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**The Heising-Simons
Action Fund**
(A Nonprofit Organization)

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Independent Auditors' Report and
Financial Statements



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Independent Auditors' Report

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE HEISING-SIMONS ACTION FUND
Los Altos, California

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **THE HEISING-SIMONS ACTION FUND (the Fund)** which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for one year from the date of this report.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Hood & Strong LLP

San Francisco, California
October 21, 2024

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Statement of Financial Position

<i>December 31,</i>	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 5,939,767	\$ 3,829,373
Total assets	\$ 5,939,767	\$ 3,829,373
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 13,584	\$ 90,223
Accounts payable to affiliate	41,995	35,968
Grants payable	1,100,000	650,000
Total liabilities	1,155,579	776,191
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	4,784,188	3,053,182
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 5,939,767	\$ 3,829,373

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

<i>Years Ended December 31,</i>	2023	2022
Revenues and Support:		
Contributions	\$ 17,800,000	\$ 15,000,000
Interest and dividend income	446,500	58,423
Total revenues and support	18,246,500	15,058,423
Expenses:		
Program services:		
Grants	15,750,000	16,049,999
Other program expenses	613,071	552,398
Total program services	16,363,071	16,602,397
Management and general	152,423	151,404
Total expenses	16,515,494	16,753,801
Change in Net Assets	1,731,006	(1,695,378)
Net Assets, Without Donor Restrictions - beginning of period	3,053,182	4,748,560
Net Assets, Without Donor Restrictions - end of period	\$ 4,784,188	\$ 3,053,182

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Functional Expenses

Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023		
	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Grants to charitable organizations	\$ 15,750,000		\$ 15,750,000
Salaries and wages and related expenses	366,776	\$ 64,834	431,610
Professional services and program consultants	71,241	60,970	132,211
Facilities	84,201	8,332	92,533
Operations	6,686	5,025	11,711
Equipment, hardware, and software	8,523	2,294	10,817
Membership and licenses	25,002	69	25,071
Insurance	-	665	665
Travel, meetings, and professional development	50,642	10,234	60,876
	\$ 16,363,071	\$ 152,423	\$ 16,515,494
	2022		
	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Grants to charitable organizations	\$ 16,049,999		\$ 16,049,999
Salaries and wages and related expenses	282,335	\$ 66,914	349,249
Professional services and program consultants	152,526	66,675	219,201
Facilities	76,657	7,839	84,496
Operations	5,608	3,581	9,189
Equipment, hardware, and software	7,114	1,496	8,610
Membership and licenses	25,090	70	25,160
Insurance		914	914
Travel, meetings, and professional development	3,068	3,915	6,983
	\$ 16,602,397	\$ 151,404	\$ 16,753,801

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Statement of Cash Flows

<i>Years Ended December 31,</i>	2023	2022
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 1,731,006	\$ (1,695,378)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Changes in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(76,639)	76,403
Accounts payable to affiliate	6,027	14,520
Grants payable	450,000	(450,000)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	2,110,394	(2,054,455)
Net Change in Cash and Equivalents	2,110,394	(2,054,455)
Cash and Equivalents, beginning of period	3,829,373	5,883,828
Cash and Equivalents, end of period	\$ 5,939,767	\$ 3,829,373

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1 - Organization:

The Heising-Simons Action Fund (the Fund) was incorporated in the State of California and established as a 501(c)(4) organization that advances ideas and supports institutions to advance social good. The Fund engages primarily in legislative and other public policy activities, including but not limited to making contributions to ballot measure campaigns and to other legislative advocacy efforts, to promote the common good and general welfare of the general public in California and elsewhere. It is focused on a variety of issue areas, including climate and clean energy, education, human rights, bolstering civic engagement and community advocacy in the city of San Jose, CA, and grassroots mobilization at the federal and state level to strengthen democracy and equitable representation.

The Heising-Simons Foundation (the Foundation), an independent affiliated entity, assisted with the creation of the Fund. See Note 4 regarding the Resource Sharing Agreement between the two organizations.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), which recognizes revenue when earned and expenses when incurred accordingly, reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

Net Assets

Net assets, revenues, gain, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions are those that are not restricted by donor-imposed stipulations. There were no net assets with donor restrictions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Fund considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Contribution Revenue Recognition

Contributions are generally recognized as revenue when received or unconditionally promised. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

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Grants

The Fund recognizes grants payable for unconditional promises to give. Conditional promises to give are not recorded until the barriers to entitlement are overcome, at which point the liability is recognized.

Grants payable are recorded at a discount if they extend beyond one year from the date recognized. Discounts are amortized to grant expense over the life of the grant commitment. Grants payable as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 were expected to be paid in the following year.

Grants expense consists of grants made to various other charitable and non-charitable organizations as determined by the Fund's Board of Directors and are recorded when commitments have been formally approved and all conditions have been met by the grantee. Grant cancellations or unspent funds are recorded as a reduction of grant expense in the year canceled or returned.

Allocation of Functional Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets. Expenses such as salaries, benefits, and professional fees are allocated between programs and management and are based on actual use. Facility and operations are allocated between programs and management and general based on salary expense.

Tax-Exempt Status

The Fund is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and the corresponding California Revenue and Taxation Code sections.

Management evaluated the Fund's tax positions and concluded that the Fund had maintained its tax-exempt status and had taken no uncertain tax positions that required adjustment to the financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Concentrations of Risk

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Fund to concentrations of credit and other risks, consist of cash and equivalents, the balances of which may exceed FDIC insured limits from time to time.

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Subsequent Events

The Fund evaluated subsequent events from December 31, 2023 through October 21, 2024, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosure in these financial statements.

Note 3 - Availability of Financial Assets and Liquidity:

The Fund's financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year from December 31, 2023 and 2022 are \$5,939,767 and \$3,829,373, respectively. The Fund's goal is to maintain financial assets to meet all grant and operating needs. Financial assets are considered unavailable when illiquid or not convertible to cash within one year. The Fund does not have any financial assets subject to donor restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year of the date of financial statements.

Note 4 - Related Party Transactions:

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 the Fund received contributions from individuals or Trust arrangements created by governance involving persons or having beneficiaries related to the Fund's Directors.

The Fund is affiliated with the Heising-Simons Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) and classified as a private non-operating foundation under Section 509(a). The two organizations are operated as distinct entities with their own separate (albeit complementary) missions. The Foundation does not control the Fund's board or day-to-day operations or subsidize it in any way. The operational and legal relationship between the Fund and the Foundation is set forth in a Resource Sharing Agreement stipulating that the Fund must pay fair value for all services provided by the Foundation, including but not limited to staff time, office space, computers, payroll, benefits, and bookkeeping. The Resource Sharing Agreement requires that the staff of the Foundation and the Fund keep detailed time records so that their time may be accounted for and charged to the appropriate entity.

Amounts incurred by the Foundation under the Resource Sharing Agreement with the Fund totaled \$591,870 and \$495,727 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Amounts owed to the Foundation by the Fund totaled \$41,995 and \$35,968 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.