

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN**

**COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022**

# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Trustees and Executive Director  
**City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System**

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the combined financial statements of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System and Supplemental Share Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the combined statements of fiduciary net position as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related combined statements of changes in fiduciary net position for the years then ended, and the related notes to the combined financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective combined financial position of the fiduciary net position of the Plan, as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, and the combined changes in its fiduciary net position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Combined Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the combined financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the combined financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the combined financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Combined Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the combined financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the combined financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of changes in the city net pension liability and related ratios, schedule of city contributions, and schedule of investment returns on pages 4 through 10 and pages 35 to 37, respectively, be presented to supplement the combined financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the combined financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the combined financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the combined financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the combined financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements as a whole. The combining statements of fiduciary net position and the combining statements of changes in fiduciary net position are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the combined financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combined financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the combined financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combined financial statements or to the combined financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, such information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 25, 2024, on our consideration of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Plan's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Marcum LLP*

Fort Lauderdale, FL  
June 25, 2024

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
(MD&A)**

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## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS – UNAUDITED**

Management's discussion and analysis of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System (the "System") and Supplemental Share Plan (the "Share Plan") for the Firefighters', combined financial performance provides an overview of the System's and Share Plan's financial activities for the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the accompanying combined financial statements, notes to the combined financial statements and required supplementary information which follow this discussion.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- System and Share Plan assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 by approximately \$1.080 billion, \$1.017 billion and \$1.159 million respectively (reported as net position restricted for pension benefits). Net position is held in trust to meet future benefit payments.
- Total return on investments, net of investment expenses, for the System and Share Plan were 8.70%, -10.03%, and 18.98%, respectively, for the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021.
- The fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans* (funded ratio), as of September 30, 2023 was 85.28%. This compares to the September 30, 2022 and 2021 ratio of 83.08% and 100.24%, respectively.
- Additions (Reductions) to the System and Share Plan's net position for the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were approximately \$129.8 million, (\$78.2) million and \$224.1 million, respectively, and are comprised of contributions of approximately \$39.3 million, \$36.8 million and \$37.8 million respectively, and net investment income (loss) of approximately \$90.5 million, (\$114.9) million and \$186.3 million, respectively.
- Deductions to the System and Share Plan's net position for the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were approximately \$66.7 million, \$64.1 million and \$55.6 million, respectively, and are comprised primarily of benefit payments of approximately \$65.7 million, \$63.1 million and \$54.8 million, respectively.

## OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The System was established to administer a defined benefit pension plan for firefighters and police officers employed by the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (the “City”). The Share Plan was created to implement the provisions of Chapter 175, of the Florida Statutes. The System's and Share Plan's financial statements are comprised of a Combined Statements of Fiduciary Net Position, Combined Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, and Notes to Combined Financial Statements. Also included is certain required supplementary information. These combined financial statements report information about the System and Share Plan, as a whole, and about their combined financial condition that should help answer the question: Is the System and Share Plan, as a whole, better off or worse off as a result of this year's activities?

These combined statements include all assets and liabilities using the economic resource's measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, all revenues/additions and expenses/deductions are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Combined Statements of Fiduciary Net Position presents information on the assets and liabilities and the resulting net position restricted for pension benefits. This statement reflects the System's and Share Plan's investments, at fair value (except for money market funds, which are at amortized cost), along with cash, receivables, other assets and liabilities. For the fiscal year 2023, GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* was still applicable and therefore the Plan continued to reflect an intangible capital asset and a lease liability as of September 30, 2023.

The Combined Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position presents information showing how the System's and Share Plan's net position restricted for pension benefits changed during the year. It reflects contributions by employees, the State, and the City, along with deductions for retirement benefits, refunds, and administrative expenses.

The notes to the combined financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the financial data provided in the combined financial statements.

The required supplementary information presents a schedule of changes in the city net pension liability and related ratios, a schedule of city contributions, and a schedule of investment returns of the System along with a discussion of changes in actuarial assumptions and methods.

## COMBINED SUMMARY OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

The following Combined Summary of Fiduciary Net Position demonstrates the combined financial position of the System and Share Plan at September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021:

	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022	September 30, 2021
Receivables	\$ 3,797,984	\$ 3,333,942	\$ 23,388,271
Investments	1,079,147,231	1,018,605,027	1,143,535,968
Prepaid assets	--	4,600	--
Intangible right to use leased asset, net of amortization	<u>19,084</u>	<u>76,334</u>	<u>--</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	1,082,964,299	1,022,019,903	1,166,924,239
Liabilities	<u>2,894,619</u>	<u>5,088,626</u>	<u>7,732,338</u>
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits</b>	<u>\$ 1,080,069,680</u>	<u>\$ 1,016,931,277</u>	<u>\$ 1,159,191,901</u>

The System's and Share Plan's total assets as of September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022 were approximately \$1.083 billion and \$1.022 billion, respectively, and were mostly comprised of investments, receivables related to contributions and investments, and an intangible right to use leased asset. For the year ended September 30, 2023, total assets increased approximately \$60 million or 6.0% from September 30, 2022 primarily due to positive investment returns. For the year ended September 30, 2022, total assets decreased approximately \$144.9 million or 12.4% from the prior year primarily due to negative investment returns based on poor market performance and a significant decrease in unsettled trades.

Total liabilities as of September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022 were approximately \$2.9 million and \$5.1 million, respectively, and were mostly comprised of payables for securities purchased, and administrative expenses made by the City of Fort Lauderdale on behalf of the System and Share Plan. Total liabilities at September 30, 2023 decreased by approximately \$2.2 million or 43.1% from 2022 due to a significant reduction in the amount owed to the City of Fort Lauderdale as of year end. Total liabilities at September 30, 2022 decreased by approximately \$2.6 million or 34.2% from 2021 due to a significant decrease in unsettled trades.

The System and Share Plan's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 by approximately \$1.080 billion and \$1.017 billion, respectively. For the year ended September 30, 2023, total net position restricted for pension benefits increased approximately \$63 million or 6.2% from 2022 primarily due to an improvement in market conditions which resulted in an overall net investment income recognized for the year. For the year ended September 30, 2022, total net position restricted for pension benefits decreased approximately \$142.3 million or 12.3% from 2021 primarily due to an overall net investment loss recognized for the current year.

## COMBINED SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

The Combined Summary of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position displays the effect of pension fund transactions that occurred during the period, where Additions minus Deductions equals Change in Net Position. The following table reflects a combined summary of the changes in net position and reflects the combined activities of the System and Share Plan for the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021:

	Year Ended September 30, 2023	Year Ended September 30, 2022	Year Ended September 30, 2021
<b>Additions (Reductions)</b>			
<b>Contributions</b>			
City	\$ 21,471,852	\$ 20,357,843	\$ 19,757,218
Employees	9,225,128	8,752,909	11,212,422
State	<u>8,693,254</u>	<u>7,672,038</u>	<u>6,816,607</u>
<b>Total</b>	39,390,234	36,782,790	37,786,247
<b>Net Investment Income (Loss)</b>	<u>90,456,974</u>	<u>(114,948,197)</u>	<u>186,322,349</u>
<b>Total Additions (Reductions)</b>	<u>129,847,208</u>	<u>(78,165,407)</u>	<u>224,108,596</u>
<b>Deductions</b>			
Benefits paid	65,702,767	63,126,782	54,750,105
Refunds of contributions	282,831	308,707	218,195
Administrative expenses	<u>723,207</u>	<u>659,728</u>	<u>605,457</u>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<u>66,708,805</u>	<u>64,095,217</u>	<u>55,573,757</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	63,138,403	(142,260,624)	168,534,839
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pension</b>			
<b>Benefits - Beginning</b>	<u>1,016,931,277</u>	<u>1,159,191,901</u>	<u>990,657,062</u>
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pension</b>			
<b>Benefits - Ending</b>	<u>\$ 1,080,069,680</u>	<u>\$1,016,931,277</u>	<u>\$ 1,159,191,901</u>

