LITTLE VILLAGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 25 (Little Village Chamber of Commerce, Contractor) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

LITTLE VILLAGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 25

(Little Village Chamber of Commerce, Contractor)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Little Village Special Service Area Number 25 (Little Village 26th Street Area Chamber of Commerce, Contractor) Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statements of governmental fund balance sheet and statement of net position of Little Village Special Service Area Number 25 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) of December 31, 2016 and the related statements of governmental funds revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and activities, which collectively comprise the service areas' 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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of Little Village Special Service Area Number 25 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Report on Supplemental Information

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Little Village Special Service Area Number 25 taken as a whole. The supplemental information for the year ended December 31, 2016 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic 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.

Other Matter

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.

Prior Period Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Little Village Special Service Area Number 25, for the year ended December 31, 2015 were audited by other auditors whose report dated April 6, 2016 expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

Vidal & Associates, Ltd.

April 28, 2017

LITTLE VILLAGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #25 GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEETS AND STATEMENTS OF NET POSITIONS DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

			2016					2015		
A	General Fund		Adjustments	State	Statements of Activities	Gene	General Fund	Adjustments		Statements of Activities
Assets										
Current Assets Cash	\$ 90,305	_. ∨	1	69	90,305	69	14,879	۱ ↔	∽	14,879
rroperty tax receivable, net of allowance for uncollectable taxes of \$0 and \$26,398	17,551		1		17,551		373,228			373,228
Total Current Assets	107,856		1		107,856		388,107	t	. !	388,107
Total Assets	\$ 107,856	₩	' !	ક્ક	107,856	€	388,107	€	₩	388,107
Liabilities										
Current Liabilities Accounts Payable	13,856		'		13,856		289			289
Total Current Liabilities	13,856		'		13,856		687	'		289
Deferred Inflows										
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	1		,		1		373,228	(373,228)		1
Fund Balance/Net Position										
Unrestricted	94,000		'		94,000		14,192	373,228		387,420
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance/Net Position	\$ 107,856	ا ح	1	€	107,856	69	388,107	8	·	388,107

EXHIBIT II

LITTLE VILLAGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #25

STATEMENTS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

		2016			2015	
	General Fund	Adjustments	Statements of Activities	General Fund	Adjustments	Statements of Activities
Revenues						
Property Taxes TIFF Funds Interest Income	\$ 381,228 7,594	· · · · ·	\$ 381,228 7,594 34	\$ 369,816	\$ 33,835	\$ 403,651
	388,856	ı	388,856	369,869	33,835	403,704
Expenditures / Expenses						
1.00 Customer /Attraction	68,504	1	68,504	58,835	•	58,835
2.00 Public Way / Aesthetics	123,085	1	123,085	153,052	1	153,052
3.00 Public Way / Aesthetics	1	•	ı	4,432	ı	4,432
6.00 SSA Management	21,381	1	21,381	29,973	1	29,973
7.00 Personnel	96,078		820,96	89,560		89,560
Total Expenditures / Expenses	309,048	1	309,048	335,852	1	335,852
(Deficiency) Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures / Expenses Change in Net Position	79,808	1 1	79,808	34,017	(34,017)	- 24 85
Fund Balance / Net Position, Beginning of Year						
as Restated	14,192	1	14,192	(19,825)	339,393	319,568
Fund Balance / Net Position, End of Year	\$ 94,000	· ·	\$ 94,000	\$ 14,192	\$ 373,228	\$ 387,420

LITTLE VILLAGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #25

STATEMENTS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (CONTINUED)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

2016 2015	- \$ 34,017	- 33,835	\$ 67,852
	Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statements of net position are different because: Net Change In Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	Property Tax Revenue is Recognized in the period for which it is levied rather than when "available". A portion of the Property Tax is Deferred as it is not available in the Governmental Funds	Change In Net Position

(1) Summary of Accounting Policies

Nature of Organization

Little Village Special Service Area Number 25, (Commission) formed in 2004 to create a dynamic public space to revitalize, and attract new businesses and shoppers to strengthen the residential community. The City of Chicago formed a taxing district that allows property taxes levied and collected to fund added services for a defined area.

