

Special Service Area 29 - 2014
(a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago)
Managed by West Town Chicago Chamber of Commerce

Financial Statements
December 31, 2018 and 2017

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Commissioners of
Special Service Area 29-2014
Managed by West Town Chicago Chamber of Commerce

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area 29-2014, (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the SSA 29-2014 basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 about whether the financial statements are free from 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 that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial positions of Special Service Area 29-2014 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and its statements of activities and governmental fund/revenues expenditures and changes in fund balance for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

EILTS & ASSOCIATES, INC.
Chicago, Illinois
April 29, 2019

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Statements of Net Position and
Governmental Fund Balance Sheets
December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018			2017		
	Governmental Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position	Governmental Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 152,933	\$ -	\$ 152,933	\$ 185,024	\$ -	\$ 185,024
Property tax receivable, net of allowance	621,964	-	621,964	594,720	-	594,720
TIF rebate receivable	39,239	-	39,239	24,787	-	24,787
Total Assets	\$ 814,136	\$ -	\$ 814,136	\$ 804,531	\$ -	\$ 804,531
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 63,719	\$ -	\$ 63,719	\$ 47,010	\$ -	\$ 47,010
Total Liabilities	63,719	-	63,719	47,010	-	47,010
DEFERRED INFLOWS						
Deferred property tax revenue	621,964	(621,964)	-	594,720	(594,720)	-
Total Deferred Inflows	621,964	(621,964)	-	594,720	(594,720)	-
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION						
Unassigned	128,453	(128,453)	-	162,801	(162,801)	-
Total Fund balance	128,453	(128,453)	-	162,801	(162,801)	-
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	\$ 814,136			\$ 804,531		
Net Position - Unrestricted		\$ (750,417)	\$ 750,417		\$ (757,521)	\$ 757,521
Amounts reported for government activities in the statement of net position are different because:						
Total fund balance - governmental funds			\$ 128,453			\$ 162,801
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 government funds.			621,964			594,720
Total net position - governmental activities			\$ 750,417			\$ 757,521

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Statements of Activities and Governmental Fund /
Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
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	2018			2017		
	Governmental Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities	Governmental Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
REVENUES						
Property taxes and interest	\$ 587,203	\$ 27,244	\$ 614,447	\$ 565,831	\$ 22,275	\$ 588,106
TIF rebates	19,711	-	19,711	13,621	-	13,621
Interest	2,788	-	2,788	2,088	-	2,088
Total Revenues	609,702	27,244	636,946	581,540	22,275	603,815
EXPENDITURES						
Customer attraction	129,114	-	129,114	144,312	-	144,312
Public way aesthetics	311,686	-	311,686	301,620	-	301,620
Sustainability & public places	-	-	-	734	-	734
Economic business development	23,215	-	23,215	24,255	-	24,255
Safety programs	6,000	-	6,000	8,000	-	8,000
SSA management	41,695	-	41,695	35,231	-	35,231
Personnel	132,340	-	132,340	136,465	-	136,465
Total Expenditures	644,050	-	644,050	650,617	-	650,617
Excess of revenues over expenses	(34,348)	27,244	(7,104)	(69,077)	22,275	(46,802)
Change in Net Position	(34,348)	27,244	(7,104)	(69,077)	22,275	(46,802)
Fund Balance/Net Position						
Beginning of the Year	162,801	594,720	757,521	231,878	572,445	804,323
End of the Year	<u>\$ 128,453</u>	<u>\$ 621,964</u>	<u>\$ 750,417</u>	<u>\$ 162,801</u>	<u>\$ 594,720</u>	<u>\$ 757,521</u>

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

Net change in Fund balance - governmental funds	\$ (34,348)	\$ (69,077)
Property tax is recognized in the year it is levied rather than when it is available for governmental funds	<u>27,244</u>	<u>22,275</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (7,104)</u>	<u>\$ (46,802)</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

NOTE 1 – Nature of Activities and Reporting Entity

Special Service Area 29-2014 is a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago located in Chicago, Illinois. Its scope of services is to fund various activities to improve and enhance the West Town commercial district. 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 29-2014 is governed by a Commission whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago. The City of Chicago contracted with West Town Chamber of Commerce to perform administrative duties as the service provider for this SSA during the reporting period. West Town Chicago Chamber of Commerce is an Illinois non-for-profit corporation that is exempt from federal taxes under Section 501(c)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).

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

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.