## REVENUES – ADDITIONS TO COMBINED FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

The following comparative combined summary demonstrates the additions to the System and Share Plan for the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	Year Ended September 30, 2023	Year Ended September 30, 2022	Increase (Decrease)	Total Percentage Change
City Contributions	\$ 21,472	\$ 20,358	\$ 1,114	5.5%
Employee Contributions	9,225	8,753	472	5.4%
State Contributions	8,693	7,672	1,021	13.3%
Net Investment Income (Loss)	<u>90,457</u>	<u>(114,948)</u>	<u>205,405</u>	178.7%
<b>Total Additions (Reductions)</b>	<b><u>\$ 129,847</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (78,165)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 208,012</u></b>	266.1%

	Year Ended September 30, 2022	Year Ended September 30, 2021	Increase (Decrease)	Total Percentage Change
City Contributions	\$ 20,358	\$ 19,757	\$ 601	3.0%
Employee Contributions	8,753	11,213	(2,460)	-21.9%
State Contributions	7,672	6,817	855	12.5%
Net Investment Income (Loss)	<u>(114,948)</u>	<u>186,322</u>	<u>(301,270)</u>	-161.7%
<b>Total Additions (Reductions)</b>	<b><u>\$ (78,165)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 224,109</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (302,274)</u></b>	-134.9%

The reserves needed to finance retirement benefits are accumulated through the collection of contributions from employees, the State, and the City and through earnings on investments. Contributions and net investment income (loss), for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 totaled approximately \$129.8 million and (\$78.1) million, respectively. Total contributions and net investment income for the year ended September 30, 2023 increased by approximately \$208.0 million or 266.1% from the year ended September 30, 2022 as a result of favorable market performance in the 2023 when compared to 2022. Total contributions and net investment income for the year ended September 30, 2022 decreased by approximately \$302.3 million or 134.9% from the year ended September 30, 2021 as a result of unfavorable market performance in the 2022 when compared to 2021.

As of September 30, 2023, the Plan recognized an overall net investment income which represents an increase of approximately \$205.4 million when compared to the year ended September 30, 2022 and net investment income for the year ended September 30, 2022 decreased from the year ended September 30, 2021 by approximately \$301.3 million.

## REVENUES – ADDITIONS TO COMBINED FIDUCIARY NET POSITION (CONTINUED)

Total State contributions for the year ended September 30, 2023 increased from the year ended September 30, 2022 by approximately \$1.0 million or 13.3%. Total State contributions for the year ended September 30, 2022 increased from the year ended September 30, 2021 by approximately \$855 thousand or 12.5%. The fluctuations from year to year are primarily driven by the premium insurance taxes received by the State.

## EXPENSES - DEDUCTIONS FROM COMBINED FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

The table below reflects a comparative combined summary of the deductions of the System and Share Plan for the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	Year Ended September 30, 2023	Year Ended September 30, 2022	Increase (Decrease)	Total Percentage Change
Pension Benefits Paid	\$ 65,703	\$ 63,127	\$ 2,576	4.1%
Refund of Contributions	283	309	(26)	-8.5%
Administrative Expenses	723	660	63	9.6%
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>\$ 66,709</b>	<b>\$ 64,096</b>	<b>\$ 2,613</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

  

	Year Ended September 30, 2022	Year Ended September 30, 2021	Increase (Decrease)	Total Percentage Change
Pension Benefits Paid	\$ 63,127	\$ 54,750	\$ 8,377	15.3%
Refund of Contributions	309	218	91	41.7%
Administrative Expenses	660	606	54	8.9%
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>\$ 64,096</b>	<b>\$ 55,574</b>	<b>\$ 8,522</b>	<b>15.3%</b>

The primary deductions of the System and Share Plan include the payment of pension benefits to members and beneficiaries, refund of contributions to former members, and distributions to retirees. Total expenses and deductions for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 were approximately \$66.7 million and \$64.1 million, respectively, an increase of approximately 4.1% from 2022. The increase in total expenses and deductions in 2023 compared to 2022 is primarily due to the increase in the payment of pension benefits to retirees. Total expenses and deductions for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 were approximately \$64.1 million and \$55.6 million, respectively, an increase of approximately 15.3% from 2021. The increase in total expenses and deductions in 2022 compared to 2021 is primarily due to the increase in the payment of pension benefits to retirees.

## **EXPENSES - DEDUCTIONS FROM COMBINED FIDUCIARY NET POSITION (CONTINUED)**

The payment of pension benefits to retirees increased for the year ended September 30, 2023 from 2022 by approximately \$2.6 million or approximately 4.1%, which was primarily due to a significant increase in normal retirement payouts. The payment of pension benefits to retirees increased for the year ended September 30, 2022 from 2021 by approximately \$8.4 million or approximately 15.3%, which was primarily due to a significant increase in Deferred Retirement Option Program (“DROP”) lump sum payments.

## **RETIREMENT SYSTEM AS A WHOLE**

With the exception of the fiscal year 2022, the System's and Share Plan's combined net position have experienced increases over the last 10 years. Management believes, and actuarial studies concur, that the System is in a financial position to meet its obligations. We believe the current financial position will continue to improve due to a prudent investment program, cost controls, strategic planning, and the City’s continued funding of the required contributions at 100%.

## **CONTACTING THE SYSTEM'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide the Retirement Board of Trustees, our members, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the System's and Share Plan's finances and to demonstrate the System's and Share Plan's accountability for the money they receive. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, you may contact the Executive Director at City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System, 888 South Andrews Avenue, #202, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

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# **COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN**

**COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Investments</b>		
Money market funds	\$ 29,060,126	\$ 10,794,034
U.S. Treasury securities	99,790,065	130,529,099
U.S. Government agency obligations	10,412,694	2,113,848
Corporate bonds and other fixed income	107,355,700	115,039,818
Index funds	233,224,242	204,699,349
Equity securities	191,253,984	127,367,966
Commingled equity funds	168,538,632	180,974,747
Real estate funds	164,329,528	187,990,256
Hedge fund of funds	12,493,269	12,773,685
Private debt and equity funds	62,688,991	46,322,225
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>1,079,147,231</u>	<u>1,018,605,027</u>
<b>Receivables</b>		
Unsettled trades	369,982	545,346
Accrued dividends and interest	2,591,008	2,788,596
State contribution	680,058	--
Due from the City of Fort Lauderdale	141,441	--
Employee contribution receivable	15,495	--
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<u>3,797,984</u>	<u>3,333,942</u>
Prepaid expense	--	4,600
Intangible right to use leased asset, net	19,084	76,334
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>1,082,964,299</u>	<u>1,022,019,903</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Unsettled trades	301,483	500,264
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	551,269	422,536
Current portion of long-term liabilities	23,487	55,739
Due to the City of Fort Lauderdale	2,018,380	4,086,600
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>2,894,619</u>	<u>5,065,139</u>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>		
Due in more than one year	--	23,487
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>2,894,619</u>	<u>5,088,626</u>
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits</b>	<u>\$ 1,080,069,680</u>	<u>\$ 1,016,931,277</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined financial statements.*

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN**

**COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023	2022
<b>Additions</b>		
<b>Contributions</b>		
City	\$ 21,471,852	\$ 20,357,843
Employees	9,225,128	8,752,909
State	8,693,254	7,672,038
<b>Total Contributions</b>	39,390,234	36,782,790
<b>Investment Income (Loss)</b>		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	74,189,273	(132,023,882)
Interest	8,385,761	7,090,415
Dividends	6,904,150	8,596,002
Real estate income	7,759,540	8,117,563
	97,238,724	(108,219,902)
Less: investment expenses	6,781,750	6,728,295
<b>Net Investment Income (Loss)</b>	90,456,974	(114,948,197)
<b>Total Additions</b>	129,847,208	(78,165,407)
<b>Deductions</b>		
<b>Benefits Paid</b>		
Retirement	59,348,809	56,719,362
Disability	1,680,319	1,664,915
Death	4,673,639	4,742,505
<b>Total Benefits Paid</b>	65,702,767	63,126,782
Refund of contributions	282,831	308,707
Administrative expenses	723,207	659,728
<b>Total Deductions</b>	66,708,805	64,095,217
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	63,138,403	(142,260,624)
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits</b>		
Beginning of year	1,016,931,277	1,159,191,901
End of year	\$ 1,080,069,680	\$ 1,016,931,277

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined financial statements.*

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# **NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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# **CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN**

## **NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022**

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#### **NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

##### ***PLAN DESCRIPTION***

The following brief description of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System (the “System” or the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the applicable laws and the summary plan description for more complete information.

