the interest thereon.

Levy and Collection. Each year, the City Council, so far as is practicable, shall fix such rate for a tax to be levied in the City as will result in revenues which will pay the interest on the Bonds, and provide a sinking or other fund for the payment of the principal of the Bonds as such principal may become due. The City Council shall determine the fiscal year for all of the amounts above set forth, and shall fix the rate of tax to be levied which will raise the amounts of money required by the City for such purposes, and as required by the provisions of the law, the City Council shall certify to the County Auditor of the County (the "County Auditor") the rate so fixed. The City shall furnish to the County Auditor a statement in writing containing the following: (a) an estimate of the minimum amount of money required to be raised by taxation during the fiscal year for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, as will become due before the proceeds of a tax levied at the next general tax levy will be available; and (b) such other items required by the provisions of the Law. The County Auditor shall compute and enter in the County assessment roll the respective sums to be paid as a City tax on the property within the City using the rate or rates of levy as fixed by the City Council and the assessed value on the assessment roll for the property subject to the tax.

The City will levy and the County will collect such *ad valorem* taxes in such amounts and at such times as is necessary to ensure the timely payment of debt service. Such taxes, when collected, will be deposited into the Debt Service Fund.

City property taxes are assessed and collected by the County in the same manner and at the same time, and in the same installments as other *ad valorem* taxes on real property, and will have the same priority, become delinquent at the same times and in the same proportionate amounts, and bear the same proportionate penalties and interest after delinquency, as do the other *ad valorem* taxes on real property.

Annual Tax Rates. The amount of the annual *ad valorem* tax levied by the County to repay the Bonds will be determined by the relationship between the assessed valuation of taxable property in the City and the amount of debt service due on the Bonds. Fluctuations in the annual debt service on the Bonds and the assessed value of taxable property in the City will cause the annual tax rate to fluctuate.

Economic and other factors beyond the City's control, such as economic recession, deflation of land values, a relocation out of the City or financial difficulty or bankruptcy by one or more major property taxpayers, or the complete or partial destruction of taxable property caused by, among other eventualities, earthquake, flood or other natural disaster, could cause a reduction in the assessed value within the City and necessitate a corresponding increase in the annual tax rate.

Public Health Emergencies. In recent years, public health authorities have warned of threats posed by outbreaks of disease and other public health threats. On February 11, 2020, the

World Health Organization (“**WHO**”) announced the official name for the outbreak of the disease known as COVID-19 (“**COVID-19**”), an upper respiratory tract illness. COVID-19 has since spread across the globe. The COVID-19 outbreak is ongoing, and its duration and severity and its economic effects are uncertain in many respects. Uncertain too are the additional actions, if any, that may be taken by federal and State governmental authorities to contain or mitigate the effects of the outbreak. The ultimate impact of COVID-19 on the City’s operations and finances and the economy, real estate market, development within the City and tax collections is not fully known, and it may be some time before the full adverse impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is known. Further, there could be future COVID-19 outbreaks or other public health emergencies that could have material adverse effects on the City’s operations and finances.

The COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing; however, indications are strong that the pandemic is transitioning to its endemic stage though its dynamic nature leads to uncertainties. There are many variables that will continue to contribute to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the recovery, including the length of time social distancing measures are in place, the effectiveness of State and Federal governments’ relief programs and the timing for the containment and treatment of COVID-19. The ultimate impact of COVID-19 on the City’s operations and finances is not fully known, and it may be some time before the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is known. See “FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY AND SAN MATEO COUNTY – CITY FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Impact of COVID-19” for additional information.

ERAF Shift Legislation. Certain property taxes have been shifted from local government agencies to schools by the State Legislature for deposit in the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (“**ERAF**”), a shift that has resulted in diversion of City property taxes since fiscal year 1992-93. The primary change for the City in property tax receipts is a result of a potential change to the distribution formula used for excess ERAF and property tax in lieu of vehicle license fees, both currently pending evaluation with the County and State. See “CITY FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 State Budget” in Appendix A to this Official Statement for additional information about the State budget. Changes in the distribution formulas may reduce total property tax receipts by approximately \$677,000 in fiscal year 2023-24.

Limited Obligation

The Bonds are payable solely from the proceeds of an *ad valorem* tax levied by the City, and collected by the County, for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds. Although the County is obligated to levy and collect the *ad valorem* tax for the payment of the Bonds, the Bonds are not a debt of the County.

PROPERTY TAXATION

Property Tax Collection Procedures

In California, property which is subject to *ad valorem* taxes is classified as “secured” or “unsecured.” The “secured roll” is that part of the assessment roll containing state assessed public utilities’ property and property, the taxes on which are a lien on real property sufficient, in the opinion of the county assessor, to secure payment of the taxes. A tax levied on unsecured property does not become a lien against such unsecured property, but may become a lien on certain other property owned by the taxpayer. Every tax which becomes a lien on secured property has priority over all other liens arising pursuant to State law on such secured property, regardless of the time of the creation of the other liens. Secured and unsecured property are entered separately on the assessment roll maintained by the county assessor. The method of collecting delinquent taxes is substantially different for the two classifications of property.

Property taxes on the secured roll are due in two installments, on November 1 and April 1 of each fiscal year. If unpaid, such taxes become delinquent after December 10 and April 10, respectively, and a 10% penalty attaches to any delinquent payment. In addition, property on the secured roll with respect to which taxes are delinquent is declared tax defaulted on or about June 30 of the fiscal year. Such property may thereafter be redeemed by payment of the delinquent taxes and a delinquency penalty, plus a redemption penalty of 1-1/2% per month to the time of redemption. If taxes are unpaid for a period of five years or more, the property is subject to sale by the County.

Property taxes are levied for each fiscal year on taxable real and personal property situated in the taxing jurisdiction as of the preceding January 1. A bill enacted in 1983, SB813 (Statutes of 1983, Chapter 498), however, provided for the supplemental assessment and taxation of property as of the occurrence of a change of ownership or completion of new construction. Thus, this legislation eliminated delays in the realization of increased property taxes from new assessments. As amended, SB813 provided increased revenue to taxing jurisdictions to the extent that supplemental assessments of new construction or changes of ownership occur subsequent to the January 1 lien date and result in increased assessed value.

Property taxes on the unsecured roll are due on the January 1 lien date and become delinquent, if unpaid on the following August 31. A 10% penalty is also attached to delinquent taxes in respect of property on the unsecured roll, and further, an additional penalty of 1-1/2% per month accrues with respect to such taxes beginning the first day of the third month following the delinquency date. The taxing authority has four ways of collecting unsecured personal property taxes: (1) a civil action against the taxpayer; (2) filing a certificate in the office of the county clerk specifying certain facts in order to obtain a judgment lien on certain property of the taxpayer; (3) filing a certificate of delinquency for record in the county recorder’s office, in order to obtain a lien on certain property of the taxpayer; and (4) seizure and sale of personal property, improvements or possessory interests belonging or assessed to the assessee. The exclusive means of enforcing the payment of delinquent taxes in respect of property on the secured roll is the sale of the property securing the taxes for the amount of taxes which are delinquent.

Taxation of State-Assessed Utility Property

The State Constitution provides that most classes of property owned or used by regulated utilities are assessed by the State Board of Equalization (“SBE”) and taxed locally. Property valued by the SBE as an operating unit in a primary function of the utility taxpayer is known as “unitary property,” a concept designed to permit assessment of the utility as a going concern rather than assessment of each individual element of real and personal property owned by the utility taxpayer. State-assessed unitary and “operating nonunitary” property (which excludes nonunitary property of regulated railways) is allocated to the counties based on the situs of the various components of the unitary property. Except for unitary property of regulated railways and certain other excepted property, all unitary and operating nonunitary property is taxed at special county-wide rates and tax proceeds are distributed to taxing jurisdictions according to statutory formulae generally based on the distribution of taxes in the prior year.

Assessed Valuation

Assessed Valuation History. The following is a table summarizing the historical assessed valuation of the taxable property in the City.

Table 1
CITY OF FOSTER CITY
Assessed Valuation of All Taxable Property
Fiscal Years 2010-11 to 2022-23

Fiscal Year	Local Secured ⁽¹⁾	Utility	Unsecured	Total	Percent Change --%
2010-11	\$6,389,667,764	\$0	\$234,474,145	\$6,624,141,909	--%
2011-12	6,433,410,118	0	226,067,249	6,659,477,367	0.5
2012-13	6,626,005,985	0	250,130,330	6,876,136,315	3.3
2013-14	7,194,315,878	0	321,146,194	7,515,462,072	9.3
2014-15	7,565,650,168	0	248,396,208	7,814,046,376	4.0
2015-16	8,340,748,666	0	237,511,041	8,578,259,707	9.8
2016-17	9,160,702,418	0	206,783,986	9,367,486,404	9.2
2017-18	9,952,381,987	0	200,383,775	10,152,765,762	8.4
2018-19	10,712,449,293	0	225,162,754	10,937,612,047	7.7
2019-20	11,765,308,526	0	280,862,898	12,046,171,424	10.1
2020-21	12,618,630,065	0	265,823,315	12,884,453,380	7.0
2021-22	12,877,196,711	0	297,109,538	13,174,306,249	2.2
2022-23	13,568,789,311	0	292,887,917	13,861,677,228	5.2

(1) Amounts are net of homeowners’ exemption.
Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Factors Relating to Increases/Decreases in Assessed Value. As indicated in the previous table, assessed valuations are subject to change in each year. Increases or decreases in assessed valuation result from a variety of factors including but not limited to general economic conditions, supply and demand for real property in the area, government regulations such as zoning, and natural disasters such as earthquakes, fires, floods and droughts.

Wildfires. Wildfires have occurred in recent years in different regions of the State, the most destructive of which have burned thousands of acres and destroyed thousands of homes and structures. Many of these fires have originated in wildlands adjacent to urban areas. Although the recent wildfires have not included territory within the City’s boundaries, the City is vulnerable to a wind-driven fire starting along the City’s eastern border.

The City cannot predict or make any representations regarding the effects that natural disasters including but not limited to earthquakes, fires, floods, droughts and related conditions may have on the value of taxable property within the City, or to what extent the effects said disasters might have had on economic activity in the City or throughout the State. See also “SECURITY FOR THE CERTIFICATES – COVID-19 Global Pandemic.”

Property Tax Base Transfer Ballot Measure. On November 3, 2020, State voters approved a constitutional amendment entitled Property Tax Transfers, Exemptions and Revenue for Wildfire Agencies and Counties Amendment (“**Proposition 19**”), which will: (i) expand special rules that give property tax savings to homeowners that are over the age of 55, severely disabled, or whose property has been impacted by a natural disaster or contamination, when they buy a different home; (ii) narrow existing special rules for inherited properties; and (iii) broaden the scope of legal entity ownership changes that trigger reassessment of properties. The City cannot make any assurance as to what effect the implementation of Proposition 19 will have on assessed valuation of real property in the City.

Assessed Valuation by Land Use. The following table shows the land use of parcels in the City, according to assessed valuation. As shown, the majority of land in the City is used for residential purposes.

**Table 2
CITY OF FOSTER CITY
Assessed Valuation and Parcels by Land Use
Fiscal Year 2022-23**

	2022-23 Assessed Valuation ⁽¹⁾	% of Total	No. of Parcels	% of Total
Non-Residential:				
Commercial/Office	\$2,197,878,035	16.20%	96	1.03%
Hotel	79,555,730	0.59	3	0.03
Industrial	2,209,509,760	16.28	48	0.52
Government/Social/Institutional	75,737,196	0.56	43	0.46
Miscellaneous	<u>1,269,734</u>	<u>0.01</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>0.69</u>
Subtotal Non-Residential	\$4,563,950,455	33.64%	254	2.73%
Residential:				
Single Family Residence	\$6,052,316,014	44.60%	6,725	72.33%
Condominium/Townhouse	1,556,985,771	11.47	2,184	23.49
2-4 Residential Units	17,610,666	0.13	19	0.20
5+ Residential Units/Apartments	<u>1,302,981,354</u>	<u>9.60</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>0.39</u>
Subtotal Residential	\$8,929,893,805	65.81%	8,964	96.41%
Vacant	\$74,945,051	0.55%	80	0.86%
Total	\$13,568,789,311	100.00%	9,298	100.00%

(1) Local Secured Assessed Valuation, excluding tax-exempt property.
Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Assessed Valuation of Single-Family Residential Parcels. The following table shows a breakdown of the assessed valuations of improved single-family residential parcels in the City, according to assessed valuation.

