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

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SSA Name and number: 71st St./ Stony Island SSA42 (2022 AUDIT - ISSUED)

# SSA Provider Name: South Shore Chamber of Commerce

Submission Date: JUNE 16, 2023

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# SPECIAL SERVICE AREA 42 MANAGED BY SOUTH SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

# Special Service Area 42 Managed by South Shore Chamber of Commerce Financial Statements

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**Certified Public Accountant** 

#### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Commissioners of Special Service Area 42 Managed by South Shore Chamber of Commerce

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area 42, (SSA 42) (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) which comprise the SSA 42 basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, 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 SSA42 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its fund balance/net position for the year 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 SSA42 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 SSA42'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 SSA42'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 SSA42'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 9 and 10, is 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.

Joy L. Coombes, CPA MST

Joy L Coombes

Chicago, Illinois June 16, 2023

#### Special Service Area 42 Managed by South Shore Chamber of Commerce Statements of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheets December 31, 2022 and 2021

				2022						2021		
	Gov	vernmental Fund	٨	ljustments		tement of t position	Gov	ernmental Fund	٨	ljustments		tement of t position
ASSETS		Fund		justments	110			T UIIU		justments	110	
Cash and Cash Equivalents Property Tax Receivable, Net of Allowance Prepaid expenses	\$	160,458 801,013 5,384	\$	- -	\$	160,458 801,013 5,384	\$	249,099 621,030 5,291	\$	- -	\$	249,099 621,030 5,291
Total Assets	\$	966,855	\$	-	\$	966,855	\$	875,420	\$	-	\$	875,420
LIABILITIES												
Accounts Payable Due to South Shore Chamber		47,983 -		-		47,983 -		38,548 14,955		-		38,548 14,955
Total Liabilities		47,983		-		47,983		53,503		-		53,503
DEFERRED INFLOWS												
Deferred Property Tax Revenue		661,665		(661,665)		-		621,030		(621,030)		-
Total Deferred Inflows		661,665		(661,665)		-		621,030		(621,030)		-
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION												
Unassigned		257,207		(257,207)		-		200,887		(200,887)		-
Total Fund Balance		257,207		(257,207)		-		200,887		(200,887)		
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	\$	966,855					\$	875,420				
Net Position - Unrestricted			\$	(918,872)	\$	918,872			\$	(821,917)	\$	821,917
Amounts reported for government activities i	in the	statement of	net p	osition are di	ferent	because:						
Total fund balance - governmental fun	ds				\$	257,207					\$	200,887
Property tax revenue is recognized in "available." A portion of the property to government funds.						661,665						621,030
Total net position - governmental activ	rities				\$	918,872					\$	821,917

See notes to the financial statements and independent auditor's report

#### Special Service Area 42 Managed by South Shore Chamber of Commerce Statements of Activities and Governmental Fund, Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

				2022						2021		
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REVENUES	¢	0.40,000	<b>^</b>	10.005	<b>^</b>	000.004	¢	000 705	<b>^</b>	10.010	<b>^</b>	000 504
Property Revenues and Interest	\$	649,966	\$	40,635	\$	690,601	\$	602,705	\$	19,819	\$	622,524
Total Revenues		649,966		40,635		690,601		602,705		19,819		622,524
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES												
Customer Attraction		34,334		-		34,334		61,332		-		61,332
Public Way Aesthetics		184,219		-		184,219		181,172		-		181,172
Economic/Business Development		-		-		-		32,489		-		32,489
Public Health and Safety Programs		203,063		-		203,063		116,980		-		116,980
Total Services Expense		421,616		-		421,616		391,973		-		391,973
SSA Management		22,319		-		22,319		26,250		-		26,250
Personnel		149,711		-		149,711		153,211		-		153,211
Total Administration Expense		172,030				172,030		179,461				179,461
Total Expenditures		593,646		-		593,646		571,434		-		571,434
Excess(Deficit) of Revenues												
Over/(Under) Expenditures		56,320		40,635		96,955		31,271		19,819		51,090
Change in Net Position		56,320		40,635		96,955		31,271		19,819		51,090
Fund Balance/Net Position												
Beginning of the Year		200,887		621,030		821,917		169,616		601,211		770,827
End of the Year	\$	257,207	\$	661,665	\$	918,872	\$	200,887	\$	621,030	\$	821,917
Amounts reported for governmental ac	tivities in	n the state	ment	of activities is	differ	ent because:						
Net Change in Fund Balance - Govern	mental f	unds			\$	56,320					\$	31,271
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Property Tax is recognized in the year for Governmental Funds	IT IS IEVI	ed rather t	nan w	nen it is avail	ladie	40,635						19,819
Change in Net Position					\$	96,955					\$	51,090
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# NOTE 1 – Nature of Activities and Reporting Entity

