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INDEPENDENT REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo

We have performed the procedures enumerated below to the accompanying Appropriations Limit worksheet of the County of San Luis Obispo for the year ended June 30, 2004. These procedures, which were agreed to by the County of San Luis Obispo were performed solely to assist the County in meeting the requirements of Section 1.5 of Article XIII-B of the California Constitution. The County of San Luis Obispo management is responsible for the Appropriations Limit worksheet. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the County of San Luis Obispo. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures performed and our findings were as follows:

1. We obtained the completed worksheets, and compared the limit and annual adjustment factors in those worksheets to the limit and annual adjustment factors that were adopted by resolution of the County Board of Supervisors. We also compared the population and inflation options included in the aforementioned worksheets to those that were selected by a recorded vote of the Board of Supervisors.

Finding: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

2. For the accompanying Appropriations Limit worksheet, we added last year's limit to the total adjustments, and compared the resulting amount to this year's limit.

Finding: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

3. We compared the current year information presented in the accompanying Appropriations Limit worksheet to the other worksheets described in #1 above.

Finding: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

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4. We compared the prior year appropriations limit presented in the accompanying Appropriations Limit worksheet to the prior year appropriations limit adopted by the County Board of Supervisors for the prior year.

Finding: No exceptions were noted as a result of our procedures.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the accompanying Appropriations Limit worksheet. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you. No procedures have been performed with respect to the determination of the appropriation limit for the base year, as defined by Article XIII-B of the California Constitution.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County of San Luis Obispo and management of the County of San Luis Obispo and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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December 13, 2004

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

Appropriations Limit Worksheet
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Gann Limit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003			\$ 243,010,773
Adjusted budget to actual Nonresidential percentage change factor 2001-02			<u>(5,600,011)</u>
Adjusted Limitation June 30, 2003			237,410,762
Nonresidential new construction	1.07089		
Population change factor	<u>1.01320</u>	X	
Gann Limit increase factor			X <u>1.085025748</u>
Gann Limit June 30, 2004			<u>\$257,596,790</u>

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

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

Appropriations Limit Worksheet Notes to Worksheet June 30, 2004

Note 1: **Per Capita Personal Income Factor**

The per capita personal income factor was obtained from the State Department of Finance in their letter dated May 1, 2003. The per capita personal income factor for fiscal year 2001-2002 used in the calculation of the 2003-2004 Gann Limit was 2.31. However, the County is allowed to use the nonresidential new construction growth factor, if it is higher than the CPI factor provided by the State. For San Luis Obispo County, the nonresidential new construction growth was 7.089. This factor is converted to a ratio and for calculation purposes was 1.07089.

Note 2: **Population Changes**

There are three methods of calculating the change in population that a county may choose in determining the Gann Limit. 1) The change in population within its jurisdiction; 2) The change in population within its jurisdiction, combined with the changes in population within all counties having borders that are contiguous to that county; 3) The change in population within the incorporated portion of the county. The county may use either of these methods in any year.

The County has elected to use the county-wide method (1). Per the May 1, 2003 letter from the State Department of Finance, the county-wide area population change percentage was 1.32. This percentage change was converted to the ratio factor of 1.0132.

Note 3: **Appropriation Limit**

The County has calculated the proceeds of tax for the year ended June 30, 2004 as \$118,908,145. Therefore, the proceeds of tax is \$138,688,645 less than the appropriations limit. The proceeds of tax is 46.16% of the limit.