

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: [] a multiemployer plan [] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan [] a DFE... B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report... [X] an amended return/report [] a short plan year return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... [] D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [] automatic extension [] the DFVC program... [] special extension... 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 401(K) PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2018
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): REPUBLIC OPERATIONS LLC
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 86-3545620
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 212-401-6930
2d Business code (see instructions): 523900

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	167
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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	96
	6a(2)	79
	6b	0
	6c	83
	6d	162
	6e	0
	6f	162
	6g(1)	153
6g(2)	151	
6h	0	
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:
 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3B 2E 3D 2R

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)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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) **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
- (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) **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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information 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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

A Name of plan REPUBLIC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 REPUBLIC OPERATIONS LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 86-3545620	

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)..... 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

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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)

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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?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	-2534	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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
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(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.	
DODGE & COX STOCK I - SS&C GIDS, I 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	0.10%	
(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: EFPR GROUP CPAS PLLC	b EIN: 47-4526160
c Position: ACCOUNTANT	
d Address: 100 SOUTH CLINTON AVENUE SUITE 1500 ROCHESTER, NY 14604	e Telephone: 800-546-7556

Explanation: CHANGE IN AUDIT FIRM

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information 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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>REPUBLIC OPERATIONS LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>86-3545620</u>	

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)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MIP CL 2</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>04-3022712-024</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>123979</u>
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):		
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
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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

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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:

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 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 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan REPUBLIC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 REPUBLIC OPERATIONS LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 86-3545620

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	52517	43201
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	35460	36834
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	38149	98996
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	40826	45298
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	4100	123979
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	6212964	8123435
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	48185

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	6384016	8519928
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g	0	0
h Operating payables.....	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	6384016	8519928

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)	429155	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	832979	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	866902	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	2129036
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	3899	7540
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	3641	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	0	187128
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	187128	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)	0	0
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

	(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)	2065
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)	0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)	0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)	0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)	732258
c Other income	2c	0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d	3058027

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	918883
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)	918883
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f	0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g	0
h Interest expense.....	2h	0
i Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	1567
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	0
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	1665
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	0
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)	3232
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j	922115

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k	2135912
l Transfers of assets:		
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)	0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)	0

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) 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) 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: EISNERAMPER LLP

(2) EIN: 87-1363769

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

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.)	X		572635
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.)		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.)		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.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	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?		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?		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?		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.)	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.)		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?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		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.			

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) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

A Name of plan REPUBLIC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 REPUBLIC OPERATIONS LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 86-3545620	

Part I	Distributions
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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	
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): <u>04-6568107</u>		
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.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Part III	Amendments
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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.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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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.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> 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) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

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: _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

REPUBLIC 401(K) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 and 2023
(with supplemental information)

REPUBLIC 401(K) PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Retirement Committee, Participants, and Beneficiaries of the Republic 401(k) Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the Republic 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, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, 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 2024 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 ("DOL") 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024, and for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2024 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 2024 Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2024 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 accompanying 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 on the 2024 financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 that 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 2024 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of the 2024 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 certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2024 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 2024 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 Matters

2024 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 and the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL'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 schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, have 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 schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL'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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL'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 2023 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2023 financial statements of the Plan. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 10, 2024 indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2023 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). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2023 supplemental schedules, other than the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, was presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2023 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 determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

EisnerAmper LLP

EISNERAMPER LLP
Raleigh, North Carolina
October 30, 2025



REPUBLIC 401(K) PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Assets		
Investments at fair value	\$ 8,394,595	\$ 6,255,213
Notes receivable from participants	45,298	40,826
Contributions receivable:		
Employer	43,201	52,517
Participant	36,834	35,460
Total	80,035	87,977
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 8,519,928	\$ 6,384,016

See accompanying notes to financial statements

REPUBLIC 401(K) PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Additions:

Investment income:

Net realized/unrealized appreciation in value of investments	\$ 734,323
Dividends and interest	<u>191,027</u>

Total investment income 925,350

Interest income on notes receivable from participants 3,641

Contributions:

Participant	832,979
Employer	429,155
Rollovers	<u>866,902</u>

Total contributions 2,129,036

Total additions 3,058,027

Deductions:

Benefits paid to participants	918,883
Administrative expenses	<u>3,232</u>

Total deductions 922,115

Net increase 2,135,912

Net assets available for benefits as of beginning of year 6,384,016

Net assets available for benefits as of end of year \$ 8,519,928

See accompanying notes to financial statements

REPUBLIC 401(K) PLAN

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Republic 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.