Special Service Area 42 is a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago located in Chicago, Illinois. Its scope of services is to fund activities to improve and enhance the 71<sup>st</sup> & Stony commercial district. The SSA is funded by property taxes levied on properties within the SSA boundaries, which are collected by the Cook County Treasurer, and then to the SSA via the City of Chicago.

Special Service Area 42 is governed by a Commission whose members are appointed by the mayor of Chicago. The City of Chicago contracted with South Shore Chamber of Commerce to perform administrative duties as the service provider for this SSA during the reporting period. South Shore Chamber of Commerce is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(C)(6) of the internal revenue code.

NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements of the SSA 42 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 accounted principals). 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. The governmentwide and fund financial statements report information on all the activities of the Special Service Area. Governmental activities include those items funded by the tax levies. The SSA accounts for its activities in one 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

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

b. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation – (Continued)

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.

The presentation of financial statements is 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, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

# 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 acquisitions.

#### d. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 16, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# NOTE 3 – Cash and Cash Equivalents

SSA 42 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 in a bank deposit account may at times exceed federally insured limits. SSA 42 and its management had not experienced any losses in such amounts, and therefore believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk in cash.

#### NOTE 4 – Prepaid expenses

Represents expenses paid during the fiscal year that will be used in the next fiscal year. At December 31, 2022, and 2021, the amount reported as prepaid was \$5,384 and \$5,291, respectively, for security services, special events paid for the subsequent year.

# NOTE 5 – Property Taxes Receivable

Property tax receivables as of December 31, 2022, and 2021, in the amounts of \$801,013, and \$621,030, respectively, for both years are presented net of an allowance for uncollectible taxes of December 31, 2022, and 2021, in the amount of \$36,719 and \$36,719, respectively.

#### NOTE 6 – Property Taxes

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

# NOTE 7 – Accounts Payable

Accounts payable and accrued expenses balance at December 31, 2022, and 2021, is \$47,983 and \$38,548, respectively. These balances consist of expenses and services received during the respective year paid in the subsequent year.

#### NOTE 8 – Deferred Inflows of Revenue

A deferred inflow of 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 revenue until that future time.

#### NOTE 9 – 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 42 between the City

# NOTE 9 – Fund Equity / Net Position - (Continued)

of Chicago and South Shore Chamber of Commerce. As of December 31, 2022, and 2021, the SSA had total carryover fund balances of \$257,207 and \$200,887, respectively. These funds will be utilized in this special service area during future years.

#### NOTE 10 – Related Party Transactions and Due to South Shore Chamber

SSA 42 is affiliated with South Shore Chamber of Commerce. South Shore Chamber of Commerce acts as SSA42 service provider, and shares office space, equipment, and employees through the above affiliations. SSA 42 does not have employees of its own, but reimburses South Shore Chamber of Commerce for a portion of its operating expenses. SSA 42 reimbursed South Shore Chamber of Commerce \$186,985 and \$179,461, for shared expenses during the years ending December 31, 2022, and 2021, respectively. At December 31, 2022, and 2021, amounts due to South Shore Chamber are \$0 and \$14,955, respectively.

#### NOTE 11 – Risks and Uncertainties

COVID-19, a worldwide pandemic, has continued to present significant effects on global markets, supply chains, businesses, and communities. Specific to the SSA, COVID-19 may impact various parts of its 2023 operations and financial results, including potential reduction and delays in the collectability 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 continues 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, 2023.

# NOTE 12 – Subsequent Events

SSA 42 received its second installment of 2022 tax deposits late, a majority of the second installment was received in December 2022, January 2023 and February 2023. The 2022 tax deposits received in January and February 2023 were included in Property tax receivables and in Property tax revenue at December 31, 2022. The amount of 2022 tax late deposits reported in Property tax receivable at December 31, 2022, was \$ 139,348. Total Property tax receivable of \$ 801,013, includes gross 2022 levy of \$ 698,384, less allowance for uncollectible of \$36,719, plus