Basis of Presentation

The government-wide financial statements report information on all of the activities of the Special Service Area. Governmental activities include those items funded by the tax levies. While separate governmental activities incorporate data from the governmental funds; the fund financial statements is on major governmental funds. The commission reports on one major governmental fund, the General Fund.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources or economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

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Property taxes associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Commission.

Budgetary Information

An annual budget is adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for the General Fund. The Commission submits a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year to the City of Chicago for approval. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the General Fund. The annual appropriation lapses at fiscal year-end.

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(2) Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

Cash and Investments

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

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows* of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

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Net Position Flow Assumption

In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted-net position and unrestricted-net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Commission's policy to consider restricted-net position to have been depleted before unrestricted-net position is applied.

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Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported revenues and expenditures/expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Comparative Data

As required by the City of Chicago, comparative data for the prior year has been presented in the statement of revenue and expenditures – budget and actual-general fund.

Detailed Notes on all Activities and Funds

Concentration of Credit Risks

The Organization maintains it cash balances at a financial institutions in the Chicago metropolitan area which are federally insured up to prescribed limits. At December 31, 2016 and 2015 the organization's account was within insured limits.

Receivables

Property tax receivables are presented net of an allowance for uncollectible taxes in the amount of \$0 and \$26,398 for the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Related Party Transactions

During the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 the Little Village Chamber of Commerce charged the Commission \$110,998 and \$109,120 for employee and administrative costs, respectively.

Use of Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through April 28, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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(3) Prior Period Adjustment

An adjustment has been made to the beginning balance of Fund Balance / Net Position, Beginning of Year in the statements of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and Activities to eliminate an unsubstantiated estimate amount. Mr. Mark Roschen, Assistant Commissioner – SSA program, Business Development Division for the City of Chicago confirmed the unsubstantiated nature of the estimate during a telephone conference dated April 25, 2017.

The adjustment consists of the following:

	Statement Of Activities
Fund Balance / Net Position, Beginning of Year	\$ 387,420
Adjustment to Eliminate Unsubstantiated Estimate	(373,228)
Fund Balance / Net Position, Beginning of Year, as Restated	<u>\$ 14,192</u>

An additional adjustment was made to the beginning balance of Fund Balance / Net Position, Beginning Balance under the Adjustments column in the statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and Activities in the 2016 Adjustments column amounting to \$373,228. The adjustment reduces the balance in the account to zero.



STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015 LITTLE VILLAGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #25

			2016			2015		
				Over (Under)			ŏ	Over (Under)
	Budget		Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	>	Variance
Revenues								
Property Taxes	\$ 376,165	€9	363,677	\$ 12,488	\$ 399,501	\$ 369,816	69	(29,685)
TIFF Funds	ı		7,594	(7,594)	ı	1		
Interest Income	1		34	(34)	1	53		53
Total Revenues	376,165		371,305	4,860	399,501	369,869		29,632
Expenses & Programs:								
1.00 Customer / Attraction	0			(0000)				7000
1.01 Website	7,000		•	(7,000)	1,000	•		(1,000)
1.02 Special Events	10,500		10,500	ı	10,000	10,000		Ī
1.04 Social Media Outreach	ı		1	ı	1,000	280		(720)
1.05 Decorative Banners	10,000		10,045	45	15,000	12,270		(2,730)
1.06 Holiday Decorations	30,551		31,350	799	26,982	19,960		(7,022)
1.07 Print Materials	5,000		2,609	(2,391)	3,000	1,325		(1,675)
1.08 Display Advertising	8,797		4,000	(4,797)	3,000	2,000		(1,000)
1.09 Public / Media Relations	10,000		10,000	1	13,000	13,000		•
Total Customer / Attraction	76,848		68,504	(8,344)	72,982	58,835		(14,147)
2.00 Public Way / Aesthetics								
2.02 Landscaping	60,000		51,800	(8,200)	74,157	74,150		(7)
2.03 Façade Enhancement Program - Rebate	10,000		5,000	(5,000)	10,000	5,000		(5,000)
2.05 Streetscape Elements	5,000		ı	(5,000)	ı	1		•
2.06 Public Art	t		4,631	4,631	2,000	t		(5,000)
2.07 Sidewalk Maintenance	65,000		61,654	(3,346)	73,307	73,827		520
2.08 City Permits	3,922		1	(3,922)	6,000	75		(5,925)
	143,922		123,085	(20,837)	168,464	153,052		(15,412)