[1] General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of Republic Operations, LLC (the "Company"), except for employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, unless the agreement requires the employees to be included under the Plan, leased employees, nonresident aliens who do not receive any earned income from the employer which constitutes United States source income, and part-time employees (unless they have completed 1,000 hours of service during an eligibility computation period). All other employees who are 21 years of age or older are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the month following completion of one month of service.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The trustee of the Plan is Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee") and the recordkeeper is Fidelity Workplace Services LLC ("Fidelity").

[2] Contributions:

Participants may contribute up to 100% of annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, on a pre-tax and/or Roth basis. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Rollover contributions from other qualified plans are allowed. In no event may participant pre-tax and Roth contributions exceed any statutory limitations. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans.

The Plan includes a safe harbor employer matching contribution of 100% up to the first 3% of eligible compensation and 50% of the next 2% of eligible compensation. The Company may also make a discretionary nonelective contribution. The Company made no discretionary nonelective contribution for the Plan year ended December 31, 2024. Participants direct the investment of participant and employer contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

[3] Participant accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions, and (b) Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses paid by 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.

[4] Vesting:

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, discretionary matching contributions, discretionary nonelective contributions, plus actual earnings thereon.

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

[5] Notes receivable from participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate as determined by the Plan administrator based on the prevailing interest rates at the time of the loan. Interest rates on outstanding loan balances range from 9.00% to 9.50% and 4.50% to 9.50% at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. A participant may only have one loan outstanding at any time. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

[6] Payment of benefits:

Payments under the Plan are permitted upon termination of employment, attainment of age 59½, retirement, disability, or death. If a participant's employment is terminated other than by retirement, disability, or death, the participant is entitled to the vested percentage of his or her individual account balance. If the participant's vested account balance is at least \$1,000 but less than \$5,000, the account balance will be rolled over into an individual retirement account on the participant's behalf. If the participant's vested account balance is \$1,000 or less, it is automatically distributed to the participant. Participants may receive their benefit distributions as a lump-sum payment. Hardship distributions from the Plan are also permitted.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

[1] Basis of accounting:

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

[2] Subsequent events:

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 30, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

[3] 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 D for 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 value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

[4] Payment of benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

[5] Plan expenses:

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and distributions to participants are charged directly to the participants' accounts and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in value of investments.

[6] Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and when applicable, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE C – INVESTMENT CERTIFICATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the U.S. Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and related investment activity and notes receivable from participants and related activity in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024.

NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to 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 measurements), and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

- 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.
- Level 2* Inputs to the valuation methodology include: (1) quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; or (4) 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.

The asset's 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 investments measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Money market funds – Valued at one dollar per share held by the Plan at year end. The money market funds held by the Plan are mutual funds invested in highly liquid, near-term instruments and are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (“NAV”) and to transact at that price. The money market funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Mutual funds - Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Collective trust fund - Valued based on the underlying unit value as provided by the Trustee. Valuation of the fund's units is published daily and is the basis for current transactions. Unit values are determined by dividing the value of each fund's net assets by the total number of participants' units outstanding on the valuation date. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. There are no unfunded commitments. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that security liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Self-directed brokerage accounts - Consists of investments in common stock and exchange-traded funds which are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices. The exchange-traded funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The common stock is valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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 believes its 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.