The System is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (the “City”) pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Ordinance No. C-72-94. Participation is mandatory for all state certified police officers and firefighters employed by the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Since the System is sponsored by the City, the System is included as a pension trust fund in the City's annual comprehensive financial report as part of the City's financial reporting entity. The Plan may also receive funding under Chapter 175 for firefighters and Chapter 185 for police officers.

The Plan is administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board is comprised of seven members; four elected and three appointed. Two of the three appointive Members shall be appointed by the City Commission, each of whom must be a legal resident of the City. The two above appointive Members appointed after September 18, 2012 shall serve as trustee for a period of 4 years, unless sooner replaced by the City Commission at whose pleasure they shall serve. The third appointive Member shall be chosen by a majority of the previous six Members and such person's name shall be submitted to the City Commission. Upon receipt of the seventh person's name, the City Commission shall, as a ministerial duty, appoint such person to the Board of Trustees as its seventh Member. The seventh Member shall have the same rights as each of the other six Members appointed or elected as herein provided, shall serve on the Board for a period of four years, and may succeed himself or herself in office.

Effective October 1, 2005 the City of Fort Lauderdale Firefighters' Supplemental Share Plan (the “Share Plan”), a defined contribution plan administered by the Board, was created to implement the provisions of Chapter 175, Florida Statutes, and to provide a means whereby firefighters of the City of Fort Lauderdale may receive benefits from funds provided for that purpose by Chapter 175, Florida Statutes. The Share Plan is in addition to any other benefits and nothing herein shall in any way affect any other benefits that now or hereafter exist. The Board of Trustees shall provide for all assets of the Share Plan to be held in trust solely for the use of paying the benefits provided and the expenses of the Share Plan.

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**NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

*PLAN DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)*

Additional Premium Tax Revenues to each respective participants account is based upon his or her accrued Credited Service during the relevant period. The additional Premium Tax Revenues that were paid by the State in calendar years 1998 through 2004, exclusive of amounts necessary to meet State minimum standards under Chapter 175, Florida Statutes, shall be the initial allocation of Additional Premium Tax Revenues to each participant's share account. The participants pro rata shares of the initial allocation of Additional Premium Tax Revenues was based on each participants accrued service for each of the seven (7) years from calendar year 1998 through and including calendar year 2004.

For allocations after the initial allocation, the Board shall allocate to each participants account each year a portion of the Additional Premium Tax Revenues it receives under the provisions of Chapter 175, Florida Statutes, based on his or her accrued credit service during the relevant period. Forfeitures are allocated in the same manner as described above.

The Board shall ascertain the value of the assets of the Share Plan as of each Valuation Date and shall allocate to the account of each Participant their share of the increase or decrease of the Share Plan assets and shall bear the same ratio to the total amount of the increase or decrease in the Share Plan as the value of the portion of the Participant's Account invested in the Share Plan to the total value of the Share Plan.

A participant shall receive a benefit from the Share Plan upon his termination of employment, disability, retirement or death in accordance with the Share Plan agreement. However, no participant shall receive a benefit from the Share Plan in excess of the amount credited to their account.

As of October 1, 2022 (date of latest actuarial valuation) and October 1, 2021, membership in the System consisted of:

	<u>October 1,</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	1,233	1,203
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	39	34
Active plan members	<u>699</u>	<u>708</u>
<b>Total Membership</b>	<u><u>1,971</u></u>	<u><u>1,945</u></u>

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#### NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

##### *CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUNDING POLICY OF THE SYSTEM*

Effective October 1, 2017, for all Police Officer members, and October 1, 2018 for all Firefighter members, the member contribution rate was increased to 10% of their pensionable wages. In addition, effective October 1, 2017 for Tier 1 Police Officer members and October 1, 2018 for all Tier 1 Firefighter members, defined as entering the Deferred Retirement Option Program (“DROP”) on or before April 10, 2010, and current DROP members, are required to contribute 1.75% of their pensionable wages. Tier 2 members, defined as members hired after April 10, 2010, will be required to contribute 10% of their pensionable wages for their first 25 years of employment and if entering the DROP, thereafter Tier 2 members will be required to contribute 1.5% of their pensionable wages.

Each member's actual contributions are individually accumulated. If a member terminates their employment before they become eligible to receive benefits, the accumulated contributions will be returned to the member plus interest at 3% per year, however, Ordinance No. C-14-17 and C-15-28 eliminated interest on refunds for police officers who separated employment with the City on or after December 3, 2013 and firefighters who separated on or after October 1, 2014. The City is required to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to fund the Plan, based on an amount determined by the Plan’s actuary as of October 1 each year.

The Plan’s funding policy provides for actuarially determined periodic employer contributions sufficient to pay the benefits provided by the Plan when they become due.

##### *PENSION BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM*

###### *Normal Retirement*

Any member who has completed 20 years of creditable service or has attained 55 years of age and completed 10 or more years of creditable service may retire on a normal retirement benefit. A member has vested benefits after 10 years of creditable service in accordance with qualifications under the Plan.

###### *Police and Firefighters hired on or before April 1, 2014*

Members will receive a monthly pension benefit equal to 3.38% of the Average Monthly Earnings, defined as the highest two years preceding retirement, for all years of service to a maximum accrual of 81% of Final Average Monthly Earnings (FAME).

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**NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

***PENSION BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM (CONTINUED)***

***Normal Retirement (continued)***

***Police and Firefighters hired on or before April 1, 2014 (continued)***

A certain group of police officers with 25 or more years of service on October 1, 2000 are subject to a maximum monthly pension benefit of 91.26% of FAME and a certain group of firefighters with 25 or more years of service on October 1, 2002 are subject to a maximum monthly pension benefit of 91.26% of FAME.

***Firefighters***

Firefighters who were employed before December 11, 1993 will receive an additional 2.0% bonus at retirement.

Certain firefighters hired prior to December 11, 1993 may have elected to remain in the old plan. Members that have made this election will receive a monthly pension benefit of 3.0% of Final Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by the years of service up to 20, plus 2.0% of Final Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by years of service beyond 20 years to a maximum accrual of 100%.

***Police hired after April 1, 2014 and Firefighters hired after October 1, 2014***

Members will receive a monthly pension benefit equal to 3.0% of the Average Monthly Earnings, defined as the highest five years preceding retirement, for all years of service to a maximum accrual of 75% of Final Average Monthly Earnings.

Early retirement, disability, death and other benefits are also provided.

***Deferred Retirement Option Program***

Members who continue employment with the City past normal retirement date may either accrue larger pensions or freeze their accrued benefit and enter the DROP. Maximum participation in the DROP shall be 96 months based on years of service. Once a member has reached the maximum benefit accrual, the maximum DROP participation will be reduced for each month the member delays entry to the Plan.

