Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2021

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A This return/report is for:
- ☐ a multiemployer plan
- ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- ☒ a single-employer plan
- ☐ a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- ☐ the first return/report
- ☐ the final return/report
- ☐ an amended return/report
- ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ ☐

D Check box if filing under:
- ☒ Form 5558
- ☐ automatic extension
- ☐ the DFVC program
- ☐ special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ ☐

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 04/01/1993

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC

7031 COMMERCE CIRCLE
SUITE 100
BATON ROUGE, LA 70809

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0577012

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 225-927-0005

2d Business code (see instructions) 522291

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2022	MICHAEL STANTON
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2022	MICHAEL STANTON
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	1267
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	1110
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	1159
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	1
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	171
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	1331
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	2
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	1333
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	1257
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	89
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] ___ **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2021** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶
REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(K) PLAN	001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC	72-0577012

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

MORNINGSTAR INVESTMENT MGMT LLC

36-4317381

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 70	INV ADV, PARTICIPANTS	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	83323	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

94-1347393

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 21 37 50	RECORDKEEPER /BOOKKEEPER	62930	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MORNINGSTAR INVESTMENT MGMT LLC	26 70	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	14 BASIS POINTS ON ASSETS MANAGED BY MORNINGSTAR INVESTMENT MGMT

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III	**Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)** (complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

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b EIN:

c Position:

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e Telephone:

Explanation:

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b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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A Name of plan
REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
72-0577012

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WELLS FARGO STABLE RETRN N FD

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
41-6202499-001	C	2165728

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WELLS FARGO STABLE RETURN F FD

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
46-6933767-001	C	0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WELLS FRG/BLKRK INTL EQ IX TR

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
52-2265229-001	C	465491

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WELLS FARGO/BLKRK LCG IX TR

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
52-2265232-001	C	178320

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WELLS FARGO/BLKRK LCV IDX TR

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
52-2265227-001	C	405391

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WLLS FRG/BLKRK RSLL 2000 IX TR

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
52-2265233-001	C	119980

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WELLS FRG/BLKRK S&P 500 IDX TR

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
94-3224211-001	C	31103

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WELLS FRGO/BLKRK S&P MC IDX TR

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

c EIN-PN 52-2265235-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 61988

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WELLS FARGO/BLKRK ST-TM INV TR

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

c EIN-PN 41-6292499-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 52096

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WLS FR/BLKRK US AGRGT BD IX TR

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

c EIN-PN 20-5699010-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 369231

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name	
b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
72-0577012

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	1402028	1595788
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	598206	508735
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	3092909	3849328
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	23766636	29696537
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	**(b)** End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	28859779	35650388
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	28859779	35650388

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		**(a)** Amount	**(b)** Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	1548213	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3793516	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	366151	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		5707880
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	29282	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		29282
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	432062	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		432062
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		268474
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		3443725
c Other income	2c		5893
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		9887316
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2949953	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	500	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		2950453
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: **(1)** Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	83324	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	62930	
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		146254
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3096707
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		6790609
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [X] Unmodified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [ ] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [ ] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: POSTLETHWAITE AND NETTERVILLE **(2)** EIN: 72-1202445

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
b	Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		500000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**	X		
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	**4n**	X		

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2021

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan
REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
72-0577012

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 42-0127290

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

20 **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

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October 10, 2022

Plan Administrator
Republic Finance, LLC 401(k) Plan
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Republic Finance, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit] for the year ended December 31, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated 12/31/2021. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by Wells Fargo for period 1/1/2021 to 6/18/2021 and Principal 6/18/2021 to 12/31/2021 which is a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements and supplemental schedules, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP. Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated June 22, 2022. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Plan are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of the existing policies was not changed during 2021We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ from those expected.

The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was: the disclosure of the fair value of the plan's investments in Note 3 to the financial statements. In accordance with ASC 820, management is responsible for determining the proper classification of the fair value of investments as a level 1, 2, or 3. Management relied on the judgment of a third party that handles plan investments in determining this classification.

Form 5500 Procedures

We are required to obtain and read a substantially complete draft of Form 5500 prior to dating our auditor's report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft Form 5500 and the Plan's financial statements. We identified no material inconsistencies in performing and completing our audit.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. An adjustment was made to record the corrective distribution from the information provided by management and not as a non-attest service. This adjustment has been recorded by management.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management in a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 10, 2022.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Plan's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Matters

Our responsibility for the ERISA-required supplemental schedules accompanying the financial statements is to perform adequate procedures to evaluate whether the form and content of the ERISA-required supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, is presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and whether the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Plan's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of Board of Directors of Republic Finance, LLC 401(k) Plan and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC

REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(k) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
of the Republic Finance, LLC 401(k) Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2021 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the Republic Finance, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 8 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section—

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- the information in the financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