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

	2024			
	Investments at Fair Value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 98,996	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,996
Mutual funds	8,123,435	-	-	8,123,435
Self-directed brokerage accounts	48,185	-	-	48,185
Total investment assets in the fair value hierarchy	8,270,616	-	-	8,270,616
Investment measured at NAV (A):				
Collective trust fund	-	-	-	123,979
Investments at fair value	\$ 8,270,616	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,394,595

	2023			
	Investments at Fair Value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 38,149	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,149
Mutual funds	6,212,964	-	-	6,212,964
Total investment assets in the fair value hierarchy	6,251,113	-	-	6,251,113
Investment measured at NAV (A):				
Collective trust fund	-	-	-	4,100
Investments at fair value	\$ 6,251,113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,255,213

(A) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per unit (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the above tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Changes in Fair Value Levels

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another.

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NOTE E - TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan with CODA, sponsored by FMR LLC. On June 30, 2020, the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) stated in an opinion letter that the prototype adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) and therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. The Plan has been amended since receiving the letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP 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 a government authority. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024, 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 examinations by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE F - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain investments are managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the Plan trustee and, therefore, transactions related to these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to Fidelity Management Trust Company were \$3,232 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

NOTE G - 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. 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.

Volatility in the financial markets may significantly impact the subsequent valuation of the Plan’s investments. Accordingly, the valuation of investments at December 31, 2024 may not necessarily be indicative of amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

NOTE H - MUTUAL FUND FEES

Certain investments in mutual funds are subject to sales charges in the form of front-end loads, back-end loads or 12b-1 fees. 12b-1 fees are ongoing fees allowable under Section 12b-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. These annual fees are used to pay for marketing and distribution costs of the funds. These fees are deducted prior to the allocation of the Plan’s investment earnings activity, and thus not separately identifiable as an expense.

NOTE I - 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.

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NOTE J - NONEXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTION

Prohibited transactions for late remittances

During the year ended December 31, 2024, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$36,909 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on these late contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$519,481 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on late contributions totaling \$427,729 were remitted to the Plan during 2024. Associated earnings to compensate participants on late contributions totaling \$91,752 have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$12,405 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on these late contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$3,840 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on these late contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

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Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identify of Issue, 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
	Mutual funds:			
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2065 K	** \$	603,543
	AB	Large Cap Growth Z	**	142,176
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2060 K	**	119,147
	Dodge & Cox	Stock I	**	57,174
	American Funds	New World R6	**	21,158
	PIMCO	StocksPLUS Intl (USD-Hedged) Inst	**	42,898
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2030 K	**	57,708
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2040 K	**	59,907
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2050 K	**	263,424
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2045 K	**	138,633
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2055 K	**	336,431
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Value Fund	**	12,672
*	Fidelity	U.S. Bond Index Fund	**	488,892
*	Fidelity	500 Index Fund	**	202,613
*	Fidelity	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	8,290
*	Fidelity	Real Estate Index Fund	**	364,055
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Index Fund	**	21,183
*	Fidelity	Total Market Index Fund	**	2,837,732
*	Fidelity	International Index Fund	**	1,501,279
*	Fidelity	U.S. Sustainability Index Fund	**	3,570
*	Fidelity	Sustainability Bond Index Fund	**	6,695
	American Funds	The Bond Fund of America Class R-6	**	8,067
	Lord Abbett	Bond Debenture Fund Class R6	**	8,664
	BlackRock	LifePath Index Retirement Fund Class K Shares	**	100,989
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2035 Fund Class K Shares	**	714,869
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Growth Fund Class K6	**	1,666
	Money market funds:			
*	Fidelity	Government Money Market Fund	**	92,259
*	Fidelity	Government Money Market Fund Class K6	**	6,737
	Collective trust fund:			
*	Fidelity	Managed Income Portfolio Class 2	**	123,979
	Brokerage accounts:			
		Self-directed brokerage accounts	**	48,185

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Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (continued)

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identify of Issue, 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
	* Notes receivable from participants:			
		Loans with interest rates ranging from 9.00% to 9.50% and maturity dates ranging from January 2026 to April 2029	** \$	45,298
		Total investments	\$	<u>8,439,893</u>