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#### NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

##### *PENSION BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM (CONTINUED)*

##### *Deferred Retirement Option Program (continued)*

For members electing participation in the DROP, an individual DROP account shall be created. Payment shall be made by the System into the employee's DROP account in an amount equal to the regular monthly retirement benefit which the participant would have received had the participant separated from service and commenced receipt of pension benefits plus interest based on the actuarially assumed rate of return for the Plan. Effective in 2010, the interest rate earned was modified to be 6% for the first 5 years and a variable rate of return between 3% to 6% for years 6 through 8 based on the actual returns of the Plan.

If a member leaves their DROP account with the Plan they will receive the Plan return less an administrative fee. Upon termination of employment, a member may receive distribution from the DROP account in the following manner or maintain a balance in their account until they reach the age of 70 ½:

- Lump sum distribution or
- Roll over of the balance to another qualified retirement plan

A DROP participant shall not be entitled to receive an ordinary or service disability retirement and in the event of death of a DROP participant, there shall be no accidental death benefit for pension purposes. DROP participation does not affect any other death or disability benefits provided to a member under federal law, state law, City ordinance, or any rights or benefits under any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

The DROP of the System also consists of a Benefit Actuarially Calculated DROP (“BACDROP”). A member may elect to BACDROP to a date not to exceed 36 months after the member's termination of employment with the City. A member who elects a DROP retirement is not eligible to participate in the BACDROP.

Effective as of April 2010, DROP may not extend employment beyond 32 years.

The value of the DROP account including earnings as of September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022 was \$92,414,627 and \$81,187,877, respectively. There were 279 and 276 participants in DROP as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These amounts are included in the total investment balance presented in the accompanying combined statements of fiduciary net position.

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**NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

***COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS (COLA)***

The COLA increases may be granted only if the System remains in a net positive experience position, determined by the actuary on a cumulative basis. On July 15, 2008, the COLA provision of the Plan expired for future COLA benefits for members that retired after July 2008.

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

***BASIS OF ACCOUNTING***

The combined financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles general accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) is the accepted standard-setting body establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Member contributions are recognized as revenues/additions in the period in which the contributions are due. Contributions from the City, as calculated by the System’s actuary, are recognized as revenue/additions when due and when the City has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Interest and dividend income are recorded as earned. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the System and Share Plan.

***PRINCIPLES OF COMBINATION***

The combined financial statements include the accounts of the Plan and the City of Fort Lauderdale Firefighters' Share Plan (see Note 1), a plan affiliated by virtue of a common Board of Trustees. All interfund balances and transactions have been eliminated in the combined financial statements.

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#### NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

##### *METHOD USED TO VALUE INVESTMENTS AND INVESTMENT INCOME RECOGNITION*

Investments are reported at fair value except for money market funds which are reported at amortized cost. Net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments includes realized and unrealized gains and losses. Realized gains and losses are determined on the basis of average cost. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Within certain limitations as specified in the Plan, the investment policy is determined by the Board of Trustees and is implemented by the Plan's investment managers. The investment managers are monitored by an investment advisor. For more detail regarding the methods used to measure the fair value of investments refer to the fair value hierarchy in Note 3.

##### *CAPITAL ASSET*

Intangible right to use leased asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life or the lease contract term.

##### *LEASE LIABILITY*

Lease-related liability amounts are recognized at the inception of the lease. The initial lease liability amounts are recorded at the present value of all of the lease payments. The lease liability is amortized over the lease term.

##### *DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES*

In addition to assets, the combined statements of fiduciary net position will sometimes report a separate section for *deferred outflows of resources*. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The Plan has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the combined statements of fiduciary net position will sometimes report a separate section for *deferred inflows of resources*. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Plan has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

*USE OF ESTIMATES*

The preparation of combined financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS**

The System and Share Plan investment policy is determined by the Board of Trustees. The investment of funds shall be in a manner that is consistent with the applicable sections of the City Code as well as State and Federal laws within the allocation percentages as follows:

Investment allocation for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 are in accordance with the following investment policy in effect since November 2018:

Asset Class	2023			Actual 2023
	Target Allocation	Minimum	Maximum	
<b>Domestic Equity</b>				
Large cap equity	17.5%	5%	12%	21%
Mid/Small cap equity	12.5%	5%	20%	12%
<b>International Equity</b>	15%	10%	20%	15%
<b>Alternative Investments</b>				
Global Infrastructure	7%	4.0%	10.0%	7%
Real Estate	15.0%	7.5%	22.5%	15%
Multi-Strategy	5.5%	2.5%	12.5%	5%
Alternative Income	7.5%	2.5%	12.5%	2%
<b>Fixed Income (Including Cash)</b>	20%	10%	30%	23%

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**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Asset Class	2022			Actual 2022
	Target Allocation	Minimum	Maximum	
<b>Domestic Equity</b>				
Large cap equity	17.5%	10%	30%	16%
Mid/Small cap equity	12.5%	5%	20%	14%
<b>International Equity</b>	15%	10%	20%	14%
<b>Alternative Investments</b>				
Global Infrastructure	7%	4.0%	10.0%	6%
Real Estate	15.0%	7.5%	22.5%	14%
Multi-Strategy	5.5%	2.5%	12.5%	5%
Alternative Income	7.5%	2.5%	12.5%	5%
<b>Fixed Income (Including Cash)</b>	20%	10%	30%	26%

***RATE OF RETURN***

For the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was a positive 8.70% and a negative 10.03%, respectively. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment manager and consultant expenses adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested. Inputs to the internal rate of return calculation are determined on a monthly basis.

***INTEREST RATE RISK***

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. As a means of limiting its exposure to interest rate risk, the System and Share Plan diversifies their investments by security type and institution, and limits holdings in any one type of investment with any one issuer with various durations of maturities.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the System's and Share Plan's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following table that shows the distribution of the System's and Share Plan's investments by maturity:

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**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

***INTEREST RATE RISK (CONTINUED)***

Investment Type	As of September 30, 2023				
	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in years)			
		Less Than 1	1 to 5	6-10	More Than 10
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 99,790,065	\$ 17,656,727	\$ 44,299,356	\$ 37,833,982	\$ --
U.S. Government agency obligations	10,412,694	4,121,329	--	6,680	6,284,685
Corporate bonds and other fixed income	<u>107,355,700</u>	<u>7,580,143</u>	<u>60,716,414</u>	<u>38,754,450</u>	<u>304,693</u>
<b>Total Fixed Income Securities</b>	<u>\$217,558,459</u>	<u>\$ 29,358,199</u>	<u>\$105,015,770</u>	<u>\$ 76,595,112</u>	<u>\$ 6,589,378</u>

Investment Type	As of September 30, 2022				
	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in years)			
		Less Than 1	1 to 5	6-10	More Than 10
U.S. Treasury securities	\$130,529,099	\$ --	\$ 89,870,190	\$ 40,658,909	\$ --
U.S. Government agency obligations	2,113,848	--	--	5,763	2,108,085
Corporate bonds and other fixed income	<u>115,039,818</u>	<u>4,219,085</u>	<u>52,650,057</u>	<u>58,170,676</u>	<u>--</u>
<b>Total Fixed Income Securities</b>	<u>\$278,990,015</u>	<u>\$ 4,219,085</u>	<u>\$142,520,247</u>	<u>\$ 98,835,348</u>	<u>\$ 2,108,085</u>

***CREDIT RISK***

State law and the Plan's investment policy limits investments in bonds, stocks, or other evidences of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any state or organized territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, provided the corporation is listed on any one or more of the recognized national stock exchanges or on the National Market System of the NASDAQ Stock Market and in the case of bonds only, holds a rating in one of the three highest classifications by a major rating service. The Plan's investment policy requires that investments in fixed income type securities to be rated in the fifth major rating category by all recognized rating services. The overall portfolio quality of the active bond portfolios shall be maintained at A or higher.

