City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development Special Service Area (SSA) Program

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SSA Name and number: Wicker Park Bucktown SSA33

SSA Provider Name: Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce

Submission Date: May 2, 2022

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SPECIAL SERVICE AREA 33 MANAGED BY WICKER PARK BUCKTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

Special Service Area 33 Managed by Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce Financial Statements

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Commissioners of Special Service Area 33 Managed by Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area 33, (SSA33) (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) which comprise the SSA33 basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements. In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SSA33 as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its fund balance/net position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of SSA33 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 audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management 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. 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 SSA33's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 auditor's 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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, including omissions, 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 SSA33'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 SSA33's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary 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 schedules of revenues and expenditures - budget and actual on page 10 and 11, are presented for comparison and analysis purposes only. The supplementary information is not a required part of the basic financial statements. We have not performed any auditing procedures on the budget amounts and therefore, express no opinion on them.

EILTS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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Chicago, Illinois March 31, 2022

Special Service Area 33 Managed by Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce Statements of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheets December 31, 2021 and 2020

			2021						2020		
	Governmental		A ali: . a 4 a 4 a		tatement of	Governmental		A -11:			atement of
ASSETS	Fund		Adjustments	N	et Position		Fund		djustments	N	et Position
Cash and Cash Equivalents Property Tax Receivable, Net of Allowance TIF Rebate Receivable Security Deposit	\$ 302,486 1,272,157 - 1,250	\$	- - -	\$	302,486 1,272,157 - 1,250	\$	194,885 1,224,090 2,204 1,250	\$	- - -	\$	194,885 1,224,090 2,204 1,250
Total Assets	\$ 1,575,893	\$	-	\$	1,575,893	\$	1,422,429	\$	_	\$	1,422,429
LIABILITIES											
Accounts Payable Due to Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber	22,806 20,330		- 		22,806 20,330		65,695 6,774		- -		65,695 6,774
Total Liabilities	43,136		-		43,136		72,469		-		72,469
DEFERRED INFLOWS											
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	1,272,157		(1,272,157)				1,224,090		(1,224,090)		
Total Deferred Inflows	1,272,157		(1,272,157)		-		1,224,090		(1,224,090)		-
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION											
Unassigned	260,600		(260,600)				125,870		(125,870)		
Total Fund Balance	260,600	_	(260,600)				125,870		(125,870)		
Total Liabilities, Deferred Infows and Fund Balance	\$ 1,575,893					\$	1,422,429				
Net Position - Unrestricted		\$	(1,532,757)	\$	1,532,757			\$	(1,349,960)	\$	1,349,960
Amounts reported for government activities in t	he statement of ne	t po	sition are differe	ent b	ecause:						
Total fund balance - governmental funds				\$	260,600					\$	125,870
Property tax revenue is recognized in the "available." A portion of the property tax government funds.	•			nen	1,272,157						1,224,090
Total net position - governmental activitie	s			\$	1,532,757					\$	1,349,960

Special Service Area 33 Managed by Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce Statements of Activities and Governmental Fund, Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

		2021		2020					
	Governmental Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities	Governmental Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities			
REVENUES									
Property Revenues and Interest TIF Rebates	\$ 1,198,980 565	\$ 48,067	\$ 1,247,047 565	\$ 1,151,856 -	\$ 54,380 -	\$ 1,206,236 -			
Bank Interest	108		108	59		59			
Total Revenues	1,199,653	48,067	1,247,720	1,151,915	54,380	1,206,295			
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES									
Customer Attraction	94,676	-	94,676	154,518	-	154,518			
Public Way Aesthetics	689,640	-	689,640	544,041	-	544,041			
Sustainabilty and Public Places	926	-	926	1,385	-	1,385			
Public Health and Safety Programs	785		785	4,779		4,779			
Total Services Expense	786,027	-	786,027	704,723	-	704,723			
SSA Management	54,377	_	54,377	49,386	_	49,386			
Personnel	224,519	-	224,519	220,733	-	220,733			
Total Administration Expense	278,896		278,896	270,119		270,119			
Total Expenditures	1,064,923		1,064,923	974,842		974,842			
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	134,730	48,067	182,797	177,073	54,380	231,453			
Change in Net Position	134,730	48,067	182,797	177,073	54,380	231,453			
Fund Balance/Net Position									
Beginning of the Year	125,870	1,224,090	1,349,960	(51,203)	1,169,710	1,118,507			
End of the Year	\$ 260,600	\$ 1,272,157	\$ 1,532,757	\$ 125,870	\$ 1,224,090	\$ 1,349,960			
Amounts reported for governmental activities in t	the statement of act	ivities is different b	ecause:						
Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fu	ınds		\$ 134,730			\$ 177,073			
Property Tax is recognized in the year it is levied for Governmental Funds	I rather than when i	is available	48,067			54,380			
Change in Net Position			\$ 182,797			\$ 231,453			