* Denotes party-in-interest

** Cost omitted for participant-directed investments

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Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total That Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			
Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments Are Included: x	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
\$ 3,840 *	\$ 3,840	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12,405 **	12,405	-	-	-
427,729 ***	-	427,729	-	-
91,752 ****	91,752	-	-	-
36,909 *****	36,909	-	-	-
\$ 572,635	\$ 144,906	\$ 427,729	\$ -	\$ -

* Certain amounts during 2020 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

** Certain amounts during 2021 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

*** Certain amounts during 2023 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

**** Certain amounts during 2023 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

***** Certain amounts during 2024 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 and 2023
(with supplemental information)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Retirement Committee, Participants, and Beneficiaries of the Republic 401(k) Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the Republic 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, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, 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 2024 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 ("DOL") 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024, and for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2024 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 2024 Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2024 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 accompanying 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 on the 2024 financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 that 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 2024 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of the 2024 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 certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2024 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 2024 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 Matters

2024 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 and the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL'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 schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, have 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 schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL'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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL'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 2023 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2023 financial statements of the Plan. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 10, 2024 indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2023 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). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2023 supplemental schedules, other than the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, was presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2023 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 determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

EisnerAmper LLP

EISNERAMPER LLP
Raleigh, North Carolina
October 30, 2025



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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Assets		
Investments at fair value	\$ 8,394,595	\$ 6,255,213
Notes receivable from participants	45,298	40,826
Contributions receivable:		
Employer	43,201	52,517
Participant	36,834	35,460
Total	80,035	87,977
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 8,519,928	\$ 6,384,016

See accompanying notes to financial statements

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Additions:

Investment income:

Net realized/unrealized appreciation in value of investments	\$ 734,323
Dividends and interest	<u>191,027</u>

Total investment income 925,350

Interest income on notes receivable from participants 3,641

Contributions:

Participant	832,979
Employer	429,155
Rollovers	<u>866,902</u>

Total contributions 2,129,036

Total additions 3,058,027

Deductions:

Benefits paid to participants	918,883
Administrative expenses	<u>3,232</u>

Total deductions 922,115

Net increase 2,135,912

Net assets available for benefits as of beginning of year 6,384,016

Net assets available for benefits as of end of year \$ 8,519,928

See accompanying notes to financial statements

REPUBLIC 401(K) PLAN

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Republic 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.

[1] General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of Republic Operations, LLC (the "Company"), except for employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, unless the agreement requires the employees to be included under the Plan, leased employees, nonresident aliens who do not receive any earned income from the employer which constitutes United States source income, and part-time employees (unless they have completed 1,000 hours of service during an eligibility computation period). All other employees who are 21 years of age or older are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the month following completion of one month of service.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The trustee of the Plan is Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee") and the recordkeeper is Fidelity Workplace Services LLC ("Fidelity").

[2] Contributions:

Participants may contribute up to 100% of annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, on a pre-tax and/or Roth basis. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Rollover contributions from other qualified plans are allowed. In no event may participant pre-tax and Roth contributions exceed any statutory limitations. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans.

The Plan includes a safe harbor employer matching contribution of 100% up to the first 3% of eligible compensation and 50% of the next 2% of eligible compensation. The Company may also make a discretionary nonelective contribution. The Company made no discretionary nonelective contribution for the Plan year ended December 31, 2024. Participants direct the investment of participant and employer contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

[3] Participant accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions, and (b) Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses paid by 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.

[4] Vesting:

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, discretionary matching contributions, discretionary nonelective contributions, plus actual earnings thereon.

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

[5] Notes receivable from participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate as determined by the Plan administrator based on the prevailing interest rates at the time of the loan. Interest rates on outstanding loan balances range from 9.00% to 9.50% and 4.50% to 9.50% at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. A participant may only have one loan outstanding at any time. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

[6] Payment of benefits:

Payments under the Plan are permitted upon termination of employment, attainment of age 59½, retirement, disability, or death. If a participant's employment is terminated other than by retirement, disability, or death, the participant is entitled to the vested percentage of his or her individual account balance. If the participant's vested account balance is at least \$1,000 but less than \$5,000, the account balance will be rolled over into an individual retirement account on the participant's behalf. If the participant's vested account balance is \$1,000 or less, it is automatically distributed to the participant. Participants may receive their benefit distributions as a lump-sum payment. Hardship distributions from the Plan are also permitted.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

[1] Basis of accounting:

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

[2] Subsequent events:

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 30, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

[3] 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 D for 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 value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

[4] Payment of benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

[5] Plan expenses:

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and distributions to participants are charged directly to the participants' accounts and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in value of investments.