**Table 3
CITY OF FOSTER CITY
Per Parcel 2022-23 Assessed Valuation
of Single-Family Homes**

Single Family Residential	No. of Parcels	2022-23 Assessed Valuation	Average Assessed Valuation	Median Assessed Valuation
	6,725	\$6,052,316,014	\$899,973	\$793,480

2022-23 Assessed Valuation	No. of Parcels ⁽¹⁾	% of Total	Cumulative % of Total	Total Valuation	% of Total	Cumulative % of Total
\$0 - \$99,999	27	0.401%	0.401%	\$ 2,242,428	0.037%	0.037%
\$100,000 - \$199,999	697	10.364	10.766	100,405,695	1.659	1.696
\$200,000 - \$299,999	328	4.877	15.643	82,992,911	1.371	3.067
\$300,000 - \$399,999	462	6.870	22.513	161,897,385	2.675	5.742
\$400,000 - \$499,999	508	7.554	30.067	229,039,047	3.784	9.527
\$500,000 - \$599,999	517	7.688	37.755	283,433,996	4.683	14.210
\$600,000 - \$699,999	436	6.483	44.238	283,482,141	4.684	18.893
\$700,000 - \$799,999	418	6.216	50.454	314,212,420	5.192	24.085
\$800,000 - \$899,999	383	5.695	56.149	325,730,216	5.382	29.467
\$900,000 - \$999,999	407	6.052	62.201	385,368,321	6.367	35.834
\$1,000,000 - \$1,099,999	351	5.219	67.420	369,021,157	6.097	41.931
\$1,100,000 - \$1,199,999	306	4.550	71.970	351,866,040	5.814	47.745
\$1,200,000 - \$1,299,999	265	3.941	75.911	330,737,042	5.465	53.210
\$1,300,000 - \$1,399,999	287	4.268	80.178	387,133,952	6.396	59.606
\$1,400,000 - \$1,499,999	221	3.286	83.465	320,990,037	5.304	64.910
\$1,500,000 - \$1,599,999	221	3.286	86.751	341,627,505	5.645	70.554
\$1,600,000 - \$1,699,999	181	2.691	89.442	298,134,566	4.926	75.480
\$1,700,000 - \$1,799,999	154	2.290	91.732	269,346,807	4.450	79.931
\$1,800,000 - \$1,899,999	97	1.442	93.175	179,266,642	2.962	82.893
\$1,900,000 - \$1,999,999	102	1.517	94.691	198,150,889	3.274	86.167
\$2,000,000 and greater	357	5.309	100.000	837,236,817	13.833	100.000
	<u>6,725</u>	<u>100.000%</u>		<u>\$6,052,316,014</u>	<u>100.000%</u>	

(1) Improved single family residential parcels. Excludes condominiums and parcels with multiple family units.
Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Alternative Method of Tax Apportionment - Teeter Plan

General. The Board of Supervisors of the County has adopted the Alternative Method of Distribution of Tax Levies and Collections and of Tax Sale Proceeds (the “**Teeter Plan**”), as provided for in Section 4701 et seq. of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. Under the Teeter Plan, each entity levying property taxes in the County may draw on the amount of uncollected secured taxes credited to its fund, in the same manner as if the amount credited had been collected. The City participates in the Teeter Plan, and thus receives 100% of secured property taxes levied in exchange for foregoing any interest and penalties collected on delinquent taxes. However, under the statute creating the Teeter Plan, the Board of Supervisors could under certain circumstances terminate the Teeter Plan in its entirety and, in addition, the Board of Supervisors could terminate the Teeter Plan if the delinquency rate for all *ad valorem* property taxes levied within the City in any year exceeds 3%. In the event that the Teeter Plan were terminated, the amount of the property taxes received by the City would depend upon the collections of the *ad valorem* property taxes and delinquency rates experienced with respect to the parcels within the City.

Future Participation in the Teeter Plan. There can be no assurance that the County will always maintain the Teeter Plan or will have sufficient funds available to distribute the full amount of the City's share of property tax collections to the City. The ability of the County to maintain the Teeter Plan may depend on its financial resources and may be affected by future property tax delinquencies. It may also be affected by State and County action. Property tax delinquencies may be impacted by economic and other factors beyond the City's or the County's control, including the ability or willingness of property owners to pay property taxes during an economic recession or depression. An economic recession or depression could be caused by many factors outside the control of the City, including high interest rates, reduced consumer confidence, reduced real wages or reduced economic activity as a result of the spread of COVID-19 or other pandemic or natural or manmade disaster.

However, notwithstanding any possible future change to or discontinuation of the Teeter Plan, State law requires the City to levy *ad valorem* property taxes sufficient to pay the Bonds when due.

Appeals of Assessed Value

Under California law, property owners may apply for a reduction of their property tax assessment by filing a written application, in form prescribed by the State Board of Equalization (the "SBE"), with the appropriate county board of equalization or assessment appeals board. The County Assessor may independently reduce assessed values as well based upon the above factors or reductions in the fair market value of the taxable property. In most cases, an appeal is filed because the applicant believes that present market conditions (such as residential home prices) cause the property to be worth less than its current assessed value. Any reduction in the assessment ultimately granted as a result of such appeal applies to the year for which application is made and during which the written application was filed. A second type of assessment appeal involves a challenge to the base year value of an assessed property. Appeals for reduction in the base year value of an assessment, if successful, reduce the assessment for the year in which the appeal is taken and prospectively thereafter. The base year is determined by the completion date of new construction or the date of change of ownership. Any base year appeal must be made within four years of the change of ownership or new construction date.

In addition to the above-described taxpayer appeals, county assessors may independently reduce assessed valuations based on changes in the market value of property, or for other factors such as the complete or partial destruction of taxable property caused by natural or man-made disasters such as earthquakes, floods, drought, fire, or toxic contamination pursuant to relevant provisions of the State Constitution.

Whether resulting from taxpayer appeals or county assessor reductions, adjustments to assessed value are subject to yearly reappraisals by the county assessor and may be adjusted back to their original values when real estate market conditions improve. Once property has regained its prior assessed value, adjusted for inflation, it once again is subject to the annual inflationary growth rate factor allowed under Article XIII A. See "CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING CITY REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS" herein.

No assurance can be given that property tax appeals currently pending or in the future, actions by the County assessor, or other factors in the future will not significantly reduce the assessed valuation of property within the City.

Assembly Bill 102. On June 27, 2017, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 102 (“**AB 102**”). AB 102 restructures the functions of the SBE and creates two new separate agencies: (i) the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, and (ii) the Office of Tax Appeals. Under AB 102, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration will take over programs previously in the SBE Property Tax Department, such as the Tax Area Services Section, which is responsible for maintaining all property tax-rate area maps and for maintaining special revenue district boundaries. Under AB 102, the SBE continues to perform the duties assigned by the State Constitution related to property taxes, however, beginning January 1, 2018, the SBE only hears appeals related to the programs that it constitutionally administers, and the Office of Tax Appeals will hear tax appeals on all other taxes and fee matters, such as sales and use tax and other special taxes and fees. AB 102 obligates the Office of Tax Appeals to adopt regulations as necessary to carry out its duties, powers, and responsibilities.

Tax Rates

The table below shows historical property tax rates within the City:

Table 5
CITY OF FOSTER CITY
TYPICAL TAX RATE PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION
(TRAs 20-003, 20-006, 20-009 and 20-013)⁽¹⁾

	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
General Tax Rate	\$1.0000	\$1.0000	\$1.0000	\$1.0000	\$1.0000
City of Foster City	--	--	0.0360	0.0310	0.0290
San Mateo-Foster City School District	0.0530	0.0437	0.0462	0.0665	0.0613
San Mateo Union High School District	0.0407	0.0385	0.0449	0.0488	0.0504
San Mateo Community College District	0.0175	0.0266	0.0213	0.0227	0.0193
Total Tax Rate	\$1.1112	\$1.1088	\$1.1484	\$1.1690	\$1.1600

⁽¹⁾ 2022-23 assessed valuation in TRAs shown is \$12,443,858,652, which represents 89.77% of the City’s total assessed valuation.

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Major Taxpayers

The following table shows the twenty largest taxpayers in the City as determined by their secured assessed valuations in 2022-23. A large concentration of ownership in a single individual or entity results in a greater amount of tax collections which are dependent upon that property owner's ability or willingness to pay property taxes.

Table 6
CITY OF FOSTER CITY
Largest 2022-23 Local Secured Taxpayers

	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Primary Land Use</u>	<u>2022-23 Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total ⁽¹⁾</u>
1.	Gilead Sciences Inc.	Industrial	\$2,560,976,485	18.87%
2.	BMR Lincoln Center LP	Industrial	369,819,236	2.73
3.	Hudson Metro Center LLC, Lessee	Office Building	359,407,669	2.65
4.	Visa USA Inc.	Office Building	242,601,156	1.79
5.	TR Parkside Towers Corp.	Office Building	236,807,528	1.75
6.	BEX FMCA LLC	Apartments	202,720,103	1.49
7.	AREOF VI US Pilgrim Triton LLC	Apartments	172,131,498	1.27
8.	SF Hillsdale 20102012 LLC	Apartments	160,179,128	1.18
9.	CV Triton LLC	Apartments	119,021,963	0.88
10.	Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.	Apartments	96,099,965	0.71
11.	BRE-BMR 4000 & 4100 East 3rd LLC	Office Building	84,670,618	0.62
12.	PWM Residential Venture LLC	Apartments	75,139,550	0.55
13.	Foster City Propco LP	Assisted Living	72,448,262	0.53
14.	Miramar Apartments	Apartments	71,660,843	0.53
15.	1149 Chess Drive LP	Industrial	70,691,755	0.52
16.	St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co.	Office Building	65,573,526	0.48
17.	Summerhill Pilgrim Triton LLC	Apartments	60,221,752	0.44
18.	PREG SCG LP	Apartments	54,866,857	0.40
19.	BMR Lincoln Centre II LP	Industrial	47,184,988	0.35
20.	DWF IV Century Plaza LLC	Office Building	<u>45,115,994</u>	<u>0.33</u>
			\$5,167,338,876	38.08%

(1) 2022-23 Local Secured Assessed Valuation: \$13,568,789,311.
Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

Concentration of Ownership. The top twenty taxpayers in the City account for 38.08% of the assessed valuation in the City, with the top secured taxpayer, Gilead Sciences Inc. (“Gilead”), accounting for approximately 18.87% of the City’s assessed valuation, with an assessed valuation of \$2,560,976,485 for fiscal year 2022-23. Non-payment of property taxes by a large owner in the City could reduce the City’s local property tax receipts. Gilead is a biopharmaceutical company headquartered in the City, with operations in more than 35 countries. See also “APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY AND SAN MATEO COUNTY - CITY FINANCIAL INFORMATION - Property Taxes.”

Direct and Overlapping Debt

Set forth on the following page is a direct and overlapping debt report (the “Debt Report”) prepared by California Municipal Statistics, Inc. as of May 1, 2023. The Debt Report is included for general information purposes only. The City has not reviewed the Debt Report for completeness or accuracy and makes no representation in connection therewith.

The Debt Report generally includes long-term obligations sold in the public credit markets by public agencies whose boundaries overlap the boundaries of the City in whole or in part. Such long-term obligations generally are not payable from revenues of the City (except as indicated) nor are they necessarily obligations secured by land within the City. In many cases long-term obligations issued by a public agency are payable only from the general fund or other revenues of such public agency.

The table shows the percentage of each overlapping entity's assessed value located within the boundaries of the City. The table also shows the corresponding portion of the overlapping entity's existing debt payable from property taxes levied within the City. The total amount of debt for each overlapping entity is not given in the table.

The first column in the table names each public agency which has outstanding debt as of the date of the report and whose territory overlaps the City in whole or in part. The second column shows the percentage of each overlapping agency's assessed value located within the boundaries of the City. This percentage, multiplied by the total outstanding debt of each overlapping agency (which is not shown in the table) produces the amount shown in the third column, which is the apportionment of each overlapping agency's outstanding debt to taxable property in the City.

**Table 7
CITY OF FOSTER CITY
STATEMENT OF DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING BONDED DEBT
(As of May 1, 2023)**

2022-23 Assessed Valuation: \$13,861,677,228

<u>DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING TAX AND ASSESSMENT DEBT:</u>	<u>% Applicable</u>	<u>Debt 5/1/23</u>
San Mateo Community College District	4.806%	\$ 34,066,736
San Mateo Union High School District	14.244	90,812,840
Sequoia Union High School District	0.009	40,947
San Mateo-Foster City School District	28.099	146,804,202
Belmont-Redwood Shores School District	0.062	44,183
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District	0.003	2,480
City of Foster City	100.000	<u>77,165,000</u> ⁽¹⁾
TOTAL DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING TAX AND ASSESSMENT DEBT		\$348,936,388
 <u>OVERLAPPING GENERAL FUND DEBT:</u>		
San Mateo County General Fund Obligations	4.806	\$28,793,548
San Mateo County Board of Education Certificates of Participation	4.806	311,909
Midpeninsula Regional Park District General Fund Obligations	0.003	2,747
San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District General Fund Obligations	4.806	<u>173,873</u>
TOTAL OVERLAPPING GENERAL FUND DEBT		\$29,282,077
 COMBINED TOTAL DEBT		 \$378,218,465 ⁽²⁾

Ratios to 2022-23 Assessed Valuation:

Direct Debt (\$77,165,000).....	0.56%
Total Direct and Overlapping Tax and Assessment Debt	2.52%
Combined Total Debt	2.73%

(1) Excludes the Bonds offered for sale in this Official Statement.

(2) Excludes tax and revenue anticipation notes, enterprise revenue, mortgage revenue and non-bonded capital lease obligations.

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING CITY REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable from the proceeds of an *ad valorem* tax levied by the City for the payment thereof. See “THE BONDS” and “SECURITY FOR THE BONDS” above. Articles XIII A, XIII B, XIII C and XIII D of the State Constitution, Propositions 62, 111, and 218 and 1A, and certain other provisions of law discussed below are included in this section to describe the potential effect of these Constitutional and statutory measures on the ability of the City to levy taxes and spend tax proceeds for operating and other purposes, and it should not be inferred from the inclusion of such materials that these laws impose any limitation on the ability of the City to levy taxes for payment of the Bonds. The tax levied by the City for payment of the Bonds was approved by the City’s voters in compliance with Article XIII A and all applicable laws.

Article XIII A of the State Constitution

On June 6, 1978, California voters approved Proposition 13, which added Article XIII A to the State Constitution. Article XIII A, as amended, limits the amount of any *ad valorem* tax on real property to one percent of the full cash value thereof, except that additional *ad valorem* taxes may be levied to pay debt service (i) on indebtedness approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978, (ii) on bonded indebtedness approved by a two-thirds vote on or after July 1, 1978, for the acquisition or improvement of real property or (iii) bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district, community college district or county office of education for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, approved by 55 percent of the voters voting on the proposition. Article XIII A defines full cash value to mean “the county assessor’s valuation of real property as shown on the 1975-76 tax bill under “full cash value,” or thereafter, the appraised value of real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change in ownership has occurred after the 1975 assessment.” This full cash value may be increased at a rate not to exceed two percent per year to account for inflation.

Article XIII A has subsequently been amended to permit reduction of the “full cash value” base in the event of declining property values caused by damage, destruction or other factors, to provide that there would be no increase in the “full cash value” base in the event of reconstruction of property damaged or destroyed in a disaster, and in other minor or technical ways.

Legislation Implementing Article XIII A

Legislation has been enacted and amended a number of times since 1978 to implement Article XIII A. Under current law, local agencies are no longer permitted to levy directly any property tax (except to pay voter-approved indebtedness). The one percent property tax is automatically levied by the County and distributed according to a formula among taxing agencies. The formula apportions the tax roughly in proportion to the relative shares of taxes levied prior to 1989.

