## CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE (this "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by the Successor Agency to the Hercules Redevelopment Agency (the "Successor Agency") in connection with the execution and delivery of the Successor Agency to the Hercules Redevelopment Agency Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A, issued in the initial aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the Successor Agency to the Hercules Redevelopment Agency Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022B (Federally Taxable), issued in the initial aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, (collectively, the "Bonds"). The Bonds are being executed and delivered pursuant to an Indenture of Trust, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2022, by and between the Successor Agency and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Indenture").

The Successor Agency covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. <u>Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate</u>. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Successor Agency for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with the Rule.

Section 2. <u>Definitions</u>. In addition to the definitions set forth above and in the Indenture, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section 2, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

*"Annual Report"* means any Annual Report provided by the Successor Agency pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

"Annual Report Date" means each March 31, commencing March 31, 20\_\_, or the date that is nine months after the end of the Successor Agency's fiscal year if the Successor Agency's fiscal year is changed (the Successor Agency's fiscal year currently ends June 30).

"Dissemination Agent" means Urban Futures, Inc., or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Successor Agency and which has filed with the Successor Agency a written acceptance of such designation.

"Listed Events" means any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

*"MSRB*" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, which has been designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as the sole repository of disclosure information for purposes of the Rule, or any other repository of disclosure information that may be designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as such for purposes of the Rule in the future.

"*Official Statement*" means the final official statement executed by the Successor Agency in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

*"Participating Underwriter"* means Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, the original underwriter of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Bonds.

*"Rule"* means Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as it may be amended from time to time.

### Section 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

The Successor Agency shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than (a) the Annual Report Date, commencing March 31, 20\_\_ with the report for the \_\_\_\_\_ fiscal year, provide to the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, an Annual Report that is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. Not later than 15 Business Days prior to the Annual Report Date, the Successor Agency shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if other than the Successor Agency). If by 15 Business Days prior to the Annual Report Date the Dissemination Agent (if other than the Successor Agency) has not received a copy of the Annual Report, the Dissemination Agent shall contact the Successor Agency to determine if the Successor Agency is in compliance with the previous sentence. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may include by reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the Successor Agency may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report, and later than the Annual Report Date, if not available by that date. If the Successor Agency's fiscal year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b). The Successor Agency shall provide a written certification with each Annual Report furnished to the Dissemination Agent to the effect that such Annual Report constitutes the Annual Report required to be furnished by the Successor Agency hereunder.

(b) If the Successor Agency does not provide (or cause the Dissemination Agent to provide) an Annual Report by the Annual Report Date, the Successor Agency shall provide (or cause the Dissemination Agent to provide) to the MSRB, in a timely manner and in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, a notice in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A.

(c) With respect to each Annual Report, the Dissemination Agent shall:

(i) determine each year prior to the Annual Report Date the then-applicable rules and electronic format prescribed by the MSRB for the filing of annual continuing disclosure reports; and

(ii) if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Successor Agency, file a report with the Successor Agency certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, and stating the date it was provided.

Section 4. <u>Content of Annual Reports</u>. The Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the following:

(a) The Successor Agency's audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated to apply to governmental entities from time to time by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. If the Successor Agency's audited financial statements are not available by the Annual Report Date, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in the final Official Statement, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report when they become available.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in the audited financial statements filed on or before the Annual Report Date, financial information and operating data with respect to the Successor Agency

for the preceding fiscal year, substantially similar to that provided in the corresponding tables in the Official Statement:

(i) Description of issuance by the Successor Agency of any debt payable from or secured by a pledge of Pledged Tax Revenues in the Project Area (as defined in the Official Statement) in the most recently completed fiscal year only (including details as to date, amount, term, rating, insurance).

(ii) The assessed value of property in the Project Area for the current fiscal year only in the form of Table \_\_ in the Official Statement.

(iii) The ten largest property taxpayers in the Project Area for the current fiscal year only in the form of Table \_\_ to the Official Statement.

(iv) The land use statistics of the Project Area for the current fiscal year only in the form of Table \_\_ to the Official Statement.

(v) The coverage ratio provided by Pledged Tax Revenues in the Project Area with respect to debt service on the Bonds and any Parity Debt for the current fiscal year only, in the form of Table \_\_ in the Official Statement without any requirement to update any projected Pledged Tax Revenues set forth in Table \_\_.

(vi) [If the County has rescinded the Teeter Plan with respect to the Successor Agency's Pledged Tax Revenues, a statement to that effect.]

(vii) [The outstanding amounts due under each of the Prior Agreements.]

(c) Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Successor Agency or related public entities, which are available to the public on the MSRB's Internet web site or filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Successor Agency shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

Section 5. <u>Reporting of Significant Events</u>.

(a) The Successor Agency shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following Listed Events with respect to the Bonds:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies.
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material.
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties.
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties.
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform.
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS

Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security.