[6] Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and when applicable, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE C – INVESTMENT CERTIFICATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the U.S. Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and related investment activity and notes receivable from participants and related activity in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024.

NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to 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 measurements), and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

- 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.
- Level 2* Inputs to the valuation methodology include: (1) quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; or (4) 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.

The asset's 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 investments measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Money market funds – Valued at one dollar per share held by the Plan at year end. The money market funds held by the Plan are mutual funds invested in highly liquid, near-term instruments and are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (“NAV”) and to transact at that price. The money market funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Mutual funds - Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Collective trust fund - Valued based on the underlying unit value as provided by the Trustee. Valuation of the fund's units is published daily and is the basis for current transactions. Unit values are determined by dividing the value of each fund's net assets by the total number of participants' units outstanding on the valuation date. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. There are no unfunded commitments. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that security liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Self-directed brokerage accounts - Consists of investments in common stock and exchange-traded funds which are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices. The exchange-traded funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The common stock is valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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 believes its 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.

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

	2024			
	Investments at Fair Value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 98,996	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,996
Mutual funds	8,123,435	-	-	8,123,435
Self-directed brokerage accounts	48,185	-	-	48,185
Total investment assets in the fair value hierarchy	8,270,616	-	-	8,270,616
Investment measured at NAV (A):				
Collective trust fund	-	-	-	123,979
Investments at fair value	\$ 8,270,616	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,394,595
	2023			
	Investments at Fair Value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 38,149	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,149
Mutual funds	6,212,964	-	-	6,212,964
Total investment assets in the fair value hierarchy	6,251,113	-	-	6,251,113
Investment measured at NAV (A):				
Collective trust fund	-	-	-	4,100
Investments at fair value	\$ 6,251,113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,255,213

(A) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per unit (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the above tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Changes in Fair Value Levels

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another.

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NOTE E - TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan with CODA, sponsored by FMR LLC. On June 30, 2020, the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) stated in an opinion letter that the prototype adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) and therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. The Plan has been amended since receiving the letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP 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 a government authority. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024, 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 examinations by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE F - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain investments are managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the Plan trustee and, therefore, transactions related to these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to Fidelity Management Trust Company were \$3,232 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

NOTE G - 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. 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.

Volatility in the financial markets may significantly impact the subsequent valuation of the Plan’s investments. Accordingly, the valuation of investments at December 31, 2024 may not necessarily be indicative of amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

NOTE H - MUTUAL FUND FEES

Certain investments in mutual funds are subject to sales charges in the form of front-end loads, back-end loads or 12b-1 fees. 12b-1 fees are ongoing fees allowable under Section 12b-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. These annual fees are used to pay for marketing and distribution costs of the funds. These fees are deducted prior to the allocation of the Plan’s investment earnings activity, and thus not separately identifiable as an expense.

NOTE I - 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.

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NOTE J - NONEXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTION

Prohibited transactions for late remittances

During the year ended December 31, 2024, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$36,909 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on these late contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$519,481 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on late contributions totaling \$427,729 were remitted to the Plan during 2024. Associated earnings to compensate participants on late contributions totaling \$91,752 have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$12,405 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on these late contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$3,840 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on these late contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

