



## CITY OF CAPE CORAL

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December 12, 2025

Dear City Council and Stakeholders of the Cape Coral Community,

The City of Cape Coral is transmitting the attached report to provide full transparency regarding recent assertions made by a local contractors' association concerning the operations, and regulatory practices of the City's Building Division as well as financial policies and procedures in the Financial Services Department. These assertions were submitted to our State Representatives and prompted the State of Florida Joint Legislative Auditing Committee to direct the Auditor General's Office to conduct an operational audit of the Building Division.

To ensure accurate and verified information is available to our community, City staff conducted a comprehensive internal review of each of the 26 assertions outlined in the association's correspondence. The attached report presents these assertions in sequence, followed by the City's detailed responses and supporting documentation. The documentation reflects the City's strong internal controls and compliance with statutes, codes, and policies. Together, these materials provide clear evidence of how the City's administrative, financial, and regulatory practices align with the legal and professional standards expected of a professionally managed public organization.

As the Auditor General's Office proceeds with its audit, the City of Cape Coral will continue to cooperate fully and provide any additional information requested. The City welcomes independent oversight and accountability. We understand these are essential elements of good governance. However, when allegations arise that are not grounded in fact, we will respond directly, comprehensively, and with verifiable evidence to protect the integrity of our employees, our operations, and the trust of our residents.

Our commitment remains to openness, factual accuracy, and maintaining public confidence through honest, complete, and timely communication. Thank you for your continued engagement and support of a city government that values both accountability and integrity.

Sincerely,

Michael Ilczyszyn  
City Manager