COUNTY OF SALEM STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF SALE \$2,250,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2022

(NON-CALLABLE) (BANK-QUALIFIED) (NON-RATED)

Proposals are being solicited for the purchase of \$2,250,000 aggregate principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes to be dated June 29, 2022 and maturing June 28, 2023 (the "Notes") of the County of Salem, State of New Jersey (the "County") to the County's Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer either (a) c/o Anthony Inverso of Phoenix Advisors, LLC (Municipal Advisor to the County of Salem) at <u>ainverso@muniadvisors.com</u>, or (b) electronically via PARITY® in the manner described below under the heading "Procedures Regarding Electronic Proposals" on <u>Thursday, June 16, 2022</u> until 11:15 a.m., New Jersey time.

The Notes have been authorized pursuant to the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 <u>et seq.</u>, as amended and supplemented, various bond ordinances and a resolution duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County and published as required by law, as applicable. The proceeds from the Notes will provide for the temporary financing of various capital improvements and purposes in and for the County.

The Notes will be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations for purposes of section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended

The Notes will be dated June 29, 2022, will mature June 28, 2023 and will bear interest commencing June 29, 2022 and payable at maturity at the rate of interest per annum as specified in the successful proposal therefor in accordance herewith (calculated on the basis of twelve (12) thirty (30) day months in a three hundred sixty (360) day year). The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. Entities making proposals for the Notes may (i) be participants of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") or affiliated with its participants, or (ii) purchase for its own account and not with a view to distribution and resale. The Notes may be issued in registered, bearer or book-entry only form and will be payable as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America by the County or a duly appointed paying agent. The Notes may also be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, which may act as securities depository for the Notes (the "Securities Depository"). The Note certificate may be on deposit with DTC. DTC may be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants may be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Notes on behalf of the individual purchasers. Individual purchases of the Notes may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, except that those Notes in excess of the largest principal amount thereof not equaling a multiple of \$5,000 shall be in denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

Each proposal submitted must specify a single rate of interest per annum to be borne by the Notes. Each proposal must state the purchase price of the Notes to be purchased, which shall not be less than \$2,250,000. The Notes shall be awarded to the purchaser on whose proposal the issuance thereof may be made at the lowest net interest cost to the County. If two or more proposals offer the same lowest net interest cost, the sale of the Notes will be awarded to the entity making the proposal which is selected by lot from among all such entities making such proposals.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals, and any proposals not complying with the terms of this notice or specifying additional conditions will be rejected. The right is also reserved to waive any irregularities or informalities in proposals submitted on the Official Form of Proposal for Notes.

Award or rejection of the proposals for the Notes is expected to be made within two (2) hours after receipt of the proposals, but such potential purchaser may not withdraw its proposal until after 3:00 p.m. of the day the County receives the proposals and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal.

The Notes will be delivered on June 29, 2022. PAYMENT FOR THE NOTES AT THE TIME OF ORIGINAL ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY SHALL BE BY WIRE TRANSFER OF IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Each proposal must be submitted on June 16, 2022 by 11:15 am by (A) completing the Official Form of Proposal for Notes (attached as Exhibit A), which may be <u>sent via email</u> to the County's Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer c/o Anthony Inverso of Phoenix Advisors, LLC (Municipal Advisor to the County of Salem) at <u>ainverso@muniadvisors.com</u>, or (B) by electronic submission via PARITY® as described further under the heading "Procedures Regarding Electronic Proposals".

Establishment of Issue Price

In the event the County receives fewer than three (3) bids for the Notes, then the Issue Price for the Notes shall be established based on the price at which at least 10% of the Notes are sold to the Public (as defined below). The winning bidder shall be required to deliver on the Delivery Date a certificate to such effect, and provide to the County, in writing, evidence satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the County of such sales price for the Notes. In the event that the winning bidder has not sold at least 10% of the Notes to the Public as of the Delivery Date (the "Unsold Notes"), the winning bidder shall (i) provide to the County, in writing, on the Delivery Date, the Expected Offering Price for the Unsold Notes and a certificate regarding same and (ii) have a continuing obligation to provide to the County, in writing, evidence satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the County of the price when at least 10% of all such Unsold Notes has been sold to the Public. "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter (as defined herein) or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly. "Underwriter" means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the County (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public).