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Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identify of Issue, 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
	Mutual funds:			
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2065 K	** \$	603,543
	AB	Large Cap Growth Z	**	142,176
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2060 K	**	119,147
	Dodge & Cox	Stock I	**	57,174
	American Funds	New World R6	**	21,158
	PIMCO	StocksPLUS Intl (USD-Hedged) Inst	**	42,898
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2030 K	**	57,708
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2040 K	**	59,907
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2050 K	**	263,424
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2045 K	**	138,633
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2055 K	**	336,431
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Value Fund	**	12,672
*	Fidelity	U.S. Bond Index Fund	**	488,892
*	Fidelity	500 Index Fund	**	202,613
*	Fidelity	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	8,290
*	Fidelity	Real Estate Index Fund	**	364,055
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Index Fund	**	21,183
*	Fidelity	Total Market Index Fund	**	2,837,732
*	Fidelity	International Index Fund	**	1,501,279
*	Fidelity	U.S. Sustainability Index Fund	**	3,570
*	Fidelity	Sustainability Bond Index Fund	**	6,695
	American Funds	The Bond Fund of America Class R-6	**	8,067
	Lord Abbett	Bond Debenture Fund Class R6	**	8,664
	BlackRock	LifePath Index Retirement Fund Class K Shares	**	100,989
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2035 Fund Class K Shares	**	714,869
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Growth Fund Class K6	**	1,666
	Money market funds:			
*	Fidelity	Government Money Market Fund	**	92,259
*	Fidelity	Government Money Market Fund Class K6	**	6,737
	Collective trust fund:			
*	Fidelity	Managed Income Portfolio Class 2	**	123,979
	Brokerage accounts:			
		Self-directed brokerage accounts	**	48,185

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Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (continued)

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identify of Issue, 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
	* Notes receivable from participants:			
		Loans with interest rates ranging from 9.00% to 9.50% and maturity dates ranging from January 2026 to April 2029	**	\$ 45,298
		Total investments		<u>\$ 8,439,893</u>

* Denotes party-in-interest

** Cost omitted for participant-directed investments

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Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total That Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			
Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments Are Included: x	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
\$ 3,840 *	\$ 3,840	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12,405 **	12,405	-	-	-
427,729 ***	-	427,729	-	-
91,752 ****	91,752	-	-	-
36,909 *****	36,909	-	-	-
\$ 572,635	\$ 144,906	\$ 427,729	\$ -	\$ -

* Certain amounts during 2020 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

** Certain amounts during 2021 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

*** Certain amounts during 2023 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

**** Certain amounts during 2023 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

***** Certain amounts during 2024 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 and 2023
(with supplemental information)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Retirement Committee, Participants, and Beneficiaries of the Republic 401(k) Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the Republic 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, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, 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 2024 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 ("DOL") 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024, and for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2024 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 2024 Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2024 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 accompanying 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 on the 2024 financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 that 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 2024 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of the 2024 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 certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2024 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 2024 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 Matters

2024 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 and the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL'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 schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, have 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 schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL'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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL'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 2023 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2023 financial statements of the Plan. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 10, 2024 indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2023 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). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2023 supplemental schedules, other than the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, was presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2023 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 determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

EisnerAmper LLP

EISNERAMPER LLP
Raleigh, North Carolina
October 30, 2025



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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Assets		
Investments at fair value	\$ 8,394,595	\$ 6,255,213
Notes receivable from participants	45,298	40,826
Contributions receivable:		
Employer	43,201	52,517
Participant	36,834	35,460
Total	80,035	87,977
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 8,519,928	\$ 6,384,016

See accompanying notes to financial statements

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Additions:

Investment income:

Net realized/unrealized appreciation in value of investments	\$ 734,323
Dividends and interest	<u>191,027</u>

Total investment income 925,350

Interest income on notes receivable from participants 3,641

Contributions:

Participant	832,979
Employer	429,155
Rollovers	<u>866,902</u>

Total contributions 2,129,036

Total additions 3,058,027

Deductions:

Benefits paid to participants	918,883
Administrative expenses	<u>3,232</u>

Total deductions 922,115

Net increase 2,135,912

Net assets available for benefits as of beginning of year 6,384,016

Net assets available for benefits as of end of year \$ 8,519,928

See accompanying notes to financial statements

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Republic 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.