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**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

***CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)***

At September 30, 2023 and 2022, all of the Plan's investments met this requirement. The following tables disclose credit ratings of the fixed income securities as of September 30, 2023 and 2022 as applicable:

	September 30, 2023		September 30, 2022	
	Fair Value	Percent of Portfolio	Fair Value	Percent of Portfolio
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 99,790,065	46%	\$ 130,529,099	53%
U.S. Government agency obligations	<u>10,412,694</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>2,113,848</u>	<u>1%</u>
Total U.S. Government Guaranteed*	110,202,759	51%	132,642,947	54%
S&P Quality rating of credit risk and debt securities:				
AAA	1,802,097	1%	2,511,267	1%
AA+	178,371	0%	1,571,528	1%
AA	1,307,967	1%	942,719	0%
AA-	1,255,024	1%	1,136,410	0%
A+	2,356,581	1%	2,622,348	1%
A	6,578,954	3%	5,601,674	2%
A-	19,017,965	9%	21,426,665	9%
BBB+	26,341,638	12%	28,889,063	12%
BBB	39,500,087	18%	39,179,950	16%
BBB-	5,036,805	2%	6,523,393	3%
BB+	509,963	0%	509,195	0%
Not rated	<u>3,470,248</u>	<u>2%</u>	<u>4,125,606</u>	<u>2%</u>
Total Corporate bonds and other fixed income	<u>107,355,700</u>	<u>49%</u>	<u>115,039,818</u>	<u>46%</u>
Total fixed income securities	<u>\$ 217,558,459</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 247,682,765</u>	<u>100%</u>

\*Obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly or implicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk and do not have purchase limitations.

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**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

***CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK***

Concentration of credit risk is defined as the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. No more than 5% of the portfolio may be invested in the shares of a single corporate issuer at cost. Investments in stocks of foreign companies shall be limited to 25% of the value of the portfolio. The Plan utilizes limitations on securities of a single issuer to manage this risk.

As of September 30, 2023, there were four (4) investments which exceeded 5% of the Plan's fiduciary net position. As of September 30, 2022, only one (1) investment exceeded 5% of the Plan's fiduciary net position.

***CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK***

This is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the System and Share Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Consistent with the System's and Share Plan's investment policy, the investments are held by the System's and Share Plan's custodial bank and registered in the System's and Share Plan's name.

***FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK***

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. As of September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Plan has no exposure to foreign currency risk as all investments are denominated in U.S. dollars.

***RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES***

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the combined statements of fiduciary net position. The Plan, through its investment advisor, monitors the Plan's investment and the risks associated therewith on a regular basis, which the Plan believes minimizes these risks.

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#### NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

##### *FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY*

The Plan categorizes its fair value measurements with the fair value hierarchy established by U.S. GAAP. The fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels based on the extent to which inputs used in measuring fair value are observable in the market.

Level 1 - Investments' fair values based on prices quoted in active markets for identical assets.

Level 2 - Investments' fair values based on observable inputs for the assets either directly or indirectly, other than those considered Level 1 inputs, which may include quoted prices for identical assets in markets that are not considered to be active, and quoted prices of similar assets in active or inactive markets.

Level 3 - Investments' fair values based upon unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the fair value techniques for the Plan's investments:

Level 1 and 2 prices are obtained from various pricing sources by the Plan's custodian bank:

Money market funds are reported at amortized cost.

Equity securities and Index Funds traded on national or international exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price or current exchange rates (Level 1). This includes common stock and American Depository Receipts ("ADR"), and mutual fund equities.

Debt securities are valued using pricing inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use to price an asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (Level 2). This includes U.S. Treasury bonds and notes, inflation-indexed bonds, U.S. federal agencies, mortgage backed and collateralized securities, municipal bonds, mutual bond funds and corporate obligations, including asset backed, foreign bonds and notes.

The Plan has investments in alternative asset classes including commingled equity funds, real estate funds, hedge funds, private equity funds, and private debt funds which hold a variety of investment vehicles that do not have readily available market quotations. These investments are measured at net asset value based on their proportionate share of the value of the investments as determined by the fund managers and are valued according to methodologies which include pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

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**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

***FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)***

The following is a summary of the fair value hierarchy of the fair value of investments as of September 30, 2023:

	September 30, 2023	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Investments by Fair Value Level</b>				
Debt securities:				
U.S. Treasury Securities	\$ 99,790,065	\$ --	\$ 99,790,065	\$ --
U.S. Government agency obligations	10,412,694	--	10,412,694	--
Corporate bonds and other fixed income	<u>107,355,700</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>107,355,700</u>	<u>--</u>
<b>Total Debt Securities</b>	<u>217,558,459</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>217,558,459</u>	<u>--</u>
<b>Index Funds</b>	<u>233,224,242</u>	<u>233,224,242</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Equity securities:				
Common stock	189,211,106	189,211,106	--	--
ADR	<u>2,042,878</u>	<u>2,042,878</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
<b>Total Equity Securities</b>	<u>191,253,984</u>	<u>191,253,984</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
<b>Total Investments by Fair Value Level</b>	<u>642,036,685</u>	<u>\$ 424,478,226</u>	<u>\$ 217,558,459</u>	<u>\$ --</u>
<b>Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value ("NAV")</b>				
Commingled equity funds	168,538,632			
Real estate funds	164,329,528			
Hedge fund of funds	12,493,269			
Private equity funds	2,250,395			
Private debt funds	<u>60,438,596</u>			
Total investments measured at NAV	<u>408,050,420</u>			
Money market funds (exempt)	<u>29,060,126</u>			
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>\$ 1,079,147,231</u>			

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**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

***FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)***

The following is a summary of the fair value hierarchy of the fair value of investments as of September 30, 2022:

	September 30, 2022	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Investments by Fair Value Level</b>				
Debt securities:				
U.S. Treasury Securities	\$ 130,529,099	\$ --	\$ 130,529,099	\$ --
U.S. Government agency obligations	2,113,848	--	2,113,848	--
Corporate bonds and other fixed income	<u>115,039,818</u>	--	<u>115,039,818</u>	--
<b>Total Debt Securities</b>	<u>247,682,765</u>	--	<u>247,682,765</u>	--
<b>Index Funds</b>	<u>204,699,349</u>	<u>204,699,349</u>	--	--
Equity securities:				
Common stock	126,520,989	126,520,989	--	--
ADR	<u>846,977</u>	<u>846,977</u>	--	--
<b>Total Equity Securities</b>	<u>127,367,966</u>	<u>127,367,966</u>	--	--
<b>Total Investments by Fair Value Level</b>	<u>579,750,080</u>	<u>\$ 332,067,315</u>	<u>\$ 247,682,765</u>	<u>\$ --</u>
<b>Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value ("NAV")</b>				
Commingled equity funds	180,974,747			
Real estate funds	187,990,256			
Hedge fund of funds	12,773,685			
Private equity funds	1,182,232			
Private debt funds	<u>45,139,993</u>			
Total investments measured at NAV	<u>428,060,913</u>			
Money market funds (exempt)	<u>10,794,034</u>			
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>\$ 1,018,605,027</u>			

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**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

***FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)***

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient, including their related unfunded commitments and redemption restrictions.