Additional Information

The obligation hereunder to deliver and to accept the Notes shall be conditioned on the availability and the delivery at the time of delivery of the Notes of (a) the approving legal opinion of the law firm of Archer & Greiner P.C., Red Bank, New Jersey ("Bond Counsel"), which will be furnished without cost to the purchaser of the Notes, such opinion to be substantially in the form set forth in the hereinafter defined Preliminary Official Statement distributed in connection with the sale of the Notes to the effect that (i) the Notes are valid and legally binding obligations of the County and, unless paid from other sources, all the taxable property within the County will be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes for the payment of the principal of the Notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount, (ii) interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes under current law if the County complies with all conditions subsequent contained in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), except to the extent that interest on the Notes held by a corporate taxpayer is included in the income computation for calculation of the corporate alternative minimum tax, and (iii) interest on the Notes and any gain on the sale thereof is not includable as gross income under the existing New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, (b) certificates, in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel, evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Notes, the receipt of payment therefor and compliance with the requirements of the Code necessary to preserve Federal tax exemption, (c) a certificate, in form and tenor satisfactory to Bond Counsel and dated as of the date of delivery of the Notes, to the effect that there is no litigation pending or (to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof) threatened affecting the validity of the Notes, and (d) a Certificate of Compliance with Secondary Market Disclosure Requirements for the Notes evidencing the County's undertaking to provide notice of certain enumerated events pursuant to Rule 15c2-12, specifically subsection (d)(3) and (b)(5)(i)(C), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement. A copy of such approving legal opinion will be delivered with the Notes.

The County has authorized the distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement (the "Preliminary Official Statement"), "deemed final" as of its date for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented. The Preliminary Official Statement may be viewed electronically at www.munihub.com. In addition. broker dealers registered with the National Association of Securities Dealers (the "NASD"), dealer banks with The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (the "DTC") clearing arrangements or entities wishing to make a proposal may either: (a) print out a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement on their own printer, or (b) at any time prior to 11:15 a.m. on June 16, 2022, elect to receive a photocopy or electronic link to the Preliminary Official Statement by contacting the County Bond Counsel, John M. Cantalupo, Esq., Archer & Greiner P.C., at Riverview Plaza, 10 Highway 35, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, or by telephone at (732) 268-8009 or by email at <u>icantalupo@archerlaw.com</u>. All Entities making a proposal must review the Preliminary Official Statement and by submitting a proposal will certify that they did so prior to submitting their proposal. Final Official Statements will be delivered to the purchaser of the Notes within the earlier of seven (7) business days following the award of the Notes or to accompany the purchasers' confirmations that request payment for the Notes, such Official Statement to be dated as of the date of the award of the Notes. The Successful Purchaser will be furnished upon request, without cost, with a reasonable number of copies of the Official Statement, which number shall not exceed 50. Neither the County, the Bond Counsel or the Municipal Advisor is responsible to any Entity making a proposal for any defect or inaccuracy in the Preliminary Official Statement as it appears on www.munihub.com.

The purchaser may at its option refuse to accept the Notes if prior to their delivery any change in the Code, shall provide that the interest thereon is taxable or shall be taxable at a future date for Federal income tax purposes. In such case, the purchaser may be relieved of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal.

It is anticipated that a CUSIP Identification Number will be printed on the Notes. Phoenix Advisors, LLC, the Municipal Advisor to the County, will timely apply for a CUSIP Identification Number with respect to the Notes. The CUSIP identification numbers and the CUSIP Service Bureau charge therefor shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser. CUSIP identification numbers must be communicated to Bond Counsel within twenty-four (24) hours of the award of the Notes to have the CUSIP identification numbers printed on the Notes.