- (7) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material.
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers.
- (9) Defeasances.
- (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material.
- (11) Rating changes.
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Successor Agency.
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Successor Agency, or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Successor Agency (other than in the ordinary course of business), the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action, or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material.
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.
- (15) Incurrence of a financial obligation of the Successor Agency, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the Successor Agency, any of which affect Bond holders, if material.
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the Successor Agency, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) Whenever the Successor Agency obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Successor Agency shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent (if not the Successor Agency) to, file a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner not in excess of 10 business days after the occurrence of the Listed Event.

(c) The Successor Agency acknowledges that the events described in subparagraphs (a)(2), (a)(7), (a)(8) (if the event is a bond call), (a)(10), (a)(13), (a)(14), and (a)15 of this Section 5 contain the qualifier "if material" and that subparagraph (a)(6) also contains the qualifier "material" with respect to certain notices, determinations or other events affecting the tax status of the Bonds. The Successor Agency shall cause a notice to be filed as set forth in paragraph (b) above with respect to any such event only to the extent that it determines the event's occurrence is material for purposes of U.S. federal securities law. Whenever the Successor Agency obtains knowledge of the occurrence

of any of these Listed Events, the Successor Agency will as soon as possible determine if such event would be material under applicable federal securities law. If such event is determined to be material, the Successor Agency will cause a notice to be filed as set forth in paragraph (b) above.

(d) For purposes of this Disclosure Certificate, any event described in paragraph (a)(12) above is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the Successor Agency in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Successor Agency, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Successor Agency.

(e) For purposes of the events identified in paragraphs (a)(15) and (a)(16) above, the term "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term financial obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

Section 6. <u>Identifying Information for Filings with the MSRB</u>. All documents provided to the MSRB under the Disclosure Certificate shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 7. <u>Termination of Reporting Obligation</u>. The Successor Agency's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds. If such termination occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the Successor Agency shall give notice of such termination in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b).

Section 8. <u>Dissemination Agent</u>. The Successor Agency may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be Urban Futures, Inc. Any Dissemination Agent may resign by providing 30 days' written notice to the Successor Agency.

Section 9. <u>Amendment; Waiver</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Successor Agency may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) if the amendment or waiver relates to the provisions of Sections 3(a), 4 or 5(a), it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of an obligated person with respect to the Bonds, or type of business conducted;

(b) the undertakings herein, as proposed to be amended or waived, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time

of the primary offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(c) the proposed amendment or waiver either (i) is approved by holders of the Bonds in the manner provided in the Indenture for amendments to the Indenture with the consent of holders, or (ii) does not, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds.

If the annual financial information or operating data to be provided in the Annual Report is amended pursuant to the provisions hereof, the first Annual Report filed pursuant hereto containing the amended operating data or financial information shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided.

If an amendment is made to this Disclosure Certificate modifying the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made shall present a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles. The comparison shall include a qualitative discussion of the differences in the accounting principles and the impact of the change in the accounting principles on the presentation of the financial information, in order to provide information to investors to enable them to evaluate the ability of the Successor Agency to meet its obligations. To the extent reasonably feasible, the comparison shall be quantitative.

A notice of any amendment made pursuant to this Section 9 shall be filed in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b).

Section 10. <u>Additional Information</u>. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Successor Agency from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Successor Agency chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Successor Agency shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

Section 11. <u>Default</u>. If the Successor Agency fails to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Participating Underwriter or any holder or beneficial owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the Successor Agency to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an Event of Default under the Indenture, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Successor Agency to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

### Section 12. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent.

(a) The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the Successor Agency agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which they may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The Dissemination Agent shall have no duty or obligation to review any information provided to it by the Successor Agency hereunder, and shall not be deemed to be acting in any fiduciary capacity for the Successor Agency, the Bond holders or any other party. The obligations of the Successor Agency under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

(b) The Dissemination Agent shall be paid compensation by the Successor Agency for its services provided hereunder in accordance with its schedule of fees as amended from time to time, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses, legal fees and advances made or incurred by the Dissemination Agent in the performance of its duties hereunder.

Section 13. <u>Beneficiaries</u>. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Successor Agency, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and the holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

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Section 14. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Disclosure Certificate may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Dated: \_\_\_\_, 2022

SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE HERUCLES REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By:

Executive Director

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

URBAN FUTURES, INC., as Dissemination Agent

By:

Authorized Representative

### **EXHIBIT A**

### NOTICE OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer:Successor Agency to the Hercules Redevelopment AgencyName of Issue:Successor Agency to the Hercules Redevelopment Agency<br/>Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022ASuccessor Agency to the Hercules Redevelopment Agency<br/>Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022B (Federally Taxable)Date of Issuance:\_\_\_\_\_, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Successor Agency has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by the Indenture of Trust, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_1, 2022, by and between the Successor Agency and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. The Successor Agency anticipates that the Annual Report will be filed by

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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DISSEMINATION AGENT:

URBAN FUTURES, INC.