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SSA Name and Number: ALBANY PARK SSA#60 SSA Provider Name: NORTH RIVER COMMISSION **Submission Date:** April 29, 2020 **Audit Report Package Components** Starting PDF Page Number Comparative Financial Statements 1. Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance 3 Sheet - Current Year 2. Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance 3 Sheet - Prior Year 3. Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, 4 Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Current Year Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues. 4 Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Prior Year 5. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual 11 & 12 Auditor's Opinion on Financial Statements 2 Schedule of Findings - Current and Prior Year, if applicable * 13 Corrective Action Plan - Current and Prior Year, if applicable* n/a 14 Audit Firm CPA License SSA Budget Summary page – used for comparison of actual expenses 15 for current audit period Final Modified or Amended SSA Budget Workplan (Excel file) (Uploaded Separately) Date approved by Commission: 04 / 08 / 2020 **Note:** This budget workplan must correspond to Budget Summary page noted above in audit report package.

^{*}required if findings exist

Special Service Area 60 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by North River Commission

Financial Statements
December 31, 2019 and 2018

Special Service Area 60 Managed by North River Commission Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Commissioners of Special Service Area 60 Managed by North River Commission

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area 60, (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the SSA 60 basic financial statements as list 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 position of Special Service Area 60 as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, 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 schedule of revenues and expenditures - budget and actual on page 11 and 12, 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.

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Chicago, Illinois April 8, 2020

Special Service Area 60 Managed by North River Commission Statements of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheets December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019			2018								
	Gov	ernmental Fund	۸۵	ljustments		tement of et position	Governmental Fund		Δα	justments		tement of
ASSETS		runu		ijusiinenis_	INC	t position_		T unu		justificitis		t position
Cash and Cash Equivalents Property Tax Receivable,	\$	54,500	\$	-	\$	54,500	\$	60,563	\$	-	\$	60,563
Net of allowance of \$11,700 and \$18,000 Due from City of Chicago		373,945		-		373,945		359,600 301		-		359,600 301
Total Assets	\$	428,445	\$		\$	428,445		420,464	\$		\$	420,464
LIABILITIES												
Acounts Payable and Accrued Expenses Due to City of Chicago	\$	33,103 1,619	\$	-,	\$	33,103 1,619	\$	25,054 -	\$	-	\$	25,054
Total Liabilities		34,722		-		34,722		25,054		-		25,054
DEFERRED INFLOWS												
Deferred Property Tax Revenue		373,945		(373,945)				359,600		(359,600)		-
Total Deferred Inflows		373,945		(373,945)		=.		359,600		(359,600)		•
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION												
Unassigned		19,778		(19,778)			_	35,810		(35,810)	1	, -
Total Fund Balance		19,778		(19,778)				35,810	9	(35,810)		-
Total Liabilities, Deferred Infows and Fund Balance	\$	428,445					\$	420,464				
Net Position - Unrestricted			\$	(393,723)	\$	393,723			\$	(395,410)	\$	395,410
Amounts reported for government activities in the statement of net position are different because:												
Total fund balance - governmental funds					\$	19,778					\$	35,810
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levied rather than wher "available." A portion of the property tax is deferred as it is not available in the government funds.			n 	373,945					-	359,600		
Total net position - governmental activities					\$	393,723					\$	395,410

Special Service Area 60 Managed by North River Commission Statements of Activities and Governmental Fund, Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019				2018							
	Gov	ernmental Fund	Ad	justments		tement of ctivities		ernmental Fund	Adj	ustments		tement of ctivities
REVENUES												
Property Taxes and Interest	\$	356,462	\$	14,345	_\$	370,807	\$	368,865	_\$	(1,310)	_\$_	367,555
Total Revenues		356,462		14,345		370,807		368,865		(1,310)		367,555
EXPENDITURES												
Customer Attraction		37,250		-		37,250		37,827		-		37,827
Public Way Aesthetics		228,272		-		228,272		257,462		-		257,462
Sustainabilty and Public Places		-		-		-		906		-		906
Economic Business Development				-		-		14,500		-		14,500
Safety Programs		_		_		-		9,000		-		9,000
SSA Management		22,707		-		22,707		24,391		_		24,391
Personnel		84,265				84,265		75,657		_		75,657
				*								
Total Expenditures		372,494				372,494		419,743				419,743
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures		(16,032)		14,345	-	(1,687)	-	(50,878)		(1,310)		(52,188)
Change in Net Position		(16,032)		14,345		(1,687)		(50,878)		(1,310)		(52,188)
Fund Balance/Net Position												
Beginning of the Year		35,810		359,600		395,410		86,688	-	360,910		447,598
End of the Year	\$	19,778	\$	373,945	\$	393,723	\$	35,810	\$	359,600	\$	395,410
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:												
Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	ls				\$	(16,032)					\$	(50,878)
Property Tax is recognized in the year it is levied rate for Governmental Funds	ther th	an when it is	s availa	able	1	14,345						(1,310)
Change in Net Position					\$	(1,687)					\$	(52,188)

NOTE 1 – Nature of Activities and Reporting Entity

Special Service Area (SSA) 60 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 North River, Albany Park and Irving Park 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 60 is governed by a Commission whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago. The City of Chicago contracted with the North River Commission to perform administrative duties as the service provider for this SSA during the reporting period. North River Commission is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, exempt from federal taxes under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The primary source of funds for the SSA 60 is from real estate taxes on properties within the SSA district. SSA 60 is located in the most diverse neighborhood in Chicago, and supports a vibrant, safe, clean, beautiful, and welcoming commercial district filled with restaurants, attractive retail and service, as well as cultural and entertainment options, that meet the needs of local residents and attract visitors. The boundaries of SSA 60 are the following: Central Park Ave to 2650 W Montrose Ave along Montrose Ave; Kimball Ave to 2901 W Lawrence Ave along Lawrence Ave; 4907 N Kedzie Ave to Irving Park Rd along Kedzie Ave; Lawrence Ave to Leland Ave along Kimball Ave; and Spaulding Ave to Sacramento Ave along Irving Park Rd.