Increases of assessed valuation resulting from reappraisals of property due to new construction, change in ownership or from the two percent annual adjustment are allocated among the various jurisdictions in the “taxing area” based upon their respective “situs.” Any such allocation made to a local agency continues as part of its allocation in future years.

All taxable property is shown at full market value on the tax rolls. Consequently, the tax rate is expressed as \$1 per \$100 of taxable value. All taxable property value included in this Official Statement is shown at 100 percent of market value (unless noted differently) and all tax rates reflect the \$1 per \$100 of taxable value.

Article XIII B of the State Constitution

In addition to the limits Article XIII A imposes on property taxes that may be collected by local governments, certain other revenues of the State and most local governments are subject to an annual "appropriations limit" imposed by Article XIII B which effectively limits the amount of such revenues those entities are permitted to spend. Article XIII B, approved by the voters in June 1979, was modified substantially by Proposition 111 in 1990. The appropriations limit of each government entity applies to "proceeds of taxes," which consist of tax revenues, State subventions and certain other funds, including proceeds from regulatory licenses, user charges or other fees to the extent that such proceeds exceed "the cost reasonably borne by such entity in providing the regulation, product or service." "Proceeds of taxes" excludes tax refunds and some benefit payments such as unemployment insurance. No limit is imposed on the appropriation of funds which are not "proceeds of taxes," such as reasonable user charges or fees, and certain other non-tax funds. Article XIII B also does not limit appropriation of local revenues to pay debt service on Bonds existing or authorized by January 1, 1979, or subsequently authorized by the voters, appropriations required to comply with mandates of courts or the federal government, appropriations for qualified capital outlay projects, and appropriation by the State of revenues derived from any increase in gasoline taxes and motor vehicle weight fees above January 1, 1990, levels. The appropriations limit may also be exceeded in case of emergency; however, the appropriations limit for the next three years following such emergency appropriation must be reduced to the extent by which it was exceeded, unless the emergency arises from civil disturbance or natural disaster declared by the Governor, and the expenditure is approved by two-thirds of the legislative body of the local government.

The State and each local government entity has its own appropriations limit. Each year, the limit is adjusted to allow for changes, if any, in the cost of living, the population of the jurisdiction, and any transfer to or from another government entity of financial responsibility for providing services. Proposition 111 requires that each agency's actual appropriations be tested against its limit every two years.

If the aggregate "proceeds of taxes" for the preceding two-year period exceeds the aggregate limit, the excess must be returned to the agency's taxpayers through tax rate or fee reductions over the following two years.

The City has never exceeded its appropriations limit. Because the issuance of the Bonds has been approved by the voters, the tax levy that is required to pay debt service on the Bonds is not subject to the limitations of Article XIII B.

Articles XIII C and XIII D of the State Constitution

On November 5, 1996, the voters of the State approved Proposition 218, known as the "Right to Vote on Taxes Act." Proposition 218 adds Articles XIII C and XIII D to the California Constitution and contains a number of interrelated provisions affecting the ability of the City to levy and collect both existing and future taxes, assessments, fees and charges. The interpretation and application of Proposition 218 will ultimately be determined by the courts with respect to a

number of the matters discussed below, and it is not possible at this time to predict with certainty the outcome of such determination.

Article XIII C requires that all new local taxes be submitted to the electorate before they become effective. Taxes for general governmental purposes of the City require a majority vote and taxes for specific purposes, even if deposited in the City's General Fund, require a two-thirds vote. The voter approval requirements of Proposition 218 reduce the flexibility of the City to raise revenues for the General Fund, and no assurance can be given that the City will be able to impose, extend or increase such taxes in the future to meet increased expenditure needs.

Article XIII D also adds several provisions making it generally more difficult for local agencies to levy and maintain property-related fees, charges, and assessments for municipal services and programs. These provisions include, among other things, (i) a prohibition against assessments which exceed the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on a parcel, (ii) a requirement that assessments must confer a "special benefit," as defined in Article XIII D, over and above any general benefits conferred, (iii) a majority protest procedure for assessments which involves the mailing of notice and a ballot to the record owner of each affected parcel, a public hearing and the tabulation of ballots weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of the affected party, and (iv) a prohibition against fees and charges which are used for general governmental services, including police, fire or library services, where the service is available to the public at large in substantially the same manner as it is to property owners. If the City is unable to continue to collect these revenues, the services and programs funded with these revenues would have to be curtailed and/or the City's General Fund might have to be used to support them. The City is unable to predict whether or not in the future it will be able to continue all existing services and programs funded by the fees, charges and assessments in light of Proposition 218 or, if these services and programs are continued, which amounts (if any) would be used from the City's General Fund to continue to support these activities.

Article XIII C also removes limitations on the initiative power in matters of reducing or repealing local taxes, assessments, fees or charges. No assurance can be given that the voters of the City will not, in the future, approve an initiative or initiatives which reduce or repeal local taxes, assessments, fees or charges currently comprising a substantial part of the City's General Fund.

Proposition 62

Proposition 62 was adopted by the voters at the November 4, 1986, general election and (a) requires that any new or higher taxes for general governmental purposes imposed by local governmental entities such as the City be approved by a two-thirds vote of the governmental entity's legislative body and by a majority vote of the voters of the governmental entity voting in an election on the tax, (b) requires that any special tax (defined as taxes levied for other than general governmental purposes) imposed by a local governmental entity be approved by a two-thirds vote of the voters of the governmental entity voting in an election on the tax, (c) restricts the use of revenues from a special tax to the purposes or for the service for which the special tax was imposed, (d) prohibits the imposition of *ad valorem* taxes on real property by local governmental entities except as permitted by Article XIII A, (e) prohibits the imposition of transaction taxes and sales taxes on the sale of real property by local governmental entities, and (f) requires that any tax imposed by a local governmental entity on or after August 1, 1985, be ratified by a majority vote of the voters voting in an election on the tax within two years of the adoption of the initiative or be terminated by November 15, 1988.

California appellate court cases have overturned the provisions of Proposition 62 pertaining to the imposition of taxes for general government purposes. However, the California Supreme Court upheld Proposition 62 in its decision on August 28, 1995, in *Fresno County Transportation Authority v. Guardino*. This decision reaffirmed the constitutionality of Proposition 62. Certain matters regarding Proposition 62 were not addressed in the Supreme Court's decision, such as what remedies exist for taxpayers subject to a tax not in compliance with Proposition 62, and whether the decision applies to charter cities. The City has not experienced any substantive adverse financial impact as a result of the passage of this initiative.

Proposition 1A

On November 2, 2004, California voters approved Proposition 1A, which amends the State constitution to significantly reduce the State's authority over major local government revenue sources. Under Proposition 1A, the State cannot (i) reduce local sales tax rates or alter the method of allocating the revenue generated by such taxes, (ii) shift property taxes from local governments to schools or community colleges, (iii) change how property tax revenues are shared among local governments without two-thirds approval of both houses of the State Legislature or (iv) decrease Vehicle License Fee revenues without providing local governments with equal replacement funding.

Proposition 22

Proposition 22, entitled "The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act," was approved by the voters of the State in November 2010. Proposition 22 amended the state Constitution to eliminate or reduce the State's authority to (i) temporarily shift property taxes from cities, counties and special districts to schools, (ii) use vehicle license fee revenues to reimburse local governments for State-mandated costs (the State will have to use other revenues to reimburse local governments), (iii) redirect property tax increment from redevelopment agencies to any other local government, (iv) use State fuel tax revenues to pay debt service on State transportation bonds, or (v) borrow or change the distribution of State fuel tax revenues. This Proposition was intended to, among other things, stabilize local government revenue sources by restricting the State's control over local property taxes.

Possible Future Initiatives

Articles XIII A, XIII B, XIII C and XIII D and Propositions 62, 111, 218, 1A and 22 were each adopted as measures that qualified for the ballot pursuant to the State's initiative process. From time to time other initiative measures could be adopted, further affecting revenues of the City or the City's ability to expend revenues. The nature and impact of these measures cannot be anticipated by the City.

LEGAL MATTERS

Tax Exemption

Federal Tax Status. In the opinion of Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, San Francisco, California, Bond Counsel, subject, however to the qualifications set forth below, under existing law, the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and such interest is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Bonds may be subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax. The Bonds are "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Tax Code**"), such that, in the case of certain financial institutions (within the meaning of section 265(b)(5) of the Tax Code), a deduction for federal income tax purposes is allowed for 80% of that portion of such financial institution's interest expense allocable to interest payable on the Bonds.

The opinions set forth in the preceding paragraph are subject to the condition that the City comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Tax Code**") that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest thereon be, and continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and in order for the Bonds to be "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Tax Code. The City has made certain representations and covenants in order to comply with each such requirement. Inaccuracy of those representations, or failure to comply with certain of those covenants, may cause the inclusion of such interest in gross income for federal income tax purposes, which may be retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds, or may cause the Bonds to not be "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Tax Code.

Tax Treatment of Original Issue Discount and Premium. If the initial offering price to the public at which a Bond is sold is less than the amount payable at maturity thereof, then such difference constitutes "original issue discount" for purposes of federal income taxes and State of California personal income taxes. If the initial offering price to the public at which a Bond is sold is greater than the amount payable at maturity thereof, then such difference constitutes "bond premium" for purposes of federal income taxes and State of California personal income taxes.

Under the Tax Code, original issue discount is treated as interest excluded from federal gross income and exempt from State of California personal income taxes to the extent properly allocable to each owner thereof subject to the limitations described in the first paragraph of this section. The original issue discount accrues over the term to maturity of the Bond on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded on each interest or principal payment date (with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates). The amount of original issue discount accruing during each period is added to the adjusted basis of such Bonds to determine taxable gain upon disposition (including sale, redemption, or payment on maturity) of such Bond. The Tax Code contains certain provisions relating to the accrual of original issue discount in the case of purchasers of the Bonds who purchase the Bonds after the initial offering of a substantial amount of such maturity. Owners of such Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Bonds with original issue discount, including the treatment of purchasers who do not purchase in the original offering to the public at the first price at which a substantial amount of such Bonds is sold to the public.

Under the Tax Code, bond premium is amortized on an annual basis over the term of the Bond (said term being the shorter of the Bond's maturity date or its call date). The amount of bond

premium amortized each year reduces the adjusted basis of the owner of the Bond for purposes of determining taxable gain or loss upon disposition. The amount of bond premium on a Bond is amortized each year over the term to maturity of the Bond on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded on each interest or principal payment date (with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates). Amortized Bond premium is not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Owners of premium Bonds, including purchasers who do not purchase in the original offering, should consult their own tax advisors with respect to State of California personal income tax and federal income tax consequences of owning such Bonds.

California Tax Status. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is exempt from California personal income taxes.

Other Tax Considerations. Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, clarification of the Tax Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or cause the Bonds to not be “qualified tax-exempt obligations,” or otherwise prevent beneficial owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any such legislative proposals, clarification of the Tax Code or court decisions may also affect the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposal might be enacted or whether, if enacted, such legislation would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment.

The opinions expressed by Bond Counsel are based upon existing legislation and regulations as interpreted by relevant judicial and regulatory authorities as of the date of such opinion, and Bond Counsel has expressed no opinion with respect to any proposed legislation or as to the tax treatment of interest on the Bonds, or as to the consequences of owning or receiving interest on the Bonds, as of any future date. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation, as to which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

Owners of the Bonds should also be aware that the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds may have federal or state tax consequences other than as described above. Other than as expressly described above, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding other federal or state tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds, the ownership, sale or disposition of the Bonds, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on the Bonds.

A copy of the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel for the Bonds is attached hereto as APPENDIX C.

Continuing Disclosure

The City will covenant for the benefit of owners of the Bonds to provide to the Electronic Municipal Market Access System (“**EMMA System**”) certain financial information and operating data relating to the City by not later than April 1 after the end of each fiscal year of the City (currently June 30th), commencing not later than April 1, 2024 with the report for the 2022-23 fiscal year (the “**Annual Report**”), and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain listed events. The specific nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Report or the notices of listed events is summarized in “APPENDIX D – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE.” These covenants have been made in order to assist the Purchaser in complying with the Rule. The Paying Agent has no obligation to enforce the undertakings of the City in the

Continuing Disclosure Certificate, and a failure by the City to provide any information required thereunder shall not constitute an Event of Default under the Paying Agency Agreement or the Resolution.

During the previous five year period, the City failed to timely financial notice of the incurrence of a financial obligation. The City has retained Urban Futures, Inc., as dissemination agent for its continuing disclosure undertakings and the undertakings of the Estero Municipal Improvement Corporation, including the undertaking to be entered into for the Bonds.

Absence of Material Litigation

No litigation is pending or threatened concerning the validity of the Bonds, and a certificate to that effect will be furnished to the purchasers at the time of the original delivery of the Bonds. The City is not aware of any litigation pending or threatened questioning the political existence of the City or contesting the City's ability to receive *ad valorem* taxes or to collect other revenues or contesting the City's ability to issue and repay the Bonds.

RATING

Upon issuance of the Bonds, Moody's will assign the Bonds a rating of "___."

The City has furnished to the rating agency information and material which has not been included in this Official Statement. Generally, rating agency base their ratings on information and material so furnished and on investigations, studies and assumptions made by the rating agency. The rating reflects only the view of such organization and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from the rating agency.

There is no assurance that the rating will continue for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such rating agency, if, in the judgment of such rating agency, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

The City has retained William Euphrat Municipal Finance, Inc., San Francisco, California, as its municipal advisor (the “**Municipal Advisor**”) in connection with the preparation of this Official Statement and with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor is not obligated to undertake, and have not undertaken to make, an independent verification or assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the information contained in this Official Statement. The Municipal Advisor is an independent registered municipal advisory firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities. The Municipal Advisor’s compensation is contingent upon the delivery of the Bonds.