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015 LITTLE VILLAGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #25

		2016			2015	
	Rudget	Actual	Over (Under)	Rudaet	Actual	Over (Under)
Expenses & Programs:	12gmr	The state of the s				
3.01 Garbage / Recycling Material Program		1	1	2,000	4,432	(568)
Expenses & Programs: 4.00 Economic / Business Development 4.09 SSA Designation	2,000		(5,000)			
Expense & Programs: 5.00 Safety Programs 5.03 Security Patrol Services	3,797		(3,797)			
Expenses & Programs: 6.00 SSA Management						
6.02 SSA Audit	6,000	3,400	(2,600)	6,000	3,400	(2,600)
6.03 Bookkeeping	3,000	3,000	ı	3,500	3,500	ı
6.04 Office Rent	3,420	3,420	ı	3,420	3,420	ı
6.05 Office Utilities	1,500	1,500	ı	3,750	3,750	ı
6.06 Office Supplies	2,500	2,500	ı	6,000	9,000	ı
6.07 Office Equipment Lease/Maintenance	1,500	1,500	ı	3,600	3,600	ı
6.08 Office Printing	200	200	•	009	009	ı
6.09 Postage	2,500	2,500	ı	4,000	2,000	(2,000)
6.10 Meeting Expense	1,800	838	(962)	1,875	1,012	(863)
6.11 Subscriptions / Dues	200	ı	(200)	200	1	(200)
6.12 Banking Fees	300	1	(300)	•	9	9
6.14 Equipment Purchase Maintenance	3,000	475	(2,525)	2,500	1,788	(712)
6.17 Liability / Property Insurance	2,000	1,748	(3,252)	2,500	897	(1,603)
6.18 Training	1	1	ı	250	ı	(250)
Total SSA Management	31,520	21,381	(10,139)	38,495	29,973	(8,522)

LITTLE VILLAGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #25 STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

		2016			2015	
			Over (Under)			Over (Under)
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
7.00 Personnel:						
7.01 Executive Director	46,020	46,020	ı	46,020	46,020	1
7.02 Program Director	30,780	30,780	ı	24,780	24,780	1
7.03 Office Administrator	4,038	4,038	ı	3,520	3,520	ı
7.04 Administrative Assistant	15,240	15,240	1	15,240	15,240	1
Total Personnel	96,078	96,078	1	89,560	89,560	1
8.00 Loss Collection						
8.01 Loss Collection	19,000	1	(19,000)	25,000	\$	(25,000)
Total Expenses & Programs	376,165	309,048	(67,117)	399,501	335,852	(63,649)
Excess of Revenues over Expenses (Deficit)	٠ ج	\$ 62,257	\$ (62,257)	1	34,017	(34,017)

LITTLE VILLAGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #25 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 and 2015

FINDINGS

As part of our audit, we have reviewed the Agreement for Special Service Area #25 between the City of Chicago and the Organization for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The prior auditors have reported on April 19, 2016 that no finding were noted for the year ended December 31, 2015.

We noted that the prior year's Budgeted Amounts on the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget and Actual – General Fund for the year ended December 31, 2015 section did not agree with the 2015 SSA Budget worksheet as prepared by the Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development. This error has been corrected on these financial statements.