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 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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 Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the Plan; and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2021 financial statements section of our report, 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 Plan'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 Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

Other Matter— 2021 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

- the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Auditors' Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of the Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rule and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosures under ERISA, the Plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by a qualified institution. In our report dated October 12, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements; and (b) the form and the content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements, other than that derived from the certified information, were presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Postlethwaite & Netterville

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 10, 2022

REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(k) PLAN
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	2021	2020
Investments, at fair value		
Stable value fund	$ 2,165,728	$ 1,877,237
Common collective trusts	1,683,600	1,215,672
Mutual funds	29,696,537	23,766,636
	33,545,865	26,859,545
Receivables		
Employer contributions	1,595,788	1,402,028
Notes receivable from participants	508,735	598,206
	2,104,523	2,000,234
Liabilities		
Excess contributions payable	28,559	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 35,621,829	$ 28,859,779

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(k) PLAN
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$	3,718,092
Interest and dividend income		461,344
		4,179,436
Contributions:		
Employer		1,548,213
Participants		3,764,957
Rollovers		366,151
		5,679,321
Total additions		9,858,757
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants		2,950,453
Administrative fees and other		146,254
Total deductions		3,096,707
Net change		6,762,050
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year		28,859,779
End of year	$	35,621,829

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(k) PLAN
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Republic Finance, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Republic Finance, LLC (the Company or the Employer) who have completed 60 days of service and are eighteen years of age or older. The entry date into the Plan will be the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date on which an employee meets the eligibility requirements. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Participants may defer a percentage of their compensation each year (designated as salary reduction contributions), and these deferrals are contributed to the Plan on the participant's behalf. Participants who have attained the age of 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. Effective April 1, 2020, the Plan was amended to allow an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmably elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 3% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated balance fund until changed by the participant. The Company matches 100% of the participant's contribution up to 3% of the participant's compensation following one year of service by the participant. Participants direct the investment of contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company can also make profit sharing contributions based on the discretion of its Board of Directors. The Company did not make a profit sharing contribution for the year ended December 31, 2021. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's and the Employer's matching contribution and Plan earnings. Participants are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are charged to the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Employer's contributions, plus earnings thereon, is based on the number of completed years of service as follows:

Less than 1 year	0%
1 year	30%
2 years	60%
3 or more years	100%

1. Description of Plan (continued)

Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from 1 - 5 years except for loans used for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's vested account and bear interest at rates that range from 4.25% to 6.50% at December 31, 2021, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account, or periodic installments over various periods stipulated in the Plan. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in their account as a lump-sum distribution.

Forfeitures

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled $54,507 and $47,189, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future Employer contributions. During the year ended December 31, 2021, Employer contributions were reduced by $51,814 from forfeited non-vested accounts.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 for further discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in the fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as investments held during the year.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of either December 31, 2021 or 2020. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment in accordance with the terms of the Plan document.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses while expenses for items such as recordkeeping are allocated to participants. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Stable Value Fund

The Plan holds an investment in a stable value fund. The fund has certain limitations as follows:

- Participant withdrawals made in order to accommodate distributions to participants or transfers to a non-competing investment may be made on any business day. Transferred amounts must be held in a non-competing investment option for 90 days before subsequent transfers to a competing fund can occur.

- Withdrawals directed by a plan sponsor must be preceded by a twelve-month written notice to the trustee. The trustee, however, may, in its discretion, complete any such plan-level withdrawal before the expiration of such twelve-month period. No such notice has been given to the Trustee.

3. Fair value measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides for a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to the valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurement).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under GAAP are described as follows:

- Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access at the measurement date.

3. Fair value measurements (continued)

- Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

- Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement determined using model-based techniques that include option pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual funds / interest bearing cash: valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Stable value fund: A stable value fund that is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts that are valued at the net asset value of units of the bank collective trust. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. As of December 31, 2021, there are no unfunded commitments.

Common Collective Trusts: The investments underlying the common/collective trust fund investments generally include shares of equity and fixed income securities whose values are determined on the basis of quoted prices in an active market. The Plan's common/collective trust fund investments are valued based on NAV per share or unit as a practical expedient as reported by the fund manager, multiplied by the number of shares or units held as of the measurement date. As of December 31, 2021, there are no unfunded commitments.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan Administrator believes the valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

3. Fair value measurements (continued)

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 29,696,537	$ -	$ -	$ 29,696,537
	$ 29,696,537	$ -	$ -	$ 29,696,537
Stable value fund (*a*)				2,165,728
Common collective trusts (*a*)				1,683,600
Total assets at fair value				$ 33,545,865

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 23,766,636	$ -	$ -	$ 23,766,636
	$ 23,766,636	$ -	$ -	$ 23,766,636
Stable value fund (*a*)				1,877,237
Common collective trusts (*a*)				1,215,672
Total assets at fair value				$ 26,859,545

a) The stable value fund and common collective trusts are measured using NAV as a practical expedient. These investments have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy tables. The fair value amounts presented in these tables is intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

4. Income tax status

The Plan is a qualified cash or deferred arrangement established under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is exempt from income taxes under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has executed an adoption agreement using the Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Defined Contribution Volume Submitter Plan and Trust and relies on the determination letter issued for the prototype plan dated March 31, 2014. The Plan has since been amended and restated. The Plan administrator believes the Plan continues to operate in accordance with applicable rules and, therefore, remains tax exempt.