	As of September 30, 2023			
<b>Investments Measured at the NAV</b>	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period (days)
Commingled equity funds <sup>1</sup>	\$168,538,632	\$ --	Daily	1
Real estate funds <sup>2</sup>	164,329,528	3,801,194	Quarterly	10 - 90
Hedge fund of funds <sup>3</sup>	12,493,269	--	Quarterly	95
Private equity funds <sup>4</sup>	2,250,395	38,000,000	N/A	N/A
Private debt funds <sup>5</sup>	<u>60,438,596</u>	<u>20,250,000</u>	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Investments Measured at NAV</b>	<b><u>\$408,050,420</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 62,051,194</u></b>		

  

	As of September 30, 2022			
<b>Investments Measured at the NAV</b>	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Commingled equity funds <sup>1</sup>	\$180,974,747	\$ --	Daily	1
Real estate funds <sup>2</sup>	187,990,256	--	Quarterly	10 - 90
Hedge fund of funds <sup>3</sup>	12,773,685	--	Quarterly	95
Private equity funds <sup>4</sup>	1,182,232	--	N/A	N/A
Private debt funds <sup>5</sup>	<u>45,139,993</u>	<u>21,250,000</u>	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Investments Measured at NAV</b>	<b><u>\$428,060,913</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 21,250,000</u></b>		

# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

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#### NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

##### *FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)*

- 1 *Commingled equity funds* – Consists of three equity index collective trusts considered commingled in nature which are designed to match the return of their respective benchmark index. The objective of the three funds is to match the returns of the S&P 500 Index, the S&P Small-Cap 600 Index, and the S&P MidCap 400 Index through investments in substantially all the stocks contained in those indexes respectively. These funds are valued at the net asset value held at the end of the period based upon the fair value of the underlying investments, and are open for withdrawal daily and provide for redemptions with 1 day notice.
- 2 *Real estate funds* – Consists of four open-end real estate partnerships and two real estate funds. Two of the open-end real estate partnerships primarily invest in stable institutional quality office, retail, industrial, hotel and multi-family residential properties that are substantially leased and have minimal deferred maintenance. The two real estate funds primarily invest in real estate leased to state government agencies and the U.S. federal government either through the General Services Administration or other federal government agencies. One open-end real estate partnership is a commingled insurance company separate account designed for use as a funding vehicle for tax-qualified pension plans and certain non-profit organizations. Its investments are comprised primarily of real estate investments either directly owned or through partnership interests, and mortgages and other loans on income producing real estate. The open-end real estate partnership primarily invests in subsidiary entities in the acquisition or lease of real estate development sites located in the State of Florida to construct, develop and finance multifamily and mixed-used real estate and make available for lease upon future completion.
- 3 *Hedge fund of funds* – The Plan invests in two hedge fund of funds partnership vehicles. The objectives of these funds are to seek above-average rates of return and long-term capital growth through an investment in a master fund of funds with a diversified portfolio of private investment entities and separately managed accounts.
- 4 *Private equity funds* – The Plan invests in three private equity partnership vehicles. The private equity funds are not eligible for redemption. Distributions are received as underlying investments when the funds are liquidated, which on average will occur over a period of 5 to 10 years.
- 5 *Private debt funds* – The Plan invests in three private debt partnership vehicles. One private debt fund is not eligible for redemption. Distributions are received as underlying investments within the fund produce income or principal is returned, which should occur on a quarterly basis over the 6 to 7 year life of the fund. The remaining private debt partnerships invest in private credit and specialty finance assets with short to intermediate-term durations and often contractual cash flows, and are not eligible for redemption.

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**NOTE 4 – TAX STATUS**

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Trustees by a letter dated January 16, 2015 that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, however, Plan management and the Plan’s legal counsel believe that the Plan is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

**NOTE 5 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) OF THE CITY**

The components of the net pension liability (asset) of the City at September 30, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Total pension liability	\$ 1,266,436,108	\$ 1,224,030,102
Less plan fiduciary net position	<u>(1,080,069,680)</u>	<u>(1,016,931,277)</u>
<b>Net Pension Liability</b>	<u>\$ 186,366,428</u>	<u>\$ 207,098,825</u>
 <b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percent of the Total Pension Liability</b>	 <u>85.28%</u>	 <u>83.08%</u>

***SIGNIFICANT ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS***

The total pension liability as of September 30, 2023 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2022 updated to September 30, 2023 using the following actuarial assumptions applied to the measurement period:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	Service based
Investment rate of return	7.15%
Mortality Rates:	
Healthy	PubS.H-2010
Disabled	80% PubG.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees / 20% PubS.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees.

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**NOTE 5 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) OF THE CITY (CONTINUED)**

***SIGNIFICANT ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (CONTINUED)***

The total pension liability as of September 30, 2022 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2021 updated to September 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions applied to the measurement period:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	0.50% - 3.00%
Investment rate of return	7.20%
Mortality Rates:	
Healthy	PubS.H-2010
Disabled	80% PubG.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees / 20% PubS.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees.

***LONG-TERM EXPECTED RATE OF RETURN***

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2023 and 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	2023	2022	2023	2022
	Target Allocation		Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	
Domestic equity	30.0%	30.0%	7.40%	4.90%
International equity	15.0%	15.0%	4.90%	4.75%
Domestic bonds	20.0%	20.0%	1.70%	0.70%
Real estate	15.0%	15.0%	5.50%	3.40%
Other	<u>20.0%</u>	<u>20.0%</u>	7.90%	7.20%
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>100.0%</u></u>	<u><u>100.0%</u></u>		

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**NOTE 5 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) OF THE CITY (CONTINUED)**

***DISCOUNT RATE***

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.15% and 7.20% for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 7.15% and 7.20% for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	Net Pension Liability		
	1% Decrease (6.15%)	Discount Rate (7.15%)	1% Increase (8.15%)
September 30, 2023	\$ 322,437,070	\$ 186,366,428	\$ 74,312,774

  

	Net Pension Liability (Asset)		
	1% Decrease (6.20%)	Discount Rate (7.20%)	1% Increase (8.20%)
September 30, 2022	\$ 337,272,587	\$ 207,098,825	\$ 99,694,336

**NOTE 6 – DUE TO THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**

The System and Share Plan use the City of Fort Lauderdale as a paying agent for the payment of all the investment, benefit and administrative expenses. The System and Share Plan reimburses the City on an ongoing basis. The amounts due to the City as of September 30, 2023 and 2022 were \$2,018,380 and \$4,086,600, respectively.

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**NOTE 7 – LEASE**

Prior to October 1, 2021, the Plan, as a lessee, had an existing lease agreement for the rental of their office space and had renewed the office lease through February 2024. As of October 1, 2021, the remaining term of the lease was 28 months. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$133,584. As of September 30, 2023, the value of the lease liability is \$23,487. During the year ended September 30, 2023, the Plan was required to make monthly lease payments of \$4,600 with an increase of \$100 commencing at March 1 of each year thereafter. The lease has an interest rate of 0.33% per annum. The office space estimated useful life was 3 years as of the contract period. The value of the right to use asset as of September 30, 2023 of \$19,084 with accumulated amortization of \$114,500 is included Note 8 – Capital Asset, under leased office space (intangible asset).

***CHANGES TO LEASE LIABILITY***

The following is a summary of changes in lease liability reported in the Plan’s financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2023:

Type	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due within One Year
Lease	\$ 79,226	\$ --	\$ 55,739	\$ 23,487	\$ 23,487

The future lease payments under the lease agreement are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Lease		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 23,487	\$ 13	\$ 23,500

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**NOTE 8 – CAPITAL ASSET**

<u>Capital Asset</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital asset being amortized				
Leased office space (intangible asset)	\$ 133,584	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 133,584
Total capital asset being amortized	133,584	--	--	133,584
Less: Accumulated amortization for				
Leased office space	57,250	57,250	--	114,500
Total amortization	57,250	57,250	--	114,500
Net capital asset being amortized	76,334	(57,250)	--	19,084
<b>Total, Net of Accumulated Amortization</b>	<u>\$ 76,334</u>	<u>\$ (57,250)</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 19,084</u>

The amortization expense for the year ended September 30, 2023 was \$57,250.

**NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

Effective October 1, 2023, the City passed ordinance no. C-23-47 which amended the Plan ordinance to reflect provisions of the collective bargaining agreements between the City and the collective bargaining units representing police officers and sergeants, police lieutenants and captains, firefighters, and battalion chiefs.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS**

<b>September 30,</b>	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>										
Service cost	\$ 21,130,156	\$ 21,085,948	\$ 20,638,300	\$ 21,592,065	\$ 21,371,855	\$ 20,478,769	\$ 20,106,284	\$ 19,199,538	\$ 18,531,300	\$ 18,025,712
Interest	87,276,057	83,069,874	80,217,651	74,756,410	71,544,868	68,505,318	65,765,964	62,181,617	60,367,031	57,797,227
Change in excess state money	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	(1,223,158)
Share plan allocation	2,443,353	1,811,709	2,066,242	1,623,882	1,524,328	1,599,747	1,653,054	1,732,185	1,826,197	2,561,814
Changes of benefit terms	6,966,527	--	--	--	65,590	6,411	--	--	1,097,988	--
Differences between expected and actual experience	(16,839,578)	18,216,726	(6,295,761)	19,851,718	2,008,045	(1,668,323)	(2,762,831)	(5,100,657)	(7,319,054)	--
Changes of assumptions	6,121,833	5,905,920	5,600,685	13,599,982	5,019,222	4,790,360	10,692,637	16,504,779	(2,194,981)	--
Contributions - buy back	1,293,256	987,862	3,559,103	144,879	2,890,088	2,371,335	24,749	73,763	43,865	--
Contributions - transfer from general plan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26,692	--
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(65,985,598)	(63,506,703)	(55,122,173)	(56,485,116)	(51,350,440)	(47,417,274)	(46,564,184)	(48,849,184)	(46,660,430)	(44,137,555)
<b>Net Change in Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>42,406,006</b>	<b>67,571,336</b>	<b>50,664,047</b>	<b>75,083,820</b>	<b>53,073,556</b>	<b>48,666,343</b>	<b>48,915,673</b>	<b>45,742,041</b>	<b>25,718,608</b>	<b>33,024,040</b>
<b>Total Pension Liability - Beginning</b>	<b>1,224,030,102</b>	<b>1,156,458,766</b>	<b>1,105,794,719</b>	<b>1,030,710,899</b>	<b>977,637,343</b>	<b>928,971,000</b>	<b>880,055,327</b>	<b>834,313,286</b>	<b>808,594,678</b>	<b>775,570,638</b>
<b>Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)</b>	<b>1,266,436,108</b>	<b>1,224,030,102</b>	<b>1,156,458,766</b>	<b>1,105,794,719</b>	<b>1,030,710,899</b>	<b>977,637,343</b>	<b>928,971,000</b>	<b>880,055,327</b>	<b>834,313,286</b>	<b>808,594,678</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>										
Contributions - employer (city)	21,471,852	20,357,843	19,757,218	17,923,079	18,108,528	19,328,568	17,325,393	13,867,934	15,599,916	14,498,457
Contributions - member (state)	6,249,901	5,860,328	4,750,365	4,985,818	5,218,862	4,781,171	4,279,013	4,128,597	3,973,032	3,019,230
Contributions - State Share Plan	2,443,353	1,811,709	2,066,242	1,623,882	1,524,328	1,599,747	1,653,054	1,732,185	1,826,197	2,561,814
Contributions - employee	7,931,872	7,836,261	7,807,192	7,734,465	7,975,985	6,838,045	5,901,142	5,732,925	5,610,955	5,875,363
Contributions - buy back	1,293,256	987,862	3,559,103	144,879	2,890,088	2,371,335	24,749	73,763	43,865	--
Net investment income (loss)	90,456,974	(114,948,196)	186,322,349	53,343,183	36,802,989	61,903,958	96,510,340	63,676,001	5,969,880	59,358,824
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(65,985,598)	(63,506,703)	(55,122,173)	(56,485,116)	(51,350,440)	(47,417,274)	(46,564,184)	(48,849,184)	(46,660,430)	(44,137,555)
Administrative expenses	(723,207)	(659,728)	(605,457)	(672,122)	(638,919)	(648,453)	(619,575)	(651,146)	(692,348)	(647,397)
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4,000,034
<b>Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>63,138,403</b>	<b>(142,260,624)</b>	<b>168,534,839</b>	<b>28,598,068</b>	<b>20,531,421</b>	<b>48,757,097</b>	<b>78,509,932</b>	<b>39,711,075</b>	<b>(14,328,933)</b>	<b>44,528,770</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning</b>	<b>1,016,931,277</b>	<b>1,159,191,901</b>	<b>990,657,062</b>	<b>962,058,994</b>	<b>941,527,573</b>	<b>892,770,476</b>	<b>814,260,544</b>	<b>774,549,469</b>	<b>788,878,402</b>	<b>744,349,632</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)</b>	<b>\$1,080,069,680</b>	<b>\$1,016,931,277</b>	<b>\$ 1,159,191,901</b>	<b>\$ 990,657,062</b>	<b>\$ 962,058,994</b>	<b>\$941,527,573</b>	<b>\$892,770,476</b>	<b>\$814,260,544</b>	<b>\$774,549,469</b>	<b>\$788,878,402</b>
<b>Net Pension Liability (Asset) - Ending (a) - (b)</b>	<b>\$ 186,366,428</b>	<b>\$ 207,098,825</b>	<b>\$ (2,733,135)</b>	<b>\$ 115,137,657</b>	<b>\$ 68,651,905</b>	<b>\$ 36,109,770</b>	<b>\$ 36,200,524</b>	<b>\$ 65,794,783</b>	<b>\$ 59,763,817</b>	<b>\$ 19,716,276</b>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	85.28%	83.08%	100.24%	89.59%	93.34%	96.31%	96.10%	92.52%	92.84%	97.56%
Covered Payroll	\$ 74,085,620	\$ 73,135,467	\$ 72,304,621	\$ 73,016,330	\$ 76,177,179	\$ 72,960,842	\$ 71,050,792	\$ 69,470,181	\$ 68,064,001	\$ 67,279,327
Net Pension Liability (Asset) as Percentage of Covered Payroll	251.56%	283.17%	-3.78%	157.69%	90.12%	49.49%	50.95%	94.71%	87.81%	29.31%

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF CITY CONTRIBUTIONS**

<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>	<u>Actuarially Determined Contribution</u>	<u>Actual Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll</u>
2023	\$ 26,300,810	\$ 27,721,753	\$ (1,420,943)	\$ 74,085,620	37.42%
2022	25,373,586	26,218,171	(844,585)	73,135,467	35.85%
2021	24,507,583	24,507,583	--	72,304,621	33.89%
2020	22,766,889	22,930,126	(163,237)	73,016,330	31.40%
2019	22,535,977	23,327,291	(791,314)	76,177,179	30.62%
2018	23,513,971	24,109,739	(595,768)	72,960,842	33.04%
2017	21,265,207	21,604,408	(339,201)	71,050,792	30.41%
2016	17,665,942	17,996,531	(330,589)	69,470,181	25.91%
2015	18,913,469	18,913,469	--	68,064,001	27.79%
2014	19,012,474	19,012,474	--	65,886,733	28.86%

**Notes to Schedule:**

Valuation date: October 1, 2021

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of October 1, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported

Significant methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal actuarial cost method. Additionally, beginning with the pension fund's plan year ended September 30, 2015, a full year salary load based on the current 5.1% assumption is utilized under the projection funding method, as mandated by the Division of Retirement.
Amortization method	New UAAL amortization bases are amortized over 20 years.
Actuarial value of assets	All assets are valued at market value with an adjustment to uniformly spread investment gains and losses (as measured by actual market value investment return against expected market value investment return) over a five-year period.
Cost-of-living adjustments	None
Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	0.49% - 5.11%
Investment rate of return	7.25% per year, compounded annually, net of investment related expenses.
Marital status	All employed members and all retired members are assumed to be married. Females are assumed to be 3 years younger than males.
Mortality rates	
Female:	PubS.H-2010 (Above Median) for HealthyRetirees, set forward one year.
Male:	PubS.H-2010 (Above Median) for HealthyRetirees, set forward one year.
Disabled mortality rates	
Female:	80% PubG.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees / 20% PubS.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees.
Male:	80% PubG.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees / 20% PubS.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees.