UNDERWRITING

Purchase of the Bonds. Under the terms of a competitive bid, _____ (the “**Purchaser**”) has agreed to purchase the Bonds at a price of \$_____ (which is equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (\$_____), plus a [net] original issue premium of \$_____, less a Purchaser’s discount of \$_____). The Purchaser will purchase all of the Bonds if any are purchased, the obligation to make such purchase being subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in the “Official Notice of Sale,” including the approval of certain legal matters by counsel and certain other conditions.

Offering of the Bonds. The Purchaser intends to offer the Bonds to the public at the offering prices set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement. The Purchaser may offer and sell to certain dealers and others at a price lower than the offering prices stated on the inside cover page hereof. The offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Purchaser.

EXECUTION

The execution of this Official Statement and its delivery have been approved by the City Council.

CITY OF FOSTER CITY

By: _____
City Manager

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY AND SAN MATEO COUNTY

Introduction

The Estero Municipal Improvement District (the “**District**”) was created by the California State Legislature in 1960 as a general-purpose district with municipal power, including the power to issue municipal bonds. The Board of Directors of the District was created and issued over \$80 million in bonds to provide the infrastructure for a new, master-planned community, which was to be built on what then were a dairy farm and salt ponds adjacent to the San Francisco Bay. The bond proceeds were used to fill and reclaim the land and to finance construction of a man-made lagoon for storm drainage and recreation, a water system, a sewer system, a street system that included roads, bridges and streetlights, a parks system, and a fire station. The first residents of this new community, known as “Foster City,” moved into their homes in 1964.

The City of Foster City (the “**City**”), a general law city located in San Mateo County “(the “**County**”), was incorporated on April 27, 1971. Located on the San Francisco Peninsula, ten miles south of the San Francisco International Airport, the City encompasses a geographic area of 19.8 square miles, of which 16.1 square miles are part of San Francisco Bay and Belmont Slough, and 3.8 square miles are land. The total area of the City is comprised of approximately 81% water.

Population

Population figures for the City, County and State for the last five years are shown in the following table.

CITY OF FOSTER CITY Population Estimates As of January 1

Year	City of Foster City	County of San Mateo	State of California
2018	33,490	772,984	39,586,646
2019	33,693	774,231	39,695,376
2020	33,033	773,244	39,782,870
2021	33,842	751,596	39,303,157
2022	33,056	744,662	39,185,605

Source: State Department of Finance.

City Government

The City is a general law city and has a Council-Manager form of government. Policy-making and legislative authority are vested in a governing council consisting of the City Mayor and four other members. There are five City Council Members elected by seat number for staggered four-year terms, with a two-term limit. The City Manager is responsible for carrying out the policies and ordinances of the Council, for overseeing day-to-day operations of the City, and for appointing the heads of the various departments. The City Council appoints the City Manager, City Attorney, Planning Commissioners, and Citizen Advisory Committee Members. The City Council is

financially accountable for City operations. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report includes all funds of the City.

CITY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Accounting and Budgeting Systems

The City's financial picture is more readily understood with a general introduction to its accounting and budgeting systems. These systems provide the means for allocating available resources and for the proper control and recording of revenues and expenditures.

As part of an effort to maintain fiscal stewardship and financial accountability, the City uses a fully computerized accounting system. The accounting system is updated regularly to keep abreast of changing accounting techniques and principles. In developing, evaluating and maintaining the City's accounting system, consideration is given to the adequacy of internal controls. Internal controls are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding: 1) the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and 2) the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: 1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived, and 2) the evaluation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management. All internal control evaluations occur within the above framework. The City's internal accounting controls are designed to adequately safeguard assets and provide reasonable assurance of proper recording of financial transactions.

The City's budget is a detailed operating plan that identifies estimated costs and results in relation to estimated revenues. The budget includes: 1) the programs, projects, services and activities to be carried on during the fiscal year; 2) the estimated revenue available to finance the operating plan; and, 3) the estimated spending requirements of the operating plan. The budget represents a process where policy decisions by the City Council are made and then implemented. The City is required to adopt an annual budget on or before June 30 for the ensuing fiscal year. From the effective date of the budget, the amounts stated therein as proposed expenditures become appropriations to the various departments. All appropriations, with the exception of those for the capital improvement projects and debt service funds lapse and must be re-authorized at the end of the fiscal year if they have not been spent or legally committed.

The City maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embedded in the annual appropriated budget approved by the City Council. The City Council may amend the budget by resolution. The budget is adopted at the object level of expenditure within departments. The City Manager may transfer appropriations from one program, activity, or object to another within a department within the same fund but not between departments or funds. Accordingly, the lowest level of budgetary control established by the City Council is at the department level. The City also maintains an encumbrance accounting system as one technique of accomplishing budgetary control. Encumbered amounts lapse at year-end with the exception of the capital improvement projects and debt service funds.

The City, all its funds and the funds of certain other component entities of the City are audited annually by an accountancy corporation. The firm of Maze & Associates, Pleasant Hill, California, was the City's auditor (the "**Auditor**") for fiscal year 2021-22. The annual comprehensive financial report of the City for fiscal year 2021-22 is attached hereto as APPENDIX B. The City's current auditor is Badawi & Associates, Berkeley, California. *The City's financial*

statements are public documents and are included within this Official Statement without the prior approval of the Auditor.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“**GASB**”) published its Statement No. 34 “Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments” on June 30, 1999. Statement No. 34 provides guidelines to auditors, state and local governments and special purpose governments such as school districts and public utilities, on new requirements for financial reporting for all governmental agencies in the United States. Generally, the basic financial statements and required supplementary information should include (i) Management’s Discussion and Analysis; (ii) government-wide financial statements prepared using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting and fund financial statements prepared using both the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual method of accounting (governmental funds) and funds using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting (proprietary funds) and (iii) required supplementary information. The City’s financial statements are prepared in conformance with the requirements of Statement No. 34.

Cybersecurity

The City’s information technology infrastructure continuously faces cyber threats, including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware, ransomware, and data breaches. The City takes cybersecurity very seriously and has operational controls and multiple security measures to safeguard City’s data and infrastructure. There have been no known cybersecurity breaches so far; however, no assurances can be given that the security and operational control measures will be successful in guarding against all cyber threats.

For additional protection, the City carries cyber liability insurance through a joint powers authority, PLAN JPA. The cyber liability program provides coverage for both first- and third-party claims. First-party coverage includes privacy regulatory claims, security breach response, business income loss, dependent business income loss, digital asset restoration costs, and cyber-extortion threats, while third-party coverage includes privacy liability, network security liability, and multimedia liability. Members work directly with the reinsurer to investigate and respond to claims.

Based on its protections and available insurance coverage, the City does not believe that a cyberattack on the City’s information technology infrastructure would have a substantial impact on General Fund revenues.

Impact of COVID-19

As described in this Official Statement, while indications are that the COVID-19 pandemic is transitioning to an endemic stage, many variables will continue to contribute to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the recovery. The ultimate impact of COVID-19 on the City’s operations and finances is not fully known, and it may be some time before the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is known. The Bonds described in this Official Statement are not secured by the City’s General Fund, but rather are voter-approved general obligations of the City payable solely from the levy and collection of *ad valorem* property taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, and are not payable from the General Fund of the City.

Comparative Financial Statements

The following tables provide a recent history of the City's Comparative Balance Sheet, and both a recent history of General Fund revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and recently budgeted amounts. See "General Fund Budget" and "Long-Term Financial Plan" below.

CITY OF FOSTER CITY BALANCE SHEET GENERAL FUND (Fiscal Year Ended June 30)

	Actual <u>2018-19</u>	Actual 2019-20	Actual <u>2020-21</u>	Actual <u>2021-22</u>
ASSETS:				
Cash and investments	\$54,473,796	\$59,048,052	\$57,425,187	\$47,580,214
Receivables (net of allowance):				
Accrued interest	1,082,984	772,445	249,885	573,369
Intergovernmental	25,135	35,501	75,919	54,200
Taxes	2,839,404	2,815,977	3,056,384	3,901,456
Other	182,460	52,943	186,440	44,418
Due from other funds	--	--	--	--
Prepays and deposits	31,331	2,515	1,575	47,254
Inventory	16,900	16,900	16,900	16,900
Restricted cash and investments	295,118	236,274	341,557	470,349
Loans receivables, net of allowance	1,250,485	1,284,468	1,235,250	944,850
Lease receivable	--	--	--	1,194,159
Total assets	<u>60,197,613</u>	<u>64,265,075</u>	<u>62,589,097</u>	<u>54,827,169</u>
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	864,586	691,887	875,178	746,908
Accrued payroll	948,172	911,554	928,033	1,034,823
Refundable deposits	1,538,948	2,688,741	1,892,351	2,277,745
Unearned revenue	318,976	92,334	187,889	304,606
Total liabilities	<u>3,670,682</u>	<u>4,384,516</u>	<u>3,883,451</u>	<u>4,364,082</u>
Deferred inflows of resources				
Unavailable -loan receivable	1,250,485	1,284,468	1,234,854	944,850
Leases related	--	--	--	1,194,159
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,250,485</u>	<u>1,284,468</u>	<u>1,234,854</u>	<u>2,139,009</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Non-spendable	48,231	19,415	18,475	64,154
Restricted	26,384	15,296	24,823	25,857
Committed	3,013,410	7,702,504	4,447,532	4,214,692
Assigned	8,240	--	--	--
Unassigned	52,180,181	50,858,876	52,979,962	44,019,375
Total fund balances	<u>55,276,446</u>	<u>58,596,091</u>	<u>57,470,792</u>	<u>48,324,078</u>
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	 \$60,197,613	 \$64,265,075	 \$62,589,097	 \$54,827,169

Source: City of Foster City, Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports.

**CITY OF FOSTER CITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GENERAL FUND
(Fiscal Year Ended June 30)**

	Actual <u>2018-19</u>	Actual <u>2019-20</u>	Actual <u>2020-21</u>	Actual <u>2021-22</u>
REVENUES:				
Property taxes	\$33,612,508	\$35,186,668	\$37,060,897	\$38,971,732
Sales and use and sales tax in lieu	3,672,915	3,149,274	3,131,071	3,899,280
Transient occupancy tax	4,389,794	3,506,101	992,616	1,982,779
Franchise tax	1,151,822	1,213,162	1,185,308	1,219,963
Property transfer tax	318,825	279,650	310,457	492,247
License and permits	3,687,802	3,399,595	3,472,940	3,976,116
Intergovernmental [1]	439,720	349,953	707,668	4,203,575
Charges for current services	1,972,511	1,578,848	912,542	1,607,283
Fines and forfeitures	40,694	30,935	14,027	30,318
Investment and rental income [2]	3,203,612	2,272,144	960,201	191,671
Other	552,950	463,996	400,865	813,661
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>53,043,153</u>	<u>51,430,326</u>	<u>49,148,592</u>	<u>57,388,625</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	4,331,645	5,097,645	5,921,517	5,184,094
Public Safety-Police [3]	14,500,953	13,842,519	15,969,516	14,969,118
Public Safety-Fire [3]	11,269,360	9,389,379	11,931,423	10,861,609
Public works	2,368,294	2,551,159	2,321,554	2,407,202
Community development	2,619,519	2,708,698	3,434,512	2,947,704
Parks and recreation	8,773,920	9,353,239	10,524,051	9,653,922
Capital outlay	--	-	65,229	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>43,863,691</u>	<u>42,942,639</u>	<u>50,167,802</u>	<u>46,023,649</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	9,179,462	8,487,687	(1,019,210)	11,364,976
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	17,963	18,535	1,259,218	50,000
Transfers out [4]	(7,369,312)	(5,186,577)	(1,365,307)	(20,561,690)
Total other financing sources (uses) [5]	<u>(7,351,349)</u>	<u>(5,168,042)</u>	<u>(106,089)</u>	<u>(20,511,690)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,828,113	3,319,645	(1,125,299)	(9,146,714)
Fund Balance, July 1	<u>53,448,333</u>	<u>55,276,446</u>	<u>58,596,091 [4]</u>	<u>57,470,792</u>
Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$55,276,446</u>	<u>\$58,596,091</u>	<u>\$57,470,792</u>	<u>\$48,324,078</u>

[1] Fiscal year 2021-22 increase due to the receipt of approximately \$4.05 million of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds.

[2] Fiscal year 2018-19 investment income includes \$1.1 million mark-to-market improvement in unrealized gain/loss. Interest income increased by \$0.5 million due to higher yields. Rental income increased by \$0.4 million primarily due to one-time payment from Gilead.

[3] Fiscal year 2018-19 Public Safety-Police and Fire expenditures each increased by \$1.74 million due to \$3.48 million additional discretionary City payment to CalPERS to reduce public safety unfunded accrued liability.

[4] Total general funds decreased from 2019-20 to 2020-21 due to approximately \$19 million of capital improvement expenditures.

[5] Fiscal year 2018-19 Net Other Financing Uses include \$4.2 million to the City CIP Fund and \$3.0 million to the Building Maintenance Internal Service Fund.

Source: City of Foster City, Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports.

General Fund Budget

Budgetary Process and Administration. The following procedures are performed by the City in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the basic financial statements:

The City Manager submits to the City Council a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The budget is legally adopted through the passage of a resolution. The transfer of budget amounts between funds or departments are approved by the City Council. Transfer of budget amounts within one fund or one department must be approved by the City Manager. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the fiscal year for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.

The City uses the cash and encumbrance basis of accounting for budgetary purposes. Total expenditures of each governmental fund may not exceed fund appropriations at the department level. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of the budgetary process. Fund appropriations lapse at the end of each year. The City closes out all purchase orders, contracts and other commitments at year-end. Encumbrances are expected to be reappropriated in the following fiscal year.

Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund Budget. The City Council held budget study sessions on February 27, March 27, and May 8, 2023 to review and comment on the fiscal year 2023-24 preliminary budget. In recognition of the impending General Fund deficit for the upcoming fiscal year, direction was given by the City Council to place into effect one-time relief to the General Fund in the form of a \$439,000 funding "holiday" for the Equipment Replacement Fund and a \$375,000 funding reduction (a rollback to the FY 2022-23 funding of \$1.23 million) for the Vehicle Replacement Fund. A public hearing was then held on June 5, 2023, and the final fiscal year 2023-24 budget is scheduled for adoption on June 20, 2023. The following table shows the fiscal year 2023-24 preliminary General Fund budget.