4. Income tax status (continued)

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

5. Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, all participants would be 100% vested in their portion of employer contributions.

6. Related party transactions and Party in Interest Transactions

The Plan's investments were managed by Principal Trust Company (Principal) and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (Wells Fargo) during year ended December 31, 2021. Principal and Wells Fargo are qualified institutions as defined by ERISA for the Plan and, therefore transactions in such investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions which are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA. The Plan pays administrative fees to Principal and Wells Fargo which totaled $146,254 for the year ended December 31, 2021 and is included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

7. Risks and uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investments, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

8. Information prepared and certified by the Qualified Institutions

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2021 and 2020, and net appreciation in fair value of investments and interest and dividends, for the year ended December 31, 2021, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Principal and Wells Fargo for year ended, qualified institutions as defined by ERISA.

9. Reconciliation of financial statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the financial statements to the Form 5500 at December 31, 2021:

Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 35,621,829
Add: excess contribution payable	28,559
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	$ 35,650,388
Net Change in Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements	$ 6,762,050
Add: excess 2021 contribution payable	28,559
Net Change in Net Assets Available for Benefits per the 5500	$ 6,790,609

10. Subsequent events

Management has evaluated subsequent events thorough the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, October 10, 2022, and determined that no additional matters required additional disclosure in the financial statements. No other subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(k) PLAN
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

EIN#72-0577012
Plan #001

ITEM 4(i) - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2021

(a)	(b) Identity of issuer borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund F	Stable value fund	**	$ 2,165,728
	WF/BlackRock S&P 500 Index CIT TR	Common collective trust	**	31,103
	WF/BlackRock S&P MidCap Index CIT TR	Common collective trust	**	61,988
	WF/BlackRock Intl Equity Index CIT TR	Common collective trust	**	465,491
	WF/BlackRock Russell 2000 Index CIT TR	Common collective trust	**	119,980
	WF/BlackRock Large Cap Value Idx CIT TR	Common collective trust	**	178,320
	WF/BlackRock Large Cap Growth Idx CIT TR	Common collective trust	**	405,391
	WF/BlackRock US Aggreg Bond Index CIT TR	Common collective trust	**	369,231
	WF/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund TR	Common collective trust	**	52,096
				1,683,600
	American Century Emerging Markets R6	Mutual Fund	**	213,191
	American Funds New Perspective R6	Mutual Fund	**	467,730
	American Funds Washington Mutual R6	Mutual Fund	**	199,933
	Carillon Eagle Mid Cap Growth Fund R6	Mutual Fund	**	308,578
	Delaware Small Cap Core I	Mutual Fund	**	304,368
	Delaware Small Cap Value R6	Mutual Fund	**	12,363
	DFA Large Cap International I	Mutual Fund	**	475,598
	Dodge & Cox Income	Mutual Fund	**	388,947
	Federated High Yield Institutional	Mutual Fund	**	419,472
	Harbor Capital Appreciation Inst	Mutual Fund	**	3,978,569
	iShares MSCI EAFE International Idx Inst	Mutual Fund	**	45,658
	MFS Mid Cap Value R6	Mutual Fund	**	96,427
	Vanguard Inflation-Protected Secs Adm	Mutual Fund	**	109,627
	Vanguard Large Cap Index Adm	Mutual Fund	**	4,469,688
	Vanguard LifeStrategy Cnsrv Growth Inv	Mutual Fund	**	174,525
	Vanguard Lifestrategy Growth Fd	Mutual Fund	**	1,326,634
	Vanguard LifeStrategy Income Inv	Mutual Fund	**	73,682
	Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate Gr Inv	Mutual Fund	**	3,862,182
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	1,098,614
	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	467,405
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Admiral	Mutual Fund	**	761,015
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Inv	Mutual Fund	**	70,526
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Inv	Mutual Fund	**	261,215
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Inv	Mutual Fund	**	478,320
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Inv	Mutual Fund	**	856,722
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Inv	Mutual Fund	**	520,895
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Inv	Mutual Fund	**	1,657,790
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Inv	Mutual Fund	**	1,094,692
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Inv	Mutual Fund	**	2,450,246
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Inv	Mutual Fund	**	1,099,910
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Inv	Mutual Fund	**	1,499,332
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Inv	Mutual Fund	**	45,319
	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Inv	Mutual Fund	**	407,364
				29,696,537
*	Notes receivable from participants	4.25% - 6.50%	-	508,735
*	Party-in-interest			$ 34,054,600

** Cost not required for participant directed investments

See Independent Auditors' report.