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS**

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<b>September 30,</b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense	8.70%	-10.03%	18.98%	5.43%	3.49%	7.36%	11.69%	8.11%	0.74%	8.60%

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN**

**COMBINING STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023			2022		
	System	Share Plan	Total	System	Share Plan	Total
<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Investments</b>						
Money market funds	\$ 29,060,126	\$ --	\$ 29,060,126	\$ 10,794,034	\$ --	\$ 10,794,034
U.S. Treasury securities	99,790,065	--	99,790,065	130,529,099	--	130,529,099
U.S. Government agency obligations	10,412,694	--	10,412,694	2,113,848	--	2,113,848
Corporate bonds and other fixed income	107,355,700	--	107,355,700	115,039,818	--	115,039,818
Index funds	233,224,242	--	233,224,242	204,699,349	--	204,699,349
Equity securities	191,253,984	--	191,253,984	127,367,966	--	127,367,966
Commingled equity funds	168,538,632	--	168,538,632	180,974,747	--	180,974,747
Real estate funds	164,329,528	--	164,329,528	187,990,256	--	187,990,256
Hedge fund of funds	12,493,269	--	12,493,269	12,773,685	--	12,773,685
Private debt and equity funds	62,688,991	--	62,688,991	46,322,225	--	46,322,225
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>1,079,147,231</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1,079,147,231</u>	<u>1,018,605,027</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1,018,605,027</u>
<b>Receivables</b>						
Unsettled trades	369,982	--	369,982	545,346	--	545,346
Accrued dividends and interest	2,591,008	--	2,591,008	2,788,596	--	2,788,596
State contribution	680,058	--	680,058	--	--	--
Due to the City of Fort Lauderdale	141,441	--	141,441	--	--	--
Employee contribution receivable	15,495	--	15,495	--	--	--
Due to/from retirement system	(41,961,028)	41,961,028	--	(38,982,509)	38,982,509	--
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<u>(38,163,044)</u>	<u>41,961,028</u>	<u>3,797,984</u>	<u>(35,648,567)</u>	<u>38,982,509</u>	<u>3,333,942</u>
Prepaid expense	--	--	--	4,600	--	4,600
Intangible right to use leased assets, net of amortization	19,084	--	19,084	76,334	--	76,334
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>1,041,003,271</u>	<u>41,961,028</u>	<u>1,082,964,299</u>	<u>983,037,394</u>	<u>38,982,509</u>	<u>1,022,019,903</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Unsettled trades	301,483	--	301,483	500,264	--	500,264
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	551,269	--	551,269	422,536	--	422,536
Current portion of long-term liabilities	23,487	--	23,487	55,739	--	55,739
Due to the City of Fort Lauderdale	2,018,380	--	2,018,380	4,086,600	--	4,086,600
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>2,894,619</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2,894,619</u>	<u>5,065,139</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>5,065,139</u>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>						
Due in more than one year	--	--	--	23,487	--	23,487
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>2,894,619</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2,894,619</u>	<u>5,088,626</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>5,088,626</u>
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits</b>						
	<u>\$ 1,038,108,652</u>	<u>\$ 41,961,028</u>	<u>\$ 1,080,069,680</u>	<u>\$ 977,948,768</u>	<u>\$ 38,982,509</u>	<u>\$ 1,016,931,277</u>

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN**

**COMBINING STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023			2022		
	System	Share Plan	Total	System	Share Plan	Total
<b>Additions</b>						
<b>Contributions</b>						
Employer	\$ 21,471,852	\$ --	\$ 21,471,852	\$ 20,357,843	\$ --	\$ 20,357,843
Plan members	9,225,128	--	9,225,128	8,752,909	--	8,752,909
State	6,249,901	2,443,353	8,693,254	5,860,328	1,811,710	7,672,038
Buyback contributions (payments)	208,580	(208,580)	--	71,215	(71,215)	--
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<u>37,155,461</u>	<u>2,234,773</u>	<u>39,390,234</u>	<u>35,042,295</u>	<u>1,740,495</u>	<u>36,782,790</u>
<b>Investment Income (Loss)</b>						
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	70,990,358	3,198,915	74,189,273	(127,782,071)	(4,241,811)	(132,023,882)
Interest	8,385,761	--	8,385,761	7,090,415	--	7,090,415
Dividends	6,904,150	--	6,904,150	8,596,002	--	8,596,002
Real estate income	7,759,540	--	7,759,540	8,117,563	--	8,117,563
	94,039,809	3,198,915	97,238,724	(103,978,091)	(4,241,811)	(108,219,902)
Less: investment expenses	6,781,750	--	6,781,750	6,728,295	--	6,728,295
<b>Net Investment Income (Loss)</b>	<u>87,258,059</u>	<u>3,198,915</u>	<u>90,456,974</u>	<u>(110,706,386)</u>	<u>(4,241,811)</u>	<u>(114,948,197)</u>
<b>Total Additions</b>	<u>124,413,520</u>	<u>5,433,688</u>	<u>129,847,208</u>	<u>(75,664,091)</u>	<u>(2,501,316)</u>	<u>(78,165,407)</u>
<b>Deductions</b>						
<b>Benefits Paid</b>						
Retirement	56,942,922	2,405,887	59,348,809	55,070,569	1,648,793	56,719,362
Disability	1,676,012	4,307	1,680,319	1,664,915	--	1,664,915
Death	4,673,639	--	4,673,639	4,742,505	--	4,742,505
<b>Total Benefits Paid</b>	<u>63,292,573</u>	<u>2,410,194</u>	<u>65,702,767</u>	<u>61,477,989</u>	<u>1,648,793</u>	<u>63,126,782</u>
Refund of contributions	282,831	--	282,831	308,707	--	308,707
Administrative expenses	678,232	44,975	723,207	597,953	61,775	659,728
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<u>64,253,636</u>	<u>2,455,169</u>	<u>66,708,805</u>	<u>62,384,649</u>	<u>1,710,568</u>	<u>64,095,217</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	60,159,884	2,978,519	63,138,403	(138,048,740)	(4,211,884)	(142,260,624)
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits</b>						
Beginning of year	977,948,768	38,982,509	1,016,931,277	1,115,997,508	43,194,393	1,159,191,901
End of year	<u>\$ 1,038,108,652</u>	<u>\$ 41,961,028</u>	<u>\$ 1,080,069,680</u>	<u>\$ 977,948,768</u>	<u>\$ 38,982,509</u>	<u>\$ 1,016,931,277</u>

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## **REPORTING SECTION**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED  
ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Board of Trustees and Executive Director  
**City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the combined financial statements of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System and Supplemental Share Plan (the "Plan") which comprise the combined statement of fiduciary net position as of September 30, 2023 and the combined statement of changes of fiduciary net position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the combined financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2024.

***Report Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the combined financial statements, we considered the Plan's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the combined financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Plan's combined financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

### ***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Plan's combined financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the combined financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### ***Purpose of this Report***

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Plan's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Marcum LLP*

Fort Lauderdale, FL  
June 25, 2024