**CITY OF FOSTER CITY
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
(Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24)**

Revenues by Source:	Adopted Budget 2022-23	Preliminary Budget 2023-24	Variance
Property tax	\$32,840,700	\$34,384,300	\$1,543,600
Excess ERAF	1,622,650	1,619,850	(2,800)
Transient occupancy tax	2,460,100	3,559,800	1,099,700
Property tax in-lieu of Vehicle License Fee	4,578,800	4,387,980	(190,820)
Sales tax	3,172,000	3,927,700	755,700
Business License Tax	1,481,100	1,615,500	134,400
Charges for current services - Recreation	1,236,508	1,526,935	290,427
Charges for current services - CDD	329,853	471,534	141,681
Permits	1,881,524	1,266,675	(614,849)
Franchise tax	1,259,700	1,266,200	6,500
Interest Income	513,100	1,521,700	1,008,800
Rentals - City/EMID	592,751	897,700	304,949
Rentals - Parks and Recreation	302,940	528,128	225,188
Other (Reimbursements, Street Sweeping, Fines, Other)	370,500	521,285	150,785
Other taxes (real property transfer tax)	304,900	311,000	6,100
Intergovernmental (SB90, Grants, ARPA, Other) [1]	4,185,520	140,000	(4,045,520)
Total Revenues	\$57,132,646	\$57,946,287	\$813,641
Projected Expenditures (see below)	53,521,483	56,377,887	2,856,404
Net revenues over (under) expenditures before transfers	3,611,163	1,568,400	(2,042,763)
Net Transfers In (Out)	(3,500,000)	(6,000,000)	(2,500,000)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	111,163	(4,431,600)	(4,542,763)
 Use of Reserves to balance budget	 --	 4,431,600	
Net Budget	\$111,163		

[1] Fiscal year 2022-23 Intergovernmental Revenues included the 2nd and final tranche of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID-19 relief funds of \$4.05 million, resulting in the FY 2023-24 budget variance.

	Adopted Budget 2022-23	Preliminary Budget 2023-24	Variance
Department Expenses			
Employee Services			
Salaries and Wages	\$18,786,080	\$19,887,227	\$1,101,147
PERS	9,012,453	9,198,715	186,262
Flex Allowance (Health)	3,157,985	3,564,940	406,955
Workers' Compensation	1,506,158	1,271,880	(234,278)
Other Employee Benefits	935,406	1,026,063	90,657
Total Employee Services	33,398,082	34,948,825	1,550,743
Supplies and Contract Services	15,679,988	16,682,965	1,002,977
Capital Outlay	75,000	40,000	(35,000)
Total Department Expenses	49,153,070	51,671,790	2,518,720
Internal Services Charges	7,851,446	7,704,958	(146,488)
Reallocation	(3,483,033)	(2,998,861)	484,172
Net Expenditures	\$53,521,483	\$56,377,887	\$2,856,404

Source: City of Foster City.

In response to a projected General Fund budget deficit of approximately \$4.43 million for fiscal year 2023-24, the City plans to use its available reserves (projected to be \$49.3 million at June 30, 2023, including a \$5.28 million surplus for fiscal year 2022-23) to bridge the shortfall.

The City's policy on the General Fund Reserve targets a range of 33 1/3% to 50% of the budgeted annual General Fund operating expenditures. The current General Fund Reserve balance (\$44.02 million) is 82.2% of the fiscal year 2022-23 budgeted General Fund operating expenditures. The use of General Fund Reserve will allow the City to balance its fiscal year 2023-24 budget, remain compliant with the City's General Fund Reserve target, and maintain service levels to the community.

General Fund Reserves (Unassigned Balances)

Reserve Policies. The City fiscal policies establish the framework upon which short and long-term financial decisions are made. In particular, it identifies the long-range goals needed for fiscal sustainability and guides the development of strategies necessary to achieve these goals. The City has established a reserve policy for its General Fund at a minimum level of 33 1/3 % to 50.0% of annual operating expenditures and for the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds a level of 25% of annual operating expenses. The reserve policy serves as a method to deter the City from spending beyond its sustainable means during periods of economic growth, while also providing the City a mechanism to maintain services at desired levels during economic downturns. In addition, a \$2 million emergency reserve is established for each of the three Capital Projects Funds programs; City, Water and Wastewater. The emergency reserve provides a level of financial resources for business continuity in the event of a catastrophic occurrence. Moreover, since fiscal year 2011-12, the City has provided long-term funding of capital improvement projects over a 10-year horizon. In fiscal year 2022-23, the time horizon was extended from 10 years to 15 years.

Projected Use of General Fund Reserves in Fiscal Year 2023-24. As described above, the City expects to rely on an approximately \$4.43 million transfer from the General Fund Reserve to balance its fiscal year 2023-24 budget, and the Reserve will remain above the minimum level of

33 1/3 % to 50.0% of annual operating expenditures following the transfer. See “-Long-Term Financial Plan” below for information about the City’s projected use of the General Fund Reserve in future fiscal years.

Historical General Fund Reserves. The following table details the City’s General Fund Unassigned Balances for fiscal years 2012-13 through 2021-22.

**CITY OF FOSTER CITY
General Fund Unassigned Balances
Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2013 – June 30, 2022**

<u>FY Ending June 30 of</u>	<u>Total General Fund Unassigned Balances</u>	<u>% Change From Prior Year</u>
2013	\$19,025,588	--%
2014	23,746,768	24.8
2015	30,303,100	27.6
2016	39,628,699	30.8
2017	43,397,590	9.5
2018	50,980,152	17.5
2019 ⁽¹⁾	52,180,181	2.4
2020	50,858,876	(2.5)
2021	52,979,962	4.2
2022 ⁽²⁾	44,019,375	(16.9)
Increase over Past 10 Years		\$24,993,787
% Change over Past 10 Years		131.4%
Aver Annual Change over Past 10 Years		10.8%
Aver. Annual Change over Past 5 Years		0.9%

- (1) After the following uses of \$7,582,562 of Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Surplus:
a) \$3,432,974 to pay down unfunded pension liability; b) \$2,716,614 to strengthen Building Maintenance Internal Service Fund reserves; c) \$716,487 to strengthen City CIP Fund reserves; d) \$716,487 to establish new City Facilities Replacement Fund.
- (2) Fiscal year 2021-22 includes a transfer out of approximately \$19 million to the capital improvement projects.

Source: City of Foster City, Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports.

Long-Term Financial Plan

General. The City has also established internal services funds to accumulate funding for vehicle and equipment replacement, information and technology equipment maintenance and replacement, building repairs and maintenance, self-insurance for legal liability, and post-employment medical benefits. This is another layer of the City long-term plan, not only to budget the true cost of operations from year-to-year, but also to accumulate resources to continue the high level of quality services for the future. As of June 30, 2022, the balance in the internal service funds was \$37.49 million, which was a \$2.31 million increase from the prior year.

The City has adopted a five-year financial projection model as its basis for developing a long-term financial plan. The plan takes into consideration various financial and economic factors received from multiple sources. Such information includes residential and commercial property

value trends, assessed valuation data, unemployment rates, consumer spending trends, consumer price indices, interest rates, investment performance of the CalPERS investment portfolio, State budget and financial forecasts, and qualitative data received from discussions and interviews with key business leaders in the City.

The City uses long-term financial planning to ensure stability through the ups-and-downs within economic cycles. It also allows decision makers to better understand the true effects of policy decisions. Through the City's long-term financial planning, it has built up its current General Fund Reserves to 82.2% of fiscal year 2022-23 operating expenditures.

Current Revenue Forecast. The preliminary five-year financial forecast set forth below was presented to the City Council on May 8, 2023 and reflects the revenue assumptions described in "Property Taxes" and "Other General Fund Revenues and Transfers."

Five-Year Expense Forecast. The City used the following expense assumptions in the five-year financial plan:

Full-time Employees. An increase of 5.0 full-time employees ("FTEs") for a Citywide total of 177 FTEs is recommended for fiscal year 2023-24.

Pension Costs. In December 2016, CalPERS announced a reduction in its Discount Rate (rate of return on its investment portfolio) from 7.5% to 7.0%. Then in February 2018, CalPERS modified its amortization policy for prospective investment gains and losses from 30 years to 20 years effective fiscal year 2021-22. Each of these changes are expected to add significant costs to government agencies, including the City. Based on CalPERS' 21.3% investment return in fiscal year 2020-21, the discount rate was further lowered to 6.8%, effective fiscal year 2023-24. The forecasted employer pension costs in the General Fund's 5-year financial plan are \$9.20 million for fiscal year 2022-23. However, due largely to CalPERS' 6.1% investment loss in fiscal year 2021-22, employer pension costs will increase significantly starting in fiscal year 2024-25. Projections are \$9.95 million for fiscal year 2024-25; \$10.12 million for fiscal year 2025-26; \$10.68 million for fiscal year 2026-27; and \$10.51 million for fiscal year 2027-28.

Over the past several years, the City has taken various actions to address the increase in CalPERS pension costs. The City made a \$3.48 discretionary payment in June 2019 and another \$7.5 million of discretionary payment in June 2021 to reduce its unfunded accrued liability.

Labor Agreements. The majority of the City's workforce falls under collective bargaining agreements. In fiscal year 2021-22, new two-year labor agreements were reached for full-time city employees, and an update was made to the unrepresented management employees' compensation and benefit plan. A 4% wage increase was made retroactive July 1, 2021 and a 5% increase was made effective July 1, 2022. A 2% placeholder for annual wage increases and applicable step increases have been included for fiscal year 2023-24 through fiscal year 2027-28, though such increases may be higher. Although a classification and compensation study was completed and accepted by the City Council in May, the 5-year financial plan does not include fiscal impacts from potential wage and/or benefit adjustments from pending and future labor negotiations with the labor units. Such adjustments, if any may require supplemental budget augmentations to the fiscal year 2022-23 budget as well as the fiscal year 2023-24 budget. See "- Labor Relations" below.

Supplies and Services, Capital Outlay, Internal Service Charges, and Reallocations. An overall 4.3% increase in general fund supplies and service costs for fiscal year 2023-24 as a result of one-time expenditures and an inflationary environment. This is followed by an assumption of a return to a moderate 2% annual increase for the subsequent four years of the proposed 5-year financial plan.

**CITY OF FOSTER CITY
GENERAL FUND (FUND 001 to 003)
FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2028**

Revenues by Source:	Budgeted	Projected	FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN				
	2022-23	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Property Tax	\$32,840,700	\$33,058,500	34,384,300	\$35,301,400	\$36,279,440	\$37,457,720	\$38,672,140
Excess ERAF	1,622,650	3,176,200	1,619,850	1,652,250	1,685,300	1,719,000	1,753,400
Transient occupancy tax*	2,460,100	3,242,700	3,559,800	4,016,700	4,401,400	4,774,200	5,020,200
Property tax in-lieu of VLF	4,578,800	5,654,300	4,387,980	5,217,800	5,348,500	5,482,500	5,619,800
Sales tax	3,172,000	3,840,000	3,927,700	4,093,700	4,264,600	4,422,500	4,567,300
Business License Tax	1,481,100	1,583,800	1,615,500	1,647,800	1,680,800	1,714,400	1,748,700
Charges for current services - Recreation	1,236,508	1,506,677	1,526,935	1,553,835	1,561,250	1,665,933	1,891,515
Charges for current services - Community Development Dept.	329,853	355,753	471,534	587,312	290,244	322,227	340,031
Permits	1,881,524	1,881,524	1,266,675	2,574,435	1,030,448	1,087,821	1,151,231
Franchise tax	1,259,700	1,241,400	1,266,200	1,291,600	1,317,400	1,343,800	1,370,600
Interest Income	513,100	975,782	1,521,700	1,215,800	1,072,100	908,500	772,300
Rentals - City/EMID	592,751	894,400	897,700	601,100	304,600	308,200	311,800
Rentals - Parks and Recreation	302,940	447,361	528,128	484,176	484,176	693,599	744,690
Other (Reimbursements, Street Sweeping, Fines, Other)	370,500	546,585	521,285	524,985	528,685	532,485	450,628
Other taxes (real property transfer tax)	304,900	304,900	311,000	317,200	323,500	330,000	336,600
Intergovernmental (SB90, Grants, Other)	4,185,520	4,193,520	140,000	140,800	141,600	142,400	143,300
Total Revenues	\$57,132,646	\$62,903,402	\$57,946,287	\$61,220,893	\$60,713,943	\$62,905,285	\$64,894,235
Projected Expenditures	53,521,483	54,144,472	56,377,887	59,179,686	59,364,212	60,794,935	61,568,985
Net revenues over (under) expenditures before transfers	3,611,163	8,758,930	1,568,400	2,041,207	1,349,731	2,110,350	3,325,250
Net Transfers In (Out)	(3,500,000)	(3,478,713)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	111,163	5,280,217	(4,431,600)	(3,958,793)	(4,650,269)	(3,889,650)	(2,674,750)
Opening Fund Balance	44,019,375	44,019,375	49,299,592	44,867,992	40,909,199	36,258,930	32,369,280
Ending Fund Balance (Reserves)	\$44,130,538	\$44,299,592	\$44,867,992	\$40,909,199	\$36,258,930	\$32,369,280	\$29,694,530
Reserve Balance as % of Next Year's Operating Expenditures	78.3%	87.4%	75.8%	68.9%	59.6%	52.6%	47.3%

* Includes voter approved TOT Revenue Measure in November 2018. 11% effective January 1, 2019, then 12% effective July 1, 2019.
(1) Expenditures for fiscal year 2023-24 represent proposed appropriations; expenditures for fiscal year 2023-24 to fiscal year 2027-28 are projections.
(2) The City is able to meet the City Council Reserve Policy of 33 1/3% to 50% in each year of the 5-year financial plan.
(3) The City received the second and final tranche of America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in fiscal year 2022-23 for \$4,054,920

**CITY OF FOSTER CITY
GENERAL FUND (FUND 001 TO 003) EXPENDITURES DETAIL
FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2028**

	Budgeted	Projected	FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN				
	2022-23	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department Expenses							
<i>Employee Services</i>	\$33,398,082	\$33,399,261	\$34,948,825	\$36,291,673	\$36,870,865	\$37,862,395	\$38,180,949
Salaries and Wages	18,786,080	18,752,140	19,887,227	20,321,341	20,704,798	21,115,175	21,623,094
PERS	9,012,453	9,017,223	9,198,715	9,950,641	10,124,660	10,683,688	10,506,404
Flex Allowance	3,157,985	3,148,184	3,564,940	3,577,368	3,577,368	3,557,368	3,546,492
Workers Compensation	1,506,158	1,506,466	1,271,880	1,390,837	1,400,081	1,409,510	1,419,128
Other	935,406	975,248	1,026,063	1,051,486	1,063,958	1,076,654	1,085,831
<i>Supplies and Contract Services</i>	15,679,988	16,301,012	16,682,965	16,996,252	17,292,519	17,638,625	17,991,345
<i>Capital Outlay</i>	75,000	75,000	40,000	--	--	--	--
Total department expenses	\$49,153,070	\$49,775,273	\$51,671,790	\$53,287,925	\$54,163,384	\$55,501,020	\$56,172,294
Internal Services Charges	7,581,446	7,852,232	7,704,958	9,548,402	8,920,448	9,090,438	9,264,666
Reallocation	(3,483,033)	(3,483,033)	(2,998,861)	(3,058,541)	(3,120,020)	(3,182,423)	(3,246,075)
Net Expenditures	\$53,521,483	\$54,144,472	\$56,377,887	\$59,777,486	\$59,963,812	\$61,409,035	\$62,190,085
Less: Expected Expenditure Savings	--	--	--	(597,800)	(599,600)	(614,100)	(621,900)
Projected Expenditures	\$53,521,483	\$54,144,472	\$56,377,887	\$59,179,686	\$59,364,212	\$60,794,035	\$61,568,985

Source: City of Foster City fiscal year 2023-24 five-year forecast.