[1] General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of Republic Operations, LLC (the "Company"), except for employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, unless the agreement requires the employees to be included under the Plan, leased employees, nonresident aliens who do not receive any earned income from the employer which constitutes United States source income, and part-time employees (unless they have completed 1,000 hours of service during an eligibility computation period). All other employees who are 21 years of age or older are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the month following completion of one month of service.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The trustee of the Plan is Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee") and the recordkeeper is Fidelity Workplace Services LLC ("Fidelity").

[2] Contributions:

Participants may contribute up to 100% of annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, on a pre-tax and/or Roth basis. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Rollover contributions from other qualified plans are allowed. In no event may participant pre-tax and Roth contributions exceed any statutory limitations. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans.

The Plan includes a safe harbor employer matching contribution of 100% up to the first 3% of eligible compensation and 50% of the next 2% of eligible compensation. The Company may also make a discretionary nonelective contribution. The Company made no discretionary nonelective contribution for the Plan year ended December 31, 2024. Participants direct the investment of participant and employer contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

[3] Participant accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions, and (b) Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses paid by 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.

[4] Vesting:

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, discretionary matching contributions, discretionary nonelective contributions, plus actual earnings thereon.

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

[5] Notes receivable from participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate as determined by the Plan administrator based on the prevailing interest rates at the time of the loan. Interest rates on outstanding loan balances range from 9.00% to 9.50% and 4.50% to 9.50% at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. A participant may only have one loan outstanding at any time. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

[6] Payment of benefits:

Payments under the Plan are permitted upon termination of employment, attainment of age 59½, retirement, disability, or death. If a participant's employment is terminated other than by retirement, disability, or death, the participant is entitled to the vested percentage of his or her individual account balance. If the participant's vested account balance is at least \$1,000 but less than \$5,000, the account balance will be rolled over into an individual retirement account on the participant's behalf. If the participant's vested account balance is \$1,000 or less, it is automatically distributed to the participant. Participants may receive their benefit distributions as a lump-sum payment. Hardship distributions from the Plan are also permitted.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

[1] Basis of accounting:

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

[2] Subsequent events:

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 30, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

[3] 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 D for 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 value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

[4] Payment of benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

[5] Plan expenses:

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and distributions to participants are charged directly to the participants' accounts and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in value of investments.

[6] Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and when applicable, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE C – INVESTMENT CERTIFICATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the U.S. Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and related investment activity and notes receivable from participants and related activity in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024.

NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to 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 measurements), and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

- 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.
- Level 2* Inputs to the valuation methodology include: (1) quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; or (4) 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.

The asset's 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 investments measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Money market funds – Valued at one dollar per share held by the Plan at year end. The money market funds held by the Plan are mutual funds invested in highly liquid, near-term instruments and are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (“NAV”) and to transact at that price. The money market funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Mutual funds - Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Collective trust fund - Valued based on the underlying unit value as provided by the Trustee. Valuation of the fund's units is published daily and is the basis for current transactions. Unit values are determined by dividing the value of each fund's net assets by the total number of participants' units outstanding on the valuation date. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. There are no unfunded commitments. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that security liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Self-directed brokerage accounts - Consists of investments in common stock and exchange-traded funds which are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices. The exchange-traded funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The common stock is valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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 believes its 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.

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

	2024			
	Investments at Fair Value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 98,996	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,996
Mutual funds	8,123,435	-	-	8,123,435
Self-directed brokerage accounts	48,185	-	-	48,185
Total investment assets in the fair value hierarchy	8,270,616	-	-	8,270,616
Investment measured at NAV (A):				
Collective trust fund	-	-	-	123,979
Investments at fair value	\$ 8,270,616	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,394,595
	2023			
	Investments at Fair Value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 38,149	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,149
Mutual funds	6,212,964	-	-	6,212,964
Total investment assets in the fair value hierarchy	6,251,113	-	-	6,251,113
Investment measured at NAV (A):				
Collective trust fund	-	-	-	4,100
Investments at fair value	\$ 6,251,113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,255,213

(A) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per unit (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the above tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Changes in Fair Value Levels

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another.

