

December 16, 2020

David Garfinkle  
Chief Financial Officer  
CoreCivic, Inc.  
5501 Virginia Way  
Brentwood, TN 37027

Re: CoreCivic, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the  
Filed February 20,  
Form 10-Q for the  
Filed November 5,  
File No. 001-16109

year ended December 31, 2019  
2020

quarter ended September 30, 2020  
2020

Dear Mr. Garfinkle:

We have limited our review of your filings to the financial statements and related disclosures and have the following comment. In our comment, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this comment within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comment applies to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to this comment, we may have additional comments.

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1. Please explain in further detail the nature of the expenses associated with COVID-19 that have been excluded from Normalized Funds from Operations.

In closing, we remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

You may contact William Demarest at 202-551-3432 or Kristi Marrone at 202-551-3429 with any questions.

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Sincerely,  
Division of Corporation Finance  
Office of Real Estate & Construction

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