All proposals which are submitted electronically via PARITY® pursuant to the procedures described below shall be deemed to constitute a "Proposal for Notes" and shall be deemed to incorporate by reference all of the terms and conditions of this Notice of Sale. The submission of a proposal electronically via PARITY® shall constitute and be deemed to be the signature of the entity making the proposal on the Proposal for Notes.

Procedures Regarding Electronic Proposals

Proposals may be submitted electronically via PARITY® in accordance with this Notice of Sale, until 11:15 a.m. on June 16, 2022, but no proposal will be received after the time for receiving proposals specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY® conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY®, potential purchasers may contact the County's Municipal Advisor, Anthony Inverso of Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 625 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505, or by telephone at (609) 291-0130 or email at <u>ainverso@muniadvisors.com</u> or PARITY® at 212-404-8102. In the event that a proposal for the Notes is submitted via PARITY®, the entity making a proposal further agrees that:

If the proposal submitted electronically via PARITY® is accepted by the County, the terms of the proposal for the Notes and this Notice of Sale, as well as the information that is electronically transmitted through PARITY®, shall form a contract and the successful purchaser shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

PARITY® is not an agent of the County, and the County shall have no liability whatsoever based on any entity making a proposal's use of PARITY® including, but not limited to, any failure by PARITY® to

correctly or timely transmit information provided by the County or information provided by the entity making a proposal.

The County may choose to discontinue use of receiving proposals electronically via PARITY® by issuing a notification to such effect via Thomson News Service ("TM3") no later than 3:00 p.m. on the last business date prior to the June 16, 2022 Sale Date.

Once the proposals are communicated electronically via PARITY® to the County, as described above, each proposal will constitute a proposal for the Notes and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale.

Each entity making a proposal shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY® for purposes of submitting its proposal in a timely matter and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the County nor PARITY® shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure access to any entity making a proposal, and neither the County nor PARITY® shall be responsible for the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, PARITY®. The County is using PARITY® as a communication mechanism, and not as the County's agent, to conduct the electronic receipt of proposals for the Notes. By using PARITY®, each entity making a proposal agrees to hold the County harmless for any harm or damages caused to such entity making a proposal in connection with its use of PARITY® to make a proposal on the Notes.

Additional information relating to the financing of the County can be obtained by contacting the undersigned County Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer at (973) 579-0300; the County's Municipal Advisor, Anthony Inverso, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 625 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505, or by telephone at (609) 291-0130 or email at <u>ainverso@muniadvisors.com</u>; or the County's Bond Counsel, John M. Cantalupo, Esq., Archer & Greiner P.C., Riverview Plaza, 10 Highway 35, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, or by telephone at (732) 268-8009 or email at <u>icantalupo@archerlaw.com</u>.

DATED: June 9, 2022

<u>/s/ Kelly A. Hannigan</u> Kelly A. Hannigan Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

<u>EXHIBIT A</u>

OFFICIAL FORM OF PROPOSAL FOR COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY \$2,250,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2022

June 16, 2022

VIA EMAIL (ainverso@muniadvisors.com)

Kelly A. Hannigan County Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer c/o Phoenix Advisors, LLC 625 Farnsworth Avenue Bordentown, New Jersey 08505 Attn: Anthony Inverso

Dear County Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer:

Subject to the provisions of the Notice of Sale (the "Notice") which is made a part hereof, we offer to purchase the Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022 (the "Notes") described in such Notice in the principal amount of \$2,250,000 at a purchase price of \$______, provided that the Notes bear interest at the rate per annum of _____%. We do hereby certify that we have reviewed the Preliminary Official Statement dated June 9, 2022 regarding the issuance of the Notes.

	Name of Entity Making Proposal:
	Address:
	Authorized Signatory:
	Name:
	Phone Number:
	Email:
Please supply the following for informational purposes only and not as part of the foregoing al:	

Net Interest Cost: \$_____

proposal:

Net Interest Rate:_____%