State Budget and its Impact on the City

General. The General Fund receives amounts from the State that could impact the services provided by the City. State budgets will be affected by national and state economic conditions and other factors over which the City has no control. To the extent that the State budget process results in reduced revenues to the City, the City will be required to make adjustments to its budget. Decreases in such revenues may have an adverse impact on the City's ability to pay the Bonds.

Fiscal Year 2022-23 State Budget. On June 30, 2022, the Governor signed the fiscal year 2022-23 State Budget (the "2022-23 State Budget"), a \$308 billion spending plan, including \$234.4 billion in general fund spending, and a historic \$100 billion budget surplus. The 2022-23 State Budget includes significant general fund investments, provides for tax rebates to millions of taxpayers, and provides for a \$37.2 billion reserve.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 State Budget. On January 10, 2023, the Governor presented a proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-24 to the State legislature (the "2023-24 Proposed State Budget"). The State is facing an estimated budget gap of \$22.5 billion, forecasting general fund revenues at \$22.5 billion below the fiscal year 2022-23 budget act projections. The \$297 billion budget proposes a variety of methods, including \$7.4 billion in funding delays, \$5.7 billion in reductions and pullbacks, \$4.3 billion in fund shifts, \$3.9 billion in trigger reductions and \$1.2 billion in limited revenue generation and borrowing, to address the projected shortfall.

The 2023-24 Proposed State Budget allocates \$35.6 billion in total reserves, including \$22.4 billion in the State's Budget Stabilization Account, fulfilling the constitutional minimum mandatory deposit and requiring \$951 million to be dedicated to infrastructure investments in fiscal year 2023-24. The 2023-24 Proposed State Budget accelerates paydown of State retirement liabilities, with \$1.9 billion in additional payments in fiscal year 2023-24 and

approximately \$5.3 billion projected to be paid over the next three years. In addition to addressing the \$22.5 billion budget shortfall, the 2023-24 Proposed State Budget utilizes a number of resiliency measures to close shortfalls projected in the coming years.

Impact of State Budget on City. The City receives a portion of its funding from the State. The City's projects that less than 2% of the City's total General Fund revenues will come from State sources.

Voters approved Proposition 1A in November 2004 to amend the State Constitution to place constraints on the State's ability to divert certain specified revenues from local agencies to the State. Subsequently, in November 2010, voters approved Proposition 22 to amend the State Constitution to further constrain or eliminate the State's ability to redirect revenues from local agencies. "CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING CITY REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS – Proposition 1A" and "– Proposition 22."

Information about the fiscal year 2022-23 State Budget, the 2023-24 Proposed State Budget, and other State budgets are available at www.ebudget.ca.gov. An impartial analysis of the budget is posted by the Legislative Analyst Office at www.lao.ca.gov. In addition, various State official statements, many of which contain a summary of the current and past State budgets, may be found at the website of the State Treasurer, www.treasurer.ca.gov. *The information referred to in this paragraph is prepared by the respective State agency maintaining each website and not by the City or Purchaser, and the City and Purchaser take no responsibility for the continued accuracy of the Internet addresses or for the accuracy or timeliness of information posted there, and such information is not incorporated in this Official Statement by these references.*

Property Taxes

Over the past 12 fiscal years, from fiscal year 2009-10 to fiscal year 2021-22, property tax revenues (excluding ERAF refunds) grew annually in the range of 2.5% to 22.3%. Under the provisions of Proposition 13, County Assessors make increases to the assessment rolls based on an inflation factor, the California Consumer Price Index, not to exceed 2%. The inflation factor used for fiscal year 2023-24 will be 2%. Based on preliminary assessed values tracked by the County Assessor's Office, the City is projecting fiscal year 2023-24 property tax revenues to increase 3.99% to \$34.38 million from its fiscal year 2022-23 estimate of \$33.06 million. In the five-year financial plan, the City has forecasted a 2.5% increase in property tax revenues for fiscal year 2024-25 through fiscal year 2027-28 plus additional property taxes from the completion of development projects.

See Table 1 in the main body of the Official Statement for a history of assessed values in the City.

The County levies (except for levies to support prior voter-approved indebtedness) and collects all property taxes for property falling within the County's taxing boundaries.

Property Tax in Lieu of Vehicle License Fees. The City's 2023-24 budget includes property tax in lieu of vehicle license fees ("VLF"), however, there is a potential change to the distribution formula used for excess ERAF and property tax in lieu of vehicle license fees, both currently pending evaluation with the County and State. Changes in the distribution formulas may reduce total property tax receipts by approximately \$670,000 in fiscal year 2023-24. See "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS – ERAF Shift Legislation" in the body of this Official Statement for additional information.

The County has incurred four consecutive VLF shortfalls since fiscal year 2019-20. Historically, the State has made counties and cities whole by reimbursing in-lieu VLF shortfalls through a special appropriation in the State budget. This appropriation ensures that all counties and cities receive their full in-lieu VLF payment required by law. An appropriation to cover the County's shortfall for the fiscal year 2021-22, was not included in the 2023-24 Proposed State Budget, which is the first the first time the state has failed to include a backfill of these revenues since the passage of Proposition 1A in 2004. The County, on behalf of itself and its 20 cities, has continued to advocate with the State's legislative leaders to include the backfill in their version of the FY 2023-24 state budget. The City's preliminary budget assumes that the State will continue to provide the VLF backfill to the County and the City. If the State's final fiscal year 2023-24 budget excludes the backfill, the estimated loss to Foster City is approximately \$677,000. In addition, as of April 11, 2023, the County's projected VLF shortfall for fiscal year 2022-23 is \$1,397,297 for the City.

Other General Fund Revenues and Transfers.

Sales and Use Tax. The sales tax is an excise tax imposed on retailers for the privilege of selling or leasing tangible personal property. The use tax is an excise tax imposed for the storage, use, or other consumption of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer. The total sales tax rate within the City is currently 9.375%. The proceeds of sales and uses taxes imposed within the City are distributed by the State to various agencies, with the City receiving 1.0% of the amount collected.

Collection of the sales and use tax is administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration ("**CDTFA**"). Under its procedures, the CDTFA projects receipts of the sales and use tax on a quarterly basis and remits an advance of the receipts of the sales and use tax to the City on a monthly basis. The amount of each monthly advance is based upon the CDTFA's quarterly projection. During the last month of each quarter, the CDTFA adjusts the amount remitted to reflect the actual receipts of the sales and use tax for the previous quarter. The CDTFA receives an administrative fee based on the cost of services provided by the CDTFA to the City in administering the City's sales tax, which is deducted from revenue generated by the sales and use tax before it is distributed to the City.

Total taxable sales during the first three quarters of calendar year 2022 in the City were reported to be \$249,033,275, a 40.64% increase from the total taxable sales of \$177,075,895 reported during the first three quarters of calendar year 2021.

**CITY OF FOSTER CITY
TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS
(Figures in Thousands)**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Retail and Food Services:					
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾
Home Furniture and Appliances	28,661	25,988	18,114	16,704	22,714
Bldg. Materials, Farm Implements	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾
Food and Beverage Stores	16,723	14,452	15,827	15,761	14,947
Gasoline Stations	26,139	29,455	28,631	12,736	21,755
Apparel Stores	364	179	104	148	143
General Merchandise Stores	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾	n/a ⁽¹⁾
Food Services and Drinking Places	51,243	58,811	60,701	38,682	48,660
Other Retail Stores	93,493 ⁽²⁾	117,381	116,660 ⁽²⁾	104,640 ⁽²⁾	111,904 ⁽²⁾
Total Retail and Food Services	216,622	247,266	240,036	188,671	220,122
All Other Outlets	60,951	62,645	47,841	33,536	46,498
TOTAL ALL OUTLETS	277,574	309,911	287,877	222,208	266,620

(1) Sales omitted because their publication would result in the disclosure of confidential information.

(2) Adjusted for disclosures.

Source: State Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Factors that have historically affected sales tax revenues include the overall economic growth of the Bay Area, competition from neighboring cities, the growth of specific industries within the City, the City's business attraction and retention efforts, and catalog and Internet sales. Revenues from sales and use taxes is projected to be \$3.93 million in fiscal year 2023-24 compared to a projected \$3.84 million in fiscal year 2021-23 as the City has exceeded its pre-pandemic fiscal year 2018-19 level of \$3.67 million.

Transient Occupancy Tax. The City imposes a transient occupancy tax ("TOT") of 12% on temporary guests staying at the City's three hotels: Crowne Plaza, Marriott Courtyard, and Towne Place Suites. Based on voter passage of Measure TT in November 2018, the City's TOT rate is 12%.

As one of the City's most elastic revenue sources, TOT recovery was initially slow but has since accelerated. Fiscal year 2020-21 taxes plummeted to \$993,000 from \$4.39 million in fiscal year 2018-19, before rebounding to \$1.98 million in fiscal year 2021-22. TOT revenues are projected to climb to an estimated \$3.24 million in fiscal year 2022-23, and \$3.56 million in fiscal year 2023-24.

Business License Tax. The Business License Tax Ordinance was updated in November 2013 based on voter approval. The increased minimum tax rates and maximum revenue caps upon which the tax is calculated was phased in over a three-year period from calendar year 2014 to 2016.

Fiscal Years 2022-23 revenues are estimated at \$1.58 million and still below the fiscal year 2018-19 level of \$1.76 million. The City had considered an increase in the gross receipts cap for a potential November 2022 ballot measure, but decided to revisit it for the November 2024 election cycle.

Investment Earnings. With the multitude of Federal Reserve rate hikes since March 2022, staff has escalated its investment returns assumption to 3.5% for fiscal year 2023-24 while continuing to prioritize its investment objectives based on safety, liquidity, and then yield.

Employee Retirement System

The City participates in two pension plans administered by the California Public Employees Retirement System (“**CalPERS**”). The first is an agent multiple-employer defined benefit plan for its miscellaneous employees (the “**Miscellaneous Plan**”) and the second is its cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan for its safety employees (the “**Safety Plan**”). An agent multiple-employer plan is one in which the assets of the participating government employers are pooled for investment purposes but separate accounts are maintained for each individual employer. A cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan is a plan in which the pension obligations to the employees of more than one employer are pooled and pension plan assets can be used to pay benefits of the employees of any employer that provides pensions through the plan.

Plan Descriptions. All qualified permanent employees are eligible to participate in the City’s Safety Plan (police and fire employees) and the Miscellaneous Plan (all other employees) agent multiple employer defined benefit pension plans administered by CalPERS.

The Miscellaneous Plan is an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which acts as a common investment and administrative agent for its participating member employers. Benefit provisions under the Plans are established by State statute and City resolution. CalPERS issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the pension plans regarding benefit provisions, assumptions and membership information that can be found on the CalPERS website.

The City’s Safety Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by CalPERS since the plan has less than 100 active members, commonly referred to as risk pool. The City has three retirement benefit tiers in the Safety Plan. Tier 1 is for employees hired prior to January 1, 2012. Tier 2 is for employees hired between January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. Tier 3 is for employees hired on or after January 1, 2013.

Benefits Provided. CalPERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments and death benefits to plan members, who must be public employees, and their beneficiaries. Benefits are based on years of credited service, equal to one year of full-time employment, age and the average of the final 3 years’ compensation. Members with five years of total service are eligible to retire at age 50 with statutorily reduced benefits. All members are eligible for non-duty disability benefits after 10 years of service. The death benefit is one of the following: the Basic Death Benefit, the 1959 Survivor Benefit, or the Optional Settlement 2W Death Benefit. The cost of living adjustments for each plan are applied as specified by the Public Employees’ Retirement Law.

The plans provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2022, are summarized in the following tables.

	Miscellaneous -Classic-	Miscellaneous -PEPRA-
	Prior to	On or after
	1/1/2013	1/1/2013
Hire date		

Benefit formula	2.7%@55	2%@62
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years service	5 years service
Benefit payments	Monthly for life	Monthly for life
Retirement age	55	62
Final Compensation period	Three year	Three year
Monthly benefits, as a % of annual salary	2% to 2.7%	1% to 2.5%
Required employee contribution rate	8.00%	6.25%
Required employer contribution rate*	38.840%	38.840%
Total employee contribution rate FY 2021-22	\$605,548	\$289,705
Total employer contribution rate FY 2021-22	\$4,193,547	\$497,397

*Including Unfunded Actuarial Liability contribution rate.
Source: City of Foster City.