NOTE 1 – Nature of Activities and Reporting Entity

Special Service Area 33 (SSA) is a taxing district authorized by City of Chicago located in Chicago, Illinois. Its scope of services is to fund various activities to improve and enhance the Wicker Park & Bucktown area. These services include promotional and advertising, maintenance of the public way, safety, and other functions. The SSA is funded by property tax levied on properties within the SSA boundaries, which are collected by the Cook County Treasurer, and then distributed by the City of Chicago to the SSA. Special Service Area 33 is governed by a Commission whose Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago.

The City of Chicago contracted with the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce ("WPB") to perform administrative duties as the service provider for this SSA during the reporting period. Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, exempt from federal taxes under Section 501c(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Governmental-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements of the SSA have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in 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). Governmental-Wide Financial Statements (statement of net position and statement of activities) are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus 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.

NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)

(b) 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, 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 as 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.

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.

(c) Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

<u>Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments</u> - 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.

NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)

(c) Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position – (Continued)

Receivables - All property tax receivables are shown net of allowances. As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, the allowance is estimated to be less than three percent (3%) at \$23,243 and \$9,790, respectively.

<u>Fund Equity / Net Position</u> - 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 the SSA board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balance is a limitation imposed by a designee of the SSA's board. Unassigned fund balances are 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. The remaining net position is classified as unrestricted.

(d) Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 31, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 – Cash and Cash Equivalents

The SSA defines cash and cash equivalents as short-term liquid investments such as cash in banks, money markets, and other financial instruments that can be reduced to cash in thirty days or less. The SSA maintains its cash balance in a financial institution located in Chicago, IL. The balance is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, the SSA's cash and cash equivalents did not exceed the FDIC insured limit.

NOTE 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.

NOTE 5 – Deferred Inflows of Revenue

A deferred inflow of resources/property tax revenue represents an acquisition of fund balance that applies to a future period and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time.

NOTE 6 – Fund Equity / Net Position

The SSA is required to present information regarding its financial position and activities according to the Agreement for Special Service Area 33 between the City of Chicago and Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce. As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, the SSA had total carryover fund balance of \$260,600 and \$125,870, respectively. The excess funds will be utilized in this special service area during future years.

NOTE 7 - Related Party

The SSA is affiliated with Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce which provides certain administrative services for the SSA. As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, \$20,330 and \$6,744, respectively, was payable for services provided. During years ending December 31, 2021 and 2020, SSA 33 paid Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce \$294,928 and \$288,181, respectively. 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.

NOTE 8 - Risks and Uncertainties

In January 2020, the World Health Organization declared the spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) a worldwide pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic is having significant effects on global markets, supply chains, businesses, and communities. Specific to the SSA, COVID-19 may continue to impact various parts of its 2022 operations and financial results, including potential reduction in collection of property tax levies.

Management believes the SSA is taking appropriate actions to mitigate the negative impact. However, the full impact of COVID-19 outbreak and its variants continue to evolve as of the date the SSA's financial statements were issued. Given the uncertainty related to the pandemic, the SSA is not able to estimate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on its operations, financial condition and liquidity for the year ended December 31, 2022.