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NOTE E - TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan with CODA, sponsored by FMR LLC. On June 30, 2020, the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) stated in an opinion letter that the prototype adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) and therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. The Plan has been amended since receiving the letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP 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 a government authority. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024, 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 examinations by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE F - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain investments are managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the Plan trustee and, therefore, transactions related to these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to Fidelity Management Trust Company were \$3,232 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

NOTE G - 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. 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.

Volatility in the financial markets may significantly impact the subsequent valuation of the Plan’s investments. Accordingly, the valuation of investments at December 31, 2024 may not necessarily be indicative of amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

NOTE H - MUTUAL FUND FEES

Certain investments in mutual funds are subject to sales charges in the form of front-end loads, back-end loads or 12b-1 fees. 12b-1 fees are ongoing fees allowable under Section 12b-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. These annual fees are used to pay for marketing and distribution costs of the funds. These fees are deducted prior to the allocation of the Plan’s investment earnings activity, and thus not separately identifiable as an expense.

NOTE I - 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.

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NOTE J - NONEXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTION

Prohibited transactions for late remittances

During the year ended December 31, 2024, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$36,909 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on these late contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$519,481 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on late contributions totaling \$427,729 were remitted to the Plan during 2024. Associated earnings to compensate participants on late contributions totaling \$91,752 have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$12,405 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on these late contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, amounts withheld from participants totaling \$3,840 were not remitted timely to the Plan. Associated earnings to compensate participants on these late contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

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Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identify of Issue, 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
	Mutual funds:			
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2065 K	** \$	603,543
	AB	Large Cap Growth Z	**	142,176
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2060 K	**	119,147
	Dodge & Cox	Stock I	**	57,174
	American Funds	New World R6	**	21,158
	PIMCO	StocksPLUS Intl (USD-Hedged) Inst	**	42,898
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2030 K	**	57,708
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2040 K	**	59,907
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2050 K	**	263,424
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2045 K	**	138,633
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2055 K	**	336,431
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Value Fund	**	12,672
*	Fidelity	U.S. Bond Index Fund	**	488,892
*	Fidelity	500 Index Fund	**	202,613
*	Fidelity	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	8,290
*	Fidelity	Real Estate Index Fund	**	364,055
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Index Fund	**	21,183
*	Fidelity	Total Market Index Fund	**	2,837,732
*	Fidelity	International Index Fund	**	1,501,279
*	Fidelity	U.S. Sustainability Index Fund	**	3,570
*	Fidelity	Sustainability Bond Index Fund	**	6,695
	American Funds	The Bond Fund of America Class R-6	**	8,067
	Lord Abbett	Bond Debenture Fund Class R6	**	8,664
	BlackRock	LifePath Index Retirement Fund Class K Shares	**	100,989
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2035 Fund Class K Shares	**	714,869
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Growth Fund Class K6	**	1,666
	Money market funds:			
*	Fidelity	Government Money Market Fund	**	92,259
*	Fidelity	Government Money Market Fund Class K6	**	6,737
	Collective trust fund:			
*	Fidelity	Managed Income Portfolio Class 2	**	123,979
	Brokerage accounts:			
		Self-directed brokerage accounts	**	48,185

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Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (continued)

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identify of Issue, 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
	* Notes receivable from participants:			
		Loans with interest rates ranging from 9.00% to 9.50% and maturity dates ranging from January 2026 to April 2029	** \$	45,298
		Total investments	\$	<u>8,439,893</u>

* Denotes party-in-interest

** Cost omitted for participant-directed investments

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Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total That Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			
Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments Are Included: x	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
\$ 3,840 *	\$ 3,840	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12,405 **	12,405	-	-	-
427,729 ***	-	427,729	-	-
91,752 ****	91,752	-	-	-
36,909 *****	36,909	-	-	-
<u>\$ 572,635</u>	<u>\$ 144,906</u>	<u>\$ 427,729</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

* Certain amounts during 2020 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

** Certain amounts during 2021 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have not been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

*** Certain amounts during 2023 were remitted late during that Plan year. The associated earnings on these contributions have been remitted to the Plan as of December 31, 2024.

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