	Safety -Classic- -	Safety -Classic- (Police)	Safety -PEPRA-
	Prior to	On or after	On or after
Hire date	1/1/2012	1/1/2012	1/1/2013
Benefit formula	3%@50	2%@50	2.7%@57
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years service	5 years service	5 years service
Benefit payments	Monthly for life	Monthly for life	Monthly for life
Retirement age	50	50	57
Final Compensation period	Three year	Three year	Three year
Monthly benefits, as a % of annual salary	9%	9%	13.00%(police)
Required employee contribution rate	8.99%	8.95%	13.00%
Required employer contribution rate*	22.480%	18.190%	13.13%(Police) 0.00%(Fire)
Total employee contribution rate FY 2021-22	\$255,827	\$23,273	\$296,293
Total employer contribution rate FY 2021-22	\$4,012,998	\$54,356	\$326,980

*Including Unfunded Actuarial Liability contribution rate.
Source: City of Foster City.

Employees Covered. The following employees were covered by the benefit terms of the Miscellaneous Plan as of the most recent actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2020; information for the Safety Plans was not provided from CalPERS for cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans.

	Miscellaneous*
Inactive Employees or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	220
Inactive Employees Entitled to but not yet Receiving Benefits	164
Active Employees	126
Total	510

* All tiers of the Miscellaneous and Safety Plans were combined together on GASB 68 report by CalPERS.

Contributions. Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law requires that the employer contribution rates for all public employers are determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective on the July 1 following notice of change in the rate. Funding contributions for both Plans are determined annually on an actuarial basis as of June 30 by CalPERS. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The City is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rates of employees.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the contributions to the Plans were as follows:

	Miscellaneous*	Safety Plans*	Total
Contributions-employer	\$4,690,944	\$4,394,334	\$9,085,278
Contributions-employee	897,253	575,393	1,472,646

* All tiers of the Miscellaneous and Safety Plans were combined together on GASB 68 report by CalPERS.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs. The City's net pension liabilities of \$21,542,718 was measured as of June 30, 2021, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified: inflation 2.50%, discount rate 7.15%, payroll growth 2.75%, and an investment rate of return of 7.00%, net of pension plan investment and administrative expense, including inflation. Projected salary increases vary by entry age and service. Mortality rates were derived using CalPERS membership data for all funds and the mortality table used was developed based on CalPERS specific data. The table includes 15 years of mortality improvement using Society of Actuaries Scale 90% of Scale MP 2016.

Pension Expense. At June 30, 2022, the City recognized pension expense of \$3,220,816 for the Miscellaneous Plan and pension expense of \$7,327,264 for the Safety Plan, with a total pension expense of \$10,548,080. These expenses include the contributions made post measurement date of June 30, 2021.

For more information regarding the City's pension plans, see Note 9 of APPENDIX B to the Official Statement.

As described above, the City has taken various actions to address the increase in CalPERS pension costs. In June, 2019, the City made a discretionary payment of \$3.48 million to reduce its unfunded pension liability with CalPERS. In June 2021 City Council authorized another \$7.5 million discretionary payment to further reduce its liability. The combination of CalPERS' 21.3% investment returns for fiscal year 2020-21 and the additional discretionary payments helped lower the City's Unfunded Accrued Liability from an estimated \$92.1 million to \$64.1 million and its pension funded status to approximately 81.2% as of June 30, 2021.

Recent Actions Taken by CalPERS. On February 18, 2014, the CalPERS Board (the "CalPERS Board") approved new demographic actuarial assumptions based on a 2013 study of recent experience. The largest impact, applying to all benefit groups, is a new 20-year mortality projection reflecting longer life expectancies and that longevity will continue to increase. Because retirement benefits will be paid out for more years, the cost of those benefits will increase as a result. The CalPERS Board also assumed earlier retirements for Police 3% at age 50, Fire 3% at age 55, and Miscellaneous 2.7% at age 55 and 3% at age 60, which will increase costs for those groups. As a result of these changes, rates increased beginning in fiscal year 2016-17 (based on the June 30, 2014 valuation) with full impact in fiscal year 2020-21.

On November 18, 2015, the CalPERS Board adopted a funding risk mitigation policy intended to incrementally lower its discount rate – its assumed rate of investment return – in years of good investment returns, help pay down the pension fund's unfunded liability, and provide greater predictability and less volatility in contribution rates for employers. The policy established a mechanism to reduce the discount rate by a minimum of 0.05 percentage points to a maximum of 0.25 percentage points in years when investment returns outperform the existing discount rate, currently 7.0%, by at least four percentage points. CalPERS staff modeling anticipates the policy will result in a lowering of the discount rate to 6.5% in about 21 years, improve funding levels gradually over time and cut risk in the pension system by lowering the volatility of investment returns. More information about the funding risk mitigation policy can be accessed through CalPERS' web site at the following website address: <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/docs/funding-risk-mitigation-policy.pdf>

The reference to this Internet website is provided for reference and convenience only. The information contained within the website may not be current, has not been reviewed by the City, and is not incorporated in this Official Statement by reference.

On December 21, 2016, the CalPERS Board voted to lower its discount rate from 7.5% to 7.0% over the next three years according to the following schedule.

<u>Valuation Date</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Required Contribution</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>
June 30, 2016	2018-19	7.375%
June 30, 2017	2019-20	7.250
June 30, 2018	2020-21	7.000

For public agencies like the City, the new discount rate began increasing contribution costs in fiscal year 2018-19. Lowering the discount rate means employers that contract with CalPERS to administer their pension plans will see increases in their normal costs and unfunded actuarial liabilities and that active members hired on or after January 1, 2013, under PEPRA will see their contribution rates rise. The three-year reduction of the discount rate resulted in average employer rate increases of about 1 percent to 3 percent of normal cost as a percent of payroll for most miscellaneous retirement plans, and a 2 percent to 5 percent increase for most safety plans. Additionally, many CalPERS employers saw a 30 to 40 percent increase in their current unfunded accrued liability payments. These payments were made to amortize unfunded liabilities over 20 years to bring the pension fund to a fully funded status over the long-term.

On November 15, 2021, the CalPERS Board selected a new asset allocation mix that will guide the fund’s investment portfolio for the next four years, while at the same time retaining the reduction of discount rate from 7.0% to 6.8%. Notable changes for employers include a decrease in median total employer contribution rates, from less than 1% in miscellaneous plans to a decrease of more than 2% in some safety plans. Contribution changes will take effect in fiscal year 2023-24 for public agencies.

Other Post-Employment Retirement Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description. All City employees, their surviving spouses, and eligible dependents can continue to participate in the health care program under the provisions of the formal City-sponsored single employer plan at their own cost (the “Plan”). The City will only contribute the minimum amount provided under Government Code Section 22825 of the Public Employee Medical and Hospital Care Act by which, the City paid \$143 and \$149 per month per family for the period from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022, respectively. The City’s contribution for fiscal year 2022 amounted to \$417,873 which included \$242,899 implied subsidy benefit payment. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75.

Membership of the Plan consists of 159 active employees, 132 inactive employees receiving benefits, and 67 inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs. Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive Plan (the Plan as understood by the employer and the Plan participants) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and Plan participants to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to

reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

For the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation, the entry age normal actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 3.69% discount rate and a 2.50% general inflation assumption. The healthcare cost trend rate minimum was assumed to annually increase by 2.75%. The valuation includes implied subsidy as required by Actuarial Standards of Practice No. 6. The UAAL is amortized as a level percentage of projected payrolls over 15 years on a closed basis commencing in 2014.

Changes in Total OPEB Liability. The components of the total OPEB liability were as follows:

CITY OF FOSTER CITY Total OPEB Liability	Total OPEB Liability
Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$11,081,957
Service Cost	655,321
Interest on the Total OPEB liability	221,344
Differences between expected and actual experience	(1,567)
Changes of assumptions	(2,135,304)
Benefit Payments	(174,974)
Implicit Rate Subsidy Fulfilled	(242,899)
Net Changes	<u>(1,678,079)</u>
Balance as of June 30, 2022	<u>\$9,403,878</u>

Source: City of Foster City.

OPEB Expense. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the City recognized an OPEB expense of \$819,578, which includes deferred outflow of resources as of June 30, 2022.

For more information regarding the City's OPEB and assumptions used in its most recent actuarial study, see Note 9 of Appendix B to the Official Statement.

Labor Relations

As of April 1, 2023, the City’s actual employee count was approximately 158 full-time and 23 part-time employees. There are two employee unions as shown below. In addition, the City employs approximately 48 unrepresented management employees. The City has not experienced any work stoppages or strikes by its employees.

The City has recently engaged in labor negotiations with FCPOA, recognizing that each of its labor agreements expire on June 30, 2023. A City Council closed session has been scheduled for the unrepresented management employees in June, but no meetings have been scheduled with the AFSCME unit yet.

CITY OF FOSTER CITY Labor Relations

<u>Labor Organization</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date⁽¹⁾</u>
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (“ AFSCME ”)	71	June 30, 2023
Foster City Police Officers Association (“ FCPOA ”)	39	June 30, 2023

(1) Terms of contract remain in effect after expiration until new contract becomes effective.
Source: *City of Foster City*.

Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City is self-insured for general liability claims up to \$100,000. General liability claims in excess of \$100,000 are insured with PLAN JPA, a joint powers agency for the funding and pooling of insurance coverage. PLAN JPA is a self-insured public-entity risk pool. Workers’ compensation claims are insured with The Cities Group, a joint powers agency for the funding and pooling of insurance coverage. The Cities Group purchases third-party commercial insurance to cover for the claims at the limit \$2,485,000 with an excess layer of \$10,000,000 per incident by reinsurance contracts for all employees. Charges to the General Fund for general liability claims are determined from an analysis of self-insured claim costs. Such charges are recorded as expenditures in the General Fund and revenues in the Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund. The City considers incurred but not reported claims in determining if an accrual for loss contingencies is required for claims.

Settled claims have not exceeded the City’s excess coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. Claims expenses and liabilities are reported for self-insured deductibles when it is probable that a loss has occurred, the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated and includes incremental claim expenses. Allocated and unallocated claims adjustment expenses are included in the claims liability balance. These losses include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported. At June 30, 2022, the liability for general liability self-insurance claims was \$100,000.

City Debt

The City has previously issued general obligation bonds that are secured by ad valorem taxes levied and collected in the City. See “DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULES – Combined Debt Service Schedule” in the front part of this Official Statement for a summary of the City’s outstanding general obligations.

Employment

The City is included in the San Francisco-Redwood City-South San Francisco Metropolitan Division (“MD”). The unemployment rate in the MD was 2.8% in February 2023, up from a revised 2.7% in January 2023, and below the year-ago estimate of 3.0%. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8% for California and 3.9% for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 2.8% in San Mateo County.

The following table summarizes the civilian labor force, employment, and unemployment in the MD for the calendar years 2017 through 2021.

**SAN FRANCISCO-REDWOOD CITY-SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO METROPOLITAN DIVISION
(SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES)
Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment
(March 2021 Benchmark)**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Civilian Labor Force ⁽¹⁾	1,008,000	1,017,500	1,037,700	995,900	977,200
Employment	979,200	993,600	1,015,200	920,600	929,900
Unemployment	28,800	23,900	22,500	75,300	47,200
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	2.3%	2.2%	7.6%	4.8%
<u>Wage and Salary Employment:</u> ⁽²⁾					
Agriculture	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,700
Mining and Logging	100	100	200	200	200
Construction	39,800	42,400	44,400	42,600	41,100
Manufacturing	41,300	40,900	41,100	37,900	37,200
Wholesale Trade	25,000	25,200	24,500	21,700	21,400
Retail Trade	82,100	81,400	79,500	68,200	67,700
Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	44,200	47,700	51,200	46,100	46,000
Information	76,400	85,200	97,500	105,300	112,200
Finance and Insurance	59,300	60,900	62,200	61,900	62,600
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21,600	22,200	23,800	21,000	20,400
Professional and Business Services	271,800	282,700	293,900	282,900	283,800
Educational and Health Services	136,000	138,900	146,100	142,100	145,800
Leisure and Hospitality	142,400	143,600	147,500	90,100	91,300
Other Services	41,100	41,400	41,500	32,500	33,600
Federal Government	17,600	16,900	16,600	17,000	16,200
State Government	36,100	37,000	37,900	38,300	40,500
Local Government	76,200	77,500	77,100	73,300	72,500
Total, All Industries ⁽³⁾	1,112,700	1,145,800	1,186,500	1,082,500	1,094,200

(1) Labor force data is by place of residence; includes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, and workers on strike.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, and workers on strike.

(3) Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: State of California Employment Development Department.

The following tables show the major employers in the City and the County.

**CITY OF FOSTER CITY
Major Employers
June 30, 2022**

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>% of Total Employment</u>
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	5,747	33.19%
Visa U.S.A. Inc.	2,863	16.53
Visa Technology & Operations LLC, FKA Inovant LLC	1,094	6.32
Cybersource Corporation	427	2.47
CSG Consultants, Inc.	329	1.90
Sledgehammer Games Inc.	304	1.76
Coscto Wholesale Corporation	276	1.59
IBM Corporation	248	1.43
Qualys Inc	240	1.39
Penninsula Jewish Community Center	231	1.33

Source: City of Foster City, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022.