Special Service Area 33 Managed by Wicker Park Bucktown

Chamber of Commerce

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2021

	Budget		Actual		Variance	
REVENUE						
Property Taxes and Interest TIF Rebates Bank Interest	\$	1,243,670 2,769 -	\$	1,198,980 565 108	\$	44,690 2,204 (108)
Total Revenues		1,246,439		1,199,653		46,786
EXPENDITURES						
Customer Attraction Public Way Aesthetics Sustainabilty and Public Places Economic Business Development Public Health and Safety Programs SSA Management Personnel		209,849 721,000 16,000 1,000 31,000 87,100 220,490		94,676 689,640 926 - 785 54,377 224,519		115,173 31,360 15,074 1,000 30,215 32,723 (4,029)
Total Expenditures		1,286,439		1,064,923		221,516
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(40,000)	\$	134,730	\$	(174,730)
CARRYOVER		40,000		-		40,000
Net Revenues In Excess (Deficit) of Expenses	\$	-	\$	134,730	\$	(134,730)

Special Service Area 33 Managed by Wicker Park Bucktown

Chamber of Commerce

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2020

	Budget		Actual	Variance		
REVENUE						
Property Taxes and Interest Bank Interest	\$	1,182,906	\$ 1,151,856 59	\$	31,050 (59)	
Total Revenues		1,182,906	1,151,915		30,991	
EXPENDITURES						
Customer Attraction Public Way Aesthetics Sustainabilty and Public Places Economic Business Development Public Health and Safety Programs SSA Management Personnel		270,500 667,196 18,000 10,500 40,000 66,100 250,610	 154,518 544,041 1,385 - 4,779 49,386 220,733		115,982 123,155 16,615 10,500 35,221 16,714 29,877	
Total Expenditures		1,322,906	974,842		348,064	
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(140,000)	\$ 177,073	\$	(317,073)	
CARRYOVER		140,000			140,000	
Net Revenues In Excess (Deficit) of Expenses	\$	-	\$ 177,073	\$	(177,073)	

Special Service Area 33 Managed by Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce Summary Schedule of Audit Findings For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

As part of our audit and request by the Special Service Area Annual Audited Financial and Accounting Guide, prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Economic Development, we have read and understand the requirements contained in the Service Provider Agreement. After conducting the audit, we determined that there was the below exception.

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.

CURRENT YEAR FINDING:

 We noted one expenditure category for which actual expenses exceed budgeted amount.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE:

 Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce as SSA 33 service provider will pay closer attention to monthly financial statements from their accountant and adjust the budget as needed.

PRIOR YEAR FINDING:

- No Findings

Special Service Area 33 Managed by Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce Audit Firm's State of Illinois Professional CPA Firm License December 31, 2021



Special Service Area 33 Managed by Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce Budget December 31, 2021

Exhibit A Budget

Special Service Area # 33

SSA Name:

Wicker Park Bucktown

2021 BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget and Services Period: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

		2020 L	_evy				
(Funded Cate)	EGORY gories Comprise f Services)	Collectable Levy	Estimated Loss Collection	Carryover Funds	TIF Rebate Fund #	Estimated Late Collections and Interest	Total All Sources
1.00 Custon Attraction	ner	\$167,500	\$9,790	\$20,000	\$2,769	\$9,790	\$209,849
2.00 Public Aesthetics	Way	\$711,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$721,000
3.00 Sustair Public Place		\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,000
4.00 Econor Business D		\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
5.00 Safety	Programs	\$21,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$31,000
6.00 SSA M	anagement	\$87,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$87,100
7.00 Person	nel	\$220,490	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$220,490
	Sub-total	\$1,224,090	\$9,790				
GRAND TOTALS	Levy Total	\$1,233	3,880	\$40,000	\$2,769	\$9,790	\$1,286,439

LEVY ANALYSIS	
Estimated 2020 EAV:	\$551,081,508
Authorized Tax Rate Cap:	0.304%
Maximum Potential Levy limited by Rate Cap:	\$1,675,288
Requested 2020 Levy Amount:	\$1,233,880
Estimated Tax Rate to Generate 2020 Levy:	0.2239%