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

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 generally accepted accounting principles 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 reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

c. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the allowance for each year is estimated to be 2%, or \$10,000, of the outstanding property taxes.

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

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 the SSA board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balance 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. The remaining net position is classified as unrestricted.

d. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through April 29, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTE 3 – Cash and Cash Equivalents

The SSA 29-2014 maintains its cash in a financial institution located in Chicago, IL. The balance is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. The SSA's cash balance did not exceed the insurance level as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

NOTE 4 – Property Taxes

The SSA's principal source of revenue is from real estate taxes levied on certain property located in its boundaries. 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 March. The second installment is due in August 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 – Other Receivables

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, a TIF rebate receivable of \$39,239 and \$24,787, respectively, was identified and reported to the SSA, by the City of Chicago. TIF rebates will be received by the SSA over the term of this SSA.

NOTE 6 – Accounts Payable

Accounts payable balance at December 31, 2018 and 2017, is \$63,719 and \$47,010, respectively. These balances consist of expenses / services incurred during the respective year related to façade enhancement programs, tree maintenance, decorative banners, and reimbursed costs.

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NOTE 7 – Deferred Inflows of Revenue/Deferred Property Tax 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. The balance in deferred property tax revenue at December 31, 2018 and 2017, reflective of the 2018 and 2017 levy, is \$621,964 and \$594,720, respectively.

NOTE 8 – 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 #29-2014 between the City of Chicago and West Town Chicago Chamber of Commerce. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the SSA had unrestricted net assets/carryover of \$128,453 and \$162,801, respectively.

NOTE 9 – Related Party Transactions

The SSA is affiliated with West Town Chicago Chamber of Commerce, which acts as its sole service provider. Special service area 29-2014 shares office space, equipment, and employees through this affiliation. Special Service Area 29-2014 has no employees of their own, but reimburses West Town Chicago Chamber of Commerce for payroll and related costs of the individuals working on the programs. It also reimburses West Town Chicago Chamber of Commerce for a portion of its operating expenses, and allocation of rent and utilities.

Supplementary Information

Special Service Area Number 29 - 2014
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Schedule of Revenues and
Expenditures - Budget and Actual
December 31, 2018

	Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUE			
Property taxes and interest	\$ 604,720	\$ 590,661	\$ (14,059)
TIF rebates	3,866	19,711	15,845
Late collections/(refunds)	19,758	(3,458)	(23,216)
Interest	-	2,788	2,788
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Total Revenues	628,344	609,702	(18,642)
EXPENDITURES			
Customer attraction	171,100	129,114	41,986
Public way aesthetics	412,882	311,686	101,196
Sustainability and public places	1,000	-	1,000
Economic business development	26,000	23,215	2,785
Safety programs	6,000	6,000	-
SSA management	42,750	41,695	1,055
Personnel	138,612	132,340	6,272
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Total Expenditures	798,344	644,050	154,294
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ (170,000)</u>	<u>\$ (34,348)</u>	<u>\$ 135,652</u>
CARRYOVER			
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CARRYOVER	170,000	-	(170,000)
Net revenue in excess of expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (34,348)</u>	<u>\$ (34,348)</u>

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Schedule of Revenues and
Expenditures - Budget and Actual
December 31, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUE			
Property taxes and interest	\$ 538,832	\$ 560,653	\$ 21,821
TIF rebates	1,479	13,621	12,142
Late collections	33,613	5,178	(28,435)
Interest	-	2,088	2,088
Total Revenues	573,924	581,540	7,616
EXPENDITURES			
Customer attraction	156,177	144,312	11,865
Public way aesthetics	326,821	301,620	25,201
Sustainability and public places	983	734	249
Economic business development	24,747	24,255	492
Safety programs	8,000	8,000	-
SSA management	35,231	35,231	-
Personnel	136,465	136,465	-
Total Expenditures	688,424	650,617	37,807
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ (114,500)	\$ (69,077)	\$ 45,423
CARRYOVER	114,500	-	(114,500)
Net revenue in excess of expenditures	\$ -	\$ (69,077)	\$ (69,077)

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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 Development, we have read and understand the requirements contained in the Agreement for Special Service Area 29-2014, between the City of Chicago and West Town Chamber of Commerce.

The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of West Town Chicago Chamber Special Service Area 29-2014 for the year ended December 31, 2018. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements.

FINDINGS & QUESTIONED COSTS – none found

State of Illinois

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Division of Professional Regulation

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