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Major Employers
(Listed Alphabetically)
April 2023

Employer Name	Location	Industry
Bart Daly City Station	Daly City	Transit Lines
Box Inc	Redwood City	Prepackaged Software
Electric Charging Station	Menlo Park	Research Service
Electronic Arts Inc	Redwood City	Game Designers (mfrs)
Fisher Investments	San Mateo	Investment Management
Fisher Investments	Woodside	Investment Management
Forced Dump Debris Box Svc	Burlingame	Garbage Collection
Franklin Resources Inc	San Mateo	Asset Management
Genentech Inc	S. San Francisco	Biotechnology Products & Services
Gilead Sciences Inc	Foster City	Biological Products (mfrs)
Kaiser Permanente Redwood City	Redwood City	Hospitals
Kaiser Permanente South Sn	S. San Francisco	Hospitals
Lsa Global	Redwood City	Training Consultants
Meta Platforms Inc	Menlo Park	Social Media
Mills-Peninsula Medical Ctr	Burlingame	Hospitals
Palo Alto VA Hosp Med Ctr	Menlo Park	Government-Specialty Hosp Ex Psychiatric
Plateau Systems	San Mateo	Computer Software
San Francisco Intl Airport	San Francisco	Airports
San Mateo County Behavior	San Mateo	Government Offices-County
San Mateo County Tax Collector	Redwood City	Tax Return Preparation & Filing
San Mateo Medical Ctr	San Mateo	Hospitals
Sciex LLC	Redwood City	Scientific Apparatus & Instruments-Mfrs
SRI International	Menlo Park	Engineers-Research
Visa Inc	Foster City	Credit Card & Other Credit Plans
Youtube LLC	San Bruno	Online Services

Source: State of California Employment Development Department, extracted from The America's Labor Market Information System (ALMIS) Employer Database, 2023 1st Edition.

Effective Buying Income

“Effective Buying Income” is defined as personal income less personal tax and nontax payments, a number often referred to as “disposable” or “after-tax” income. Personal income is the aggregate of wages and salaries, other labor-related income (such as employer contributions to private pension funds), proprietor’s income, rental income (which includes imputed rental income of owner-occupants of non-farm dwellings), dividends paid by corporations, interest income from all sources, and transfer payments (such as pensions and welfare assistance). Deducted from this total are personal taxes (federal, state and local), nontax payments (fines, fees, penalties, etc.) and personal contributions to social insurance. According to U.S. government definitions, the resultant figure is commonly known as “disposable personal income.”

The following table summarizes the total effective buying income for the City of Foster City, the County of San Mateo, the State and the United States for the period 2019 through 2023.

CITY OF FOSTER CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Effective Buying Income As of January 1, 2019 through 2023

Year	Area	Total Effective Buying Income (000's Omitted)	Median Household Effective Buying Income
2019	Foster City	\$2,206,166	\$116,601
	San Mateo County	39,578,320	93,319
	California	1,183,264,399	62,637
	United States	9,017,967,563	52,841
2020	Foster City	\$2,317,301	\$122,613
	San Mateo County	40,511,605	96,614
	California	1,243,564,816	65,870
	United States	9,487,165,436	55,303
2021	Foster City	\$2,500,193	\$132,495
	San Mateo County	43,397,132	102,641
	California	1,290,894,604	67,956
	United States	9,809,944,764	56,790
2022	Foster City	\$2,733,604	\$150,209
	San Mateo County	48,351,364	120,425
	California	1,452,426,153	77,058
	United States	11,208,582,541	64,448
2023	Foster City	\$2,578,841	\$151,179
	San Mateo County	46,729,979	123,273
	California	1,461,799,662	77,175
	United States	11,454,846,397	65,326

Source: Claritas, LLC.

Construction Activity

Provided below are the building permits and valuations for the City of Foster City for calendar years 2017 through 2021.

CITY OF FOSTER CITY Total Building Permit Valuations (Valuations in Thousands)

Permit Valuation	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
New Single-family	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$15,022.1	\$1,930.6	\$17,002.7
New Multi-family	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,863.7
Res. Alterations/Additions	<u>10,670.2</u>	<u>12,004.4</u>	<u>11,728.1</u>	<u>11,294.5</u>	<u>15,042.9</u>
Total Residential	10,670.2	12,004.4	26,750.2	13,225.1	34,909.3
New Commercial	73,903.7	0.0	95.0	738.1	46,067.8
New Industrial	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New Other	606.4	1,421.8	1,859.9	887.1	18,518.3
Com. Alterations/Additions	<u>110,877.4</u>	<u>191,290.7</u>	<u>25,794.6</u>	<u>12,023.6</u>	<u>70,508.5</u>
Total Nonresidential	185,387.5	192,712.5	27,749.5	13,648.8	135,094.6
<u>New Dwelling Units</u>					
Single Family	0	0	21	14	25
Multiple Family	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
TOTAL	0	0	21	14	29

Source: Construction Industry Research Board, Building Permit Summary.

APPENDIX B
ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2022

APPENDIX C

PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

APPENDIX D

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (this “Disclosure Certificate”) is executed and delivered by the City of Foster City (the “City”) in connection with the issuance of the bonds captioned above (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are being issued under the Constitution and laws of the State of California, including but not limited to, Article 4.5 of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code of the State of California, under a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City on May 15, 2023 (the “Bond Resolution”).

The City hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the City for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

Section 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth above and in the Bond Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section 2, the following capitalized terms have the following meanings:

“*Annual Report*” means any Annual Report provided by the City pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4.

“*Annual Report Date*” means the date not later than April 1 after the end of each fiscal year of the City (currently June 30th).

“*Dissemination Agent*” means the City or any other Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the City and which has filed with the City a written acceptance of such designation. Urban Futures, Inc. has been appointed as the initial Dissemination Agent.

“*Listed Events*” means any of the events listed in Section 5(a).

“*MSRB*” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, which has been designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as the sole repository of disclosure information for purposes of the Rule.

“*Official Statement*” means the final official statement executed by the City in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

“*Participating Underwriter*” means any of the original underwriters of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Bonds.

“*Rule*” means Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The City shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than the Annual Report Date, commencing April 1, 2024, with the report for the 2022-23 fiscal year, provide to the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, an Annual Report that is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. Not later than 15 Business Days prior to the Annual Report Date, the City shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if other than the City). If by 15 Business Days prior to the Annual Report Date the Dissemination Agent (if other than the City) has not received a copy of the Annual Report, the Dissemination Agent shall contact the City to determine if the City is in compliance with the previous sentence. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may include by reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the City may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report, and later than the Annual Report Date, if not available by that date. If the City's fiscal year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b). The City shall provide a written certification with each Annual Report furnished to the Dissemination Agent to the effect that such Annual Report constitutes the Annual Report required to be furnished by the City hereunder.

(b) If the City does not provide (or cause the Dissemination Agent to provide) an Annual Report by the Annual Report Date, the City shall provide (or cause the Dissemination Agent to provide) to the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB.

(c) With respect to each Annual Report, the Dissemination Agent shall:

- (i) determine each year prior to the Annual Report Date the then-applicable rules and electronic format prescribed by the MSRB for the filing of annual continuing disclosure reports; and
- (ii) if the Dissemination Agent is other than the City, file a report with the City certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, and stating the date it was provided.

Section 4. Content of Annual Reports. The City's Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the following:

(a) The City's audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated to apply to governmental entities from time to time by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. If the City's audited financial statements are not available by the Annual Report Date, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in the final Official Statement, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report when they become available.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in the audited financial statements filed on or before the Annual Report Date, financial information and operating data with respect to the City for the preceding fiscal year, substantially similar to that provided in the Official Statement:

- (i) Assessed value of taxable property within the jurisdiction of the City;

- (ii) Summary of property tax rates for all taxing entities within the City expressed as a percentage of assessed valuation in the form of Table 5 of the Official Statement;
- (iii) Top twenty property taxpayers for current fiscal year, taxable value and percentage of total assessed value in substantially the form of Table 6 of the Official Statement;
- (iv) If and to the extent such information is available from the County, property tax collection delinquencies for the City; and
- (v) Amount of all general obligation debt of the City outstanding, and total scheduled debt service on such general obligation debt.

(c) In addition to any of the information expressly required to be provided under this Disclosure Certificate, the City shall provide such further material information, if any, as may be necessary to make the specifically required statements, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

(d) Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the City or related public entities, which are available to the public on the MSRB's internet web site or filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The City shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

Section 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) The City shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies.
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material.
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties.
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties.
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform.
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security.
- (7) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material.
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers.
- (9) Defeasances.
- (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material.
- (11) Rating changes.

- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the City or other obligated person.
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the City or an obligated person, or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the City or an obligated person (other than in the ordinary course of business), the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action, or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material.
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.
- (15) Incurrence of a financial obligation of the City, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the City or an obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material.
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the City, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) Whenever the City obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the City shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent (if not the City) to, file a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner not in excess of 10 business days after the occurrence of the Listed Event. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of Listed Events described in subsections (a)(8) and (9) above need not be given under this subsection any earlier than the notice (if any) of the underlying event is given to holders of affected Bonds under the Fiscal Agent Agreement.

(c) The City acknowledges that the events described in subparagraphs (a)(2), (a)(7), (a)(8) (if the event is a bond call), (a)(10), (a)(13), (a)(14) and (a)(15) of this Section 5 contain the qualifier "if material." The City shall cause a notice to be filed as set forth in paragraph (b) above with respect to any such event only to the extent that the City determines the event's occurrence is material for purposes of U.S. federal securities law.

(d) For purposes of this Disclosure Certificate, any event described in paragraph (a)(12) above is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the City in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City.

(e) For purposes of Section 5(a)(15) and (16), "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term financial obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

Section 6. Identifying Information for Filings with the MSRB. All documents provided to the MSRB under the Disclosure Certificate shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 7. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The City's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds. If such termination occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the City shall give notice of such termination in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b).

Section 8. Dissemination Agent. The City may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. Any Dissemination Agent may resign by providing 30 days' written notice to the City.

Section 9. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the City may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) if the amendment or waiver relates to the provisions of Sections 3(a), 4 or 5(a), it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of an obligated person with respect to the Bonds, or type of business conducted;
- (b) the undertakings herein, as proposed to be amended or waived, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and
- (c) the proposed amendment or waiver either (i) is approved by holders of the Bonds in the manner provided in the Bond Resolution for amendments to the Bond Resolution with the consent of holders, or (ii) does not, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds.

If the annual financial information or operating data to be provided in the Annual Report is amended pursuant to the provisions hereof, the first annual financial information filed pursuant hereto containing the amended operating data or financial information shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided.

If an amendment is made to the undertaking specifying the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, the annual financial information for the year in which the change is made shall present a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles. The comparison shall include a qualitative discussion of the differences in the accounting principles and the impact of the change in the accounting principles on the presentation of the financial information, in order to provide information to investors to

enable them to evaluate the ability of the City to meet its obligations. To the extent reasonably feasible, the comparison shall be quantitative. A notice of the change in the accounting principles shall be filed in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b).

Section 10. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the City from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the City chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the City shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

Section 11. Default. If the City fails to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Participating Underwriter or any holder or beneficial owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the City to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an Event of Default under the Bond Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the City to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 12. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent.

(a) The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the City agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which they may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The Dissemination Agent shall have no duty or obligation to review any information provided to it by the City hereunder, and shall not be deemed to be acting in any fiduciary capacity for the City, the Bond holders or any other party. The obligations of the City under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

(b) The Dissemination Agent shall be paid compensation by the City for its services provided hereunder in accordance with its schedule of fees as amended from time to time, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses, legal fees and advances made or incurred by the Dissemination Agent in the performance of its duties hereunder.

Section 13. Notices. Any notice or communications to be among any of the parties to this Disclosure Certificate may be given as follows:

To the City:

City of Foster City
601 Foster City Blvd.
Foster City, California 94404
(650) 286-3200

To the Dissemination Agent: Urban Futures, Inc.
17821 17th Street, Suite 245
Tustin, CA 92780
Attention: Chief Executive Officer
Phone: 714-283-9334

Any person may, by written notice to the other persons listed above, designate a different address or telephone number(s) to which subsequent notices or communications should be sent.

Section 14. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the City, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Section 15. Counterparts. This Disclosure Certificate may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Date: _____, 2023

CITY OF FOSTER CITY

By: _____
Director of Finance

ACKNOWLEDGED AND ACCEPTED:

URBAN FUTURES, INC.,
as dissemination agent

By: _____
Chief Executive Officer

APPENDIX E

DTC AND THE BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

The following description of the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), the procedures and record keeping with respect to beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds, payment of principal, interest and other payments on the Bonds to DTC Participants or Beneficial Owners, confirmation and transfer of beneficial ownership interest in the Bonds and other related transactions by and between DTC, the DTC Participants and the Beneficial Owners is based solely on information provided by DTC. Accordingly, no representations can be made concerning these matters and neither the DTC Participants nor the Beneficial Owners should rely on the foregoing information with respect to such matters, but should instead confirm the same with DTC or the DTC Participants, as the case may be.

*Neither the issuer of the Bonds (the “**Issuer**”) nor the trustee, fiscal agent or paying agent appointed with respect to the Bonds (the “**Agent**”) take any responsibility for the information contained in this Appendix.*

*No assurances can be given that DTC, DTC Participants or Indirect Participants will distribute to the Beneficial Owners (a) payments of interest, principal or premium, if any, with respect to the Bonds, (b) certificates representing ownership interest in or other confirmation or ownership interest in the Bonds, or (c) redemption or other notices sent to DTC or Cede & Co., its nominee, as the registered owner of the Bonds, or that they will so do on a timely basis, or that DTC, DTC Participants or DTC Indirect Participants will act in the manner described in this Appendix. The current “**Rules**” applicable to DTC are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the current “**Procedures**” of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.*

1. The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the securities (the “**Securities**”). The Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Security certificate will be issued for each issue of the Securities, each in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such issue.

2. DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“**Direct Participants**”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust

companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“**DTCC**”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). DTC has a Standard & Poor’s rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

3. Purchases of Securities under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Securities on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Security (“**Beneficial Owner**”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Securities is discontinued.

4. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Securities deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC’s partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not affect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Securities; DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Securities are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

5. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Security documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Securities for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

6. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC’s practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

7. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Securities unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC’s MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to Issuer as soon as

possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

8. Redemption proceeds, distributions, and interest payments on the Securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts, upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from Issuer or Agent on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, Agent, or Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of Issuer or Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

9. DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to Issuer or Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Security certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

10. Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Security certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

11. The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that Issuer believes to be reliable, but Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.