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SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(K) PLAN

EIN 72 0577012
PLAN NUMBER 001
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2021 TO 12/31/2021

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
	American Century Investments	Registered Investment Company AMER CENTURY EMERG MKTS R6 FD	$ 0.00	$ 213,191.03
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company AMERICAN FDS WSHMUT INV R6 FD	$ 0.00	$ 199,932.77
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company AMERICAN FUNDS NEWPRSP R6 FND	$ 0.00	$ 467,729.53
	Eagle Financial Services, Inc.	Registered Investment Company CARILLON EAGLE MIDCAGWTH R6 FD	$ 0.00	$ 308,578.03
	Delaware Investments	Registered Investment Company DELAWARE SM CAP CORE INSTL FD	$ 0.00	$ 304,368.40
	Delaware Investments	Registered Investment Company DELAWARE SMALL CAP VALUE R6 FD	$ 0.00	$ 12,363.38
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	Registered Investment Company DFA LARGE CAP INT'L I FD	$ 0.00	$ 475,598.07
	Dodge and Cox Funds	Registered Investment Company DODGE & COX INCOME FUND	$ 0.00	$ 388,946.88
	Federated Securities Corporation	Registered Investment Company FEDERATED HI YLD TST INST FUND	$ 0.00	$ 419,472.07
	Harbor	Registered Investment Company HARBOR CAPITAL APP INST FUND	$ 0.00	$ 3,978,568.64
	BlackRock	Registered Investment Company ISHARES MSCI EAFE INT IDX I FD	$ 0.00	$ 45,658.41
	MFS Investment Management	Registered Investment Company MFS MID CAP VALUE R6 FUND	$ 0.00	$ 96,426.83
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD LARGE CAP IDX ADM FD	$ 0.00	$ 4,469,687.52
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD MID CAP INDEX ADM FD	$ 0.00	$ 1,098,613.81
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD SM CAP GR IDX ADM FD	$ 0.00	$ 467,404.52

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(K) PLAN

EIN 72 0577012
PLAN NUMBER 001
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2021 TO 12/31/2021

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD SM CAP INDEX ADM FUND	$ 0.00	$ 761,014.80
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT INC INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 407,366.26
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT 2015 INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 70,525.76
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT 2020 INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 261,215.42
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT 2025 INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 478,319.15
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT 2030 INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 856,722.23
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT 2035 INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 520,894.75
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT 2040 INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 1,657,789.51
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT 2045 INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 1,094,691.60
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT 2050 INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 2,450,246.44
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT 2055 INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 1,099,909.67
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT 2060 INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 1,499,332.48
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VANGUARD TGT RMT 2065 INV FUND	$ 0.00	$ 45,319.10
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VGD INFL-PROT SEC ADM FUND	$ 0.00	$ 109,627.47
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VGD LIFESTRAT CNSRV GR INV FD	$ 0.00	$ 174,524.74

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REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 401(K) PLAN

EIN 72 0577012
PLAN NUMBER 001
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2021 TO 12/31/2021

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VGD LIFESTRATEGY GROWTH INV FD	$ 0.00	$ 1,326,633.58
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VGD LIFESTRATEGY INCOME INV FD	$ 0.00	$ 73,682.09
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VGD LIFESTRATEGY MOD GR INV FD	$ 0.00	$ 3,862,182.31
	Wells Fargo	Common/Collective Trust WELLS FARGO STABLE RETRN N FD	$ 0.00	$ 2,165,728.00
	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	Common/Collective Trust WELLS FARGO/BLKRK LCG IX TR	$ 0.00	$ 178,320.19
	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	Common/Collective Trust WELLS FARGO/BLKRK LCV IDX TR	$ 0.00	$ 405,390.69
	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	Common/Collective Trust WELLS FARGO/BLKRK ST-TM INV TR	$ 0.00	$ 52,096.05
	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	Common/Collective Trust WELLS FRG/BLKRK INTL EQ IX TR	$ 0.00	$ 465,491.03
	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	Common/Collective Trust WELLS FRG/BLKRK S&P 500 IDX TR	$ 0.00	$ 31,103.23
	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	Common/Collective Trust WELLS FRGO/BLKRK S&P MC IDX TR	$ 0.00	$ 61,988.32
	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	Common/Collective Trust WLLS FRG/BLKRK RSLL 2000 IX TR	$ 0.00	$ 119,979.72
	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	Common/Collective Trust WLS FR/BLKRK US AGRGT BD IX TR	$ 0.00	$ 369,230.58
*	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 4.25% To 6.50%	$ 0.00	$ 508,735.00

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