

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33

Managed by the Wicker Park & Bucktown
Chamber of Commerce
(a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2017

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AS OF DECEMBER 31 2017

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To the Commissioners of
Special Service Area #33
Chicago, Illinois

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of **SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33** (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago), which comprise the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet as of December 31, 2017, and the related statement of activities and governmental funds, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33** as of December 31, 2017, and its statement of activities and governmental funds, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance of audit findings for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the **SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33** 2016 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated April 7, 2017. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Matters

Other Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of revenues and expenditures - budget and actual on pages 8 and 9, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. 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 has been subjected to the 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Sassetti LLC
April 6, 2018
Oak Park, Illinois

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2017 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 31, 2016

	2017		2016
	Governmental Funds	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
			Statement of Net Position
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 263,713	\$ -	\$ 263,713
Due from City of Chicago	1,082,060	-	1,037,235
Security deposit	1,250	-	1,250
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,347,023</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,347,023</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 35,903	\$ -	\$ 35,903
Total Liabilities	35,903	-	35,903
DEFERRED INFLOWS			
Deferred property tax revenue	1,035,789	(1,035,789)	-
FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION			
Unassigned	<u>275,331</u>	<u>(275,331)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>275,331</u>	<u>(275,331)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,347,023</u>		
Net Position Restricted		<u>\$ 1,311,120</u>	<u>\$ 1,311,120</u>
Net Position Restricted		<u>\$ 1,311,120</u>	<u>\$ 1,186,356</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statements of net positions are different because:			
Total fund balance - governmental funds		\$ 275,331	\$ 153,883
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levied rather than when "available". A portion of the property tax is deferred as it is not available in the governmental funds		1,035,789	1,032,473
Total net position - governmental activities		<u>\$ 1,311,120</u>	<u>\$ 1,186,356</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL
FUNDS, REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
DECEMBER 31, 2017 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 31, 2016

	2017		2016	
	Governmental Funds	Adjustments	Statement of Activities	Statement of Activities
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 1,101,065	\$ 3,316	\$ 1,104,381	\$ 1,095,417
Interest	315	-	315	301
Total Revenues	1,101,380	3,316	1,104,696	1,095,718
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES				
Advertising & promotion	140,545	-	140,545	182,717
Public way maintenance	544,279	-	544,279	532,797
Public way aesthetics	26,167	-	26,167	30,305
Tenant Retention	7,126	-	7,126	78,594
Safety programs	14,384	-	14,384	341
Total Services Expense	732,501	-	732,501	824,754
Personnel	185,594	-	185,594	170,903
Non-Personnel	61,837	-	61,837	72,516
Total Administration Expense	247,431	-	247,431	243,419
Total Expenditures/Expenses	979,932	-	979,932	1,068,173
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	121,448	(121,448)		
Change in Net Position		124,764	124,764	27,545
Fund Balance/Net Position				
Beginning of the Year	(60,309)	1,032,473	972,164	944,619
End of the Year	\$ 61,139	\$ 1,035,789	\$ 1,096,928	\$ 972,164

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 121,448	\$ (60,309)
Property tax is recognized in the year it is levied rather than when it is available for governmental funds	3,316	87,854
Change in Net Position	\$ 124,764	\$ 27,545

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SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Reporting Entity

Special Service Area #33 ("SSA") provides services on behalf of the City of Chicago ("City") within a specified geographic area. These services include promotional and advertising, maintenance of the public way, safety, and other functions. The SSA is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.

(b) Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements of the SSA have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units, hereinafter referred to as GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles). The accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles is GASB (the Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

Government - Wide financial statements (statement of net position and statement of activities) are prepared using the economic resources measurement and the accrual basis of accounting for all of the SSA's activities. The Fund Financial Statements, which focus on the SSA's governmental funds current financial resources measurement focus, are prepared on the modified accrual basis.

The SSA accounts for its activities in one fund, its general fund.

(c) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year in which they are levied.

The governmental fund financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting with only current assets and liabilities included on the balance sheet. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property taxes are susceptible to accrual and recognized as a receivable in the year levied. Revenue recognition is deferred unless the taxes are received within 60 days subsequent to year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

(d) Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Cash, cash equivalents and investments - The SSA's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables - All property tax receivables are shown net of allowances. Management does not believe that an allowance is needed as of December 31, 2017.

Fund Equity/Net Position - Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by enabling legislation or an outside party. Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the SSA board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balances is a limitation imposed by a designee of the SSA board. Unassigned fund balance is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the SSA's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, committed fund balance is reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

For the government-wide financial statements, net position is reported as invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted or unrestricted. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt, if applicable, is comprised of the net capital asset balance less any related debt. Restricted net position is when restrictions are placed on net assets from 1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

2. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through April 6, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

The Organization maintains its cash in accounts at various financial institutions. The balances, at times, may exceed federally insured amounts. Management periodically reviews the financial stability of these institutions.

4. PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes become an enforceable lien on real property on January 1 of the year it is levied. Taxes are payable in two installments in the subsequent year. The first installment is an estimate based on the prior year billed levy (55%) and is due in March. The second installment is due on August 1, or 30 days from the mailing of the tax bills if issued later than July 1. The second installment is based on the remaining amount of the levy on file with the County. Bills are issued and collected by Cook County who remits the SSA's share to the City who then remits the monies to the SSA.

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The SSA is affiliated with Wicker Park & Bucktown Chamber of Commerce, which provides certain administrative services for the SSA. As of December 31, 2017, \$9,275 was payable for services provided, and \$264,683 was paid. The balance resulted from the time lag that 1) goods and services are being provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, 2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system and 3) payments are being made.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND
EXPENDITURES - BUDGET VS ACTUAL
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Variance
REVENUES			
Property tax	\$ 1,077,230	\$ 1,101,065	\$ 23,835
Interest	-	315	315
	1,077,230	1,101,380	24,150
EXPENSES			
Services			
Advertising & Promotion			
Website/social media	\$ 2,000	\$ 46	\$ (1,954)
Public/media relations	15,000	13,868	(1,132)
Decorative banners	8,000	8,239	239
Special events	20,000	18,800	(1,200)
Holiday decoration	63,000	36,775	(26,225)
Display advertising	1,634	575	(1,059)
Print materials	22,000	26,997	4,997
Other - grants	47,000	35,245	(11,755)
Total Advertising & Promotion	178,634	140,545	(38,089)
Public Way Maintenance			
Graffiti removal	24,936	20,764	(4,172)
Acid removal/prevention	12,000	1,910	(10,090)
Landscaping	140,272	133,280	(6,992)
Façade enhancement program	18,000	17,450	(550)
Way Finding/Signage	20,000	-	(20,000)
Streetscape elements	45,000	50,767	5,767
Public art	110,403	35,165	(75,238)
Sidewalk Maintenance	310,000	278,693	(31,307)
City permits	1,500	6,250	4,750
Total Public Way Maintenance	682,111	544,279	(137,832)
Public Way Aesthetics			
Garbage/recycling material program	4,000	18,148	14,148
Bicycle transit enhancements	20,000	8,019	(11,981)
Total Public Way Aesthetics	24,000	26,167	2,167
Tenant Retention/Attraction			
Site marketing	1,000	3,798	2,798
Market study	1,000	2,250	1,250
Commission development	1,000	-	(1,000)
Master planning	10,000	1,078	(8,922)
Total Tenant Retention/Attraction	13,000	7,126	(5,874)
Safety Programs			
Bike program	6,000	-	(6,000)
Other safety programs	50,000	14,384	(35,616)
Total Safety Programs	56,000	14,384	(41,616)
Total Service Expense	953,745	732,501	(221,244)

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SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND
EXPENDITURES - BUDGET VS ACTUAL
DECEMBER 31, 2017

		2017		
		Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Variance
Administration				
Personnel				
	Personnel A	\$ 19,800	\$ 19,851	\$ 51
	Personnel B	65,205	53,180	(12,025)
	Personnel C	50,558	49,725	(833)
	Personnel D	19,404	17,142	(2,262)
	Personnel E	25,515	26,183	668
	Personnel F	15,750	17,469	1,719
	Interns	12,000	2,044	(9,956)
	Total Personnel	208,232	185,594	(22,638)
Non-Personnel				
	SSA annual report	6,000	9,940	3,940
	SSA audit	9,000	8,647	(353)
	Bookkeeping/payroll fees	1,000	-	(1,000)
	Office rent	23,000	19,045	(3,955)
	Office utilities	6,500	5,183	(1,317)
	Office supplies	3,000	1,321	(1,679)
	Equip lease/maintenance	3,000	866	(2,134)
	Equip purchase/maintenance	-	2,211	2,211
	Office printing	3,500	1,442	(2,058)
	Postage	1,000	169	(831)
	Meeting expenses	3,000	2,132	(868)
	Subscriptions	500	175	(325)
	Banking fees	1,000	5,896	4,896
	Monitoring/compliance	1,000	328	(672)
	Conference & training	3,000	324	(2,676)
	Other - Computer assist.	3,000	2,600	(400)
	Other - Recycling	500	161	(339)
	Other - Insurance	1,000	1,397	397
	Total Non-Personnel	69,000	61,837	(7,163)
	Total Administration Expense	277,232	247,431	(29,800)
	Total Expense	1,230,977	979,932	(251,044)
	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (153,747)	\$ 121,448	\$ 275,194

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SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #33
SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

As part of our audit and request by the Special Service Area Annual Audited Financial Statement Guidelines prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development, we have read the requirements contained in the Agreement for Special Service Area #33 between the City of Chicago and Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce and note there are no findings on which to report the status.

The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Special Service Area #33. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements.

Findings - Financial Statement Audit

None found

Findings and Questioned Costs

None found