

Mayer Street

The finance department leadership for the past 3 years has been falsifying two cash accounts with 1

the City. The accounts are the Concentration account and the Disbursement account.

The Concentration account is the bank account in all the money coming into the City. It has not been reconciled for more

than 3 years and the Controller, Assistant Controller and Director of Finance are aware. These

three people are the oversight, are giving the external auditors false documents showing that the account is reconciled when in

fact it is not. These three actually prepare and approve the documents

An example of the problems with the reconciliation is that they are continuing to carry a

plug a number in the reconciliation in the amount of \$14.9 million. They need to reduce cash on the books by \$14.9 million which means that Revenue was overstated by \$14.9 million and the City's fund balance is incorrect. The Mayor did not have an increase in his Fund Balance last year. They falsified the accounts to get it to balance with the bank.

The reason for the falsification is that the goal of the finance department for the past 3 years has been to produce the City's annual report early. In order to get the report done early they forced the reconciliation of the cash accounts. The cash account are large and have a lot of transactions going through them from several different systems. They never reconciled the transactions

coming from these systems to ~~what~~ what is on the bank statement and what is on the officer's books/lidger for Richmond.

Our leadership places more emphasis on getting the annual report done early than getting it done accurately and on time.

Sheila White the current director was informed of the falsification on June 26, 2020. Yet in September 2020, she signed off on approved the falsified reconciliation.

The City of Richmond cannot afford to continue to operate without reconciling its two largest cash accounts. The Director of ~~the~~ Finance and the Controller & Assistant Controller do not understand the implications of carrying a \$14.9 million plug in an account that on average average carries a balance between \$2 million and \$30 million. ~~\$14.9~~ \$14.9 million is material to ~~this accounts~~ accounts.

ending balance each month. They do not understand that the ~~GA~~ Annual Report was used to secure bond funding and issued to the rating agencies, Moody's and Fitch. So they submitted false documents. The 14.9 million is just the amount of the plug for 2017 and 2018 that they continue to carry forward to the current year. There are also other plugs in other parts of the Reconciliation. You can see them on the page where they identified a number as unreconciled ledger vs. bank.

There should be no reconciling items from Fiscal Year 2018 on the June 2020 bank reconciliation or any other month beyond July 2018. This is another item that they are plugging in the reconciliation. They have plugs from 2017, 2018, 2019 & because they are not reconciling this account to the bank statement.

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