



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor  
Members of the City Commission  
City of Sarasota, Florida

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the City of Sarasota, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2001 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Sarasota, Florida management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City of Sarasota, Florida, as of September 30, 2001, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 21, 2001 on our consideration of the City of Sarasota's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such additional information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The required supplementary information and the statistical section have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

*CPA Associates*

Sarasota Florida  
December 21, 2001