Services provided by the SSA include cleaning and beautification activities, façade rebates, snow removal services, coordination of advertising and promotional events, and attraction and recruitment of new quality businesses to the area.

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.

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 are susceptible to accrual and recognized as a receivable in the year levied.

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

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 #60'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, 2019 and 2018, the allowance is estimated to be 3-5% of the outstanding property taxes.

Fund Equity / Net Positon:

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 60's board. Unassigned fund balance

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

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 8, 2020, which is 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. The SSA's cash balance did not exceed the insurance level as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

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.

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, Due to the City of Chicago was \$1,619 and Due from City of Chicago was \$301, respectively, which consisted of property taxes to be refunded in 2020 for 2018, and property taxes received in 2019 for 2017 and prior years.

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 60 between the City of Chicago and North River Commission. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the SSA had total fund balances of \$19,777 and \$35,810, respectively. These funds will be utilized in this special service area during future years.

NOTE 7 – Related Party Transactions

The SSA is affiliated with North River Commission as its sole service provider. Special service area 60 shares office space, equipment, and employees through this affiliation. Special Service Area 60 has no employees of their own, but reimburses North River Commission for payroll and related costs of the individuals working on the programs. It also reimburses North River Commission for a portion of its operating expenses, and allocation of rent and utilities.



Special Service Area 60 Managed by North River Commission Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2019

	Budget		Actual		V	ariance
REVENUE						
Property Taxes and Interest	\$	388,358	\$	356,462	\$	31,896
Total Revenues		388,358		356,462		31,896
EXPENDITURES						
Customer Attraction Public Way Aesthetics Sustainabilty and Public Places Economic Business Development Safety Programs SSA Management Personnel		41,495 286,758 4,000 9,758 3,000 23,690 88,157		37,250 228,273 - - - 22,707 84,265		4,245 58,485 4,000 9,758 3,000 983 3,892
Total Expenditures		456,858		372,495		84,363
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(68,500)	\$	(16,033)	\$	(52,467)
CARRYOVER		68,500		- -		68,500
Net Revenues In Excess of Expenses	\$		\$	(16,033)	\$	16,033

Special Service Area 60 Managed by North River Commission Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2018

	Budget		Actual		Variance	
REVENUE						
Property Taxes and Interest	\$	386,984	\$	368,865	\$	18,119
Total Revenues		386,984		368,865		18,119
EXPENDITURES						
Customer Attraction Public Way Aesthetics Sustainabilty and Public Places Economic Business Development Safety Programs SSA Management Personnel		40,995 296,281 1,500 15,000 10,000 30,637 75,657		37,827 257,462 906 14,500 9,000 24,391 75,657		3,168 38,819 594 500 1,000 6,246
Total Expenditures		470,070	-	419,743		50,327
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(83,086)	\$	(50,878)	\$	(32,208)
CARRYOVER		83,086		7 -		83,086
Net Revenues In Excess of Expenses	\$	_	\$	(50,878)	\$	50,878

Special Service Area 60 Managed by North River Commission Summary Schedule of Audit Findings For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

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 no exceptions were noted.

The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Special Service Area 60. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements.

FINDINGS:

None found

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS:

None found



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Special Service Area # 60

Service Provider Agency: North River Commission

2019 BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget and Services Period: January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

		2018 Levy					
CATE	GORY	Collectable	Estimated	Carryover	TIF Rebate	Estimated Late	Total
SECTION SECTION		Levy	Loss	Funds	Fund#	Collections	All Sources
1.00 Custom	ner	\$26,995	\$3,500	\$10,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$41,495
2.00 Public \	Nay	\$224,167	\$1,091	\$56,500	\$0	\$5,000	\$286,758
3.00 Sustain	ability and	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
4.00 Econon	nic/	\$0	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$4,758	\$9,758
5.00 Safety I	rograms	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
6.00 SSA Ma	nagement	\$23,523	\$167	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,690
7.00 Person	nel	\$88,157	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$88,157
	Sub-total	\$366,842	\$10,758				
GRAND	Laver Total	\$377,600		¢69 500	¢0	¢40.750	¢ AEC OEO
TOTALS	Levy Total	\$311	,600	\$68,500	\$0	\$10,758	\$456,858

LEVY ANALYSIS				
Estimated 2018 EAV:	\$98,992,452			
Authorized Tax Rate Cap:	0.425%			
Maximum Potential Levy	\$420,718			
Requested 2018 Levy	\$377,600			
Estimated Tax Rate to	0.3814%			

LEVY CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS						
2017 Levy Total (in 2018	\$373,947					
2018 Levy Total (in 2019	\$377,600					
Percentage Change	0.98%					
Community meeting required if levy						

CARRYOVER CALCULATION					
2018 Budget	470,070				
2019 Carryover	\$68,500				
Percentage	14.5722977429%				

LOSS COLLECTION	ON CALCULATION	EXPLANATION REQUIRED IF
Actual amount of Levy	Amount Proposed for	
\$10,758	\$10,758	
This figure will be		

LATE COLL	ECTIONS AND INTEREST	EXPLANATION REQUIRED IF
	Amount Proposed for	
\$10,758	\$10,758	
This figure will be	pe provided by DPD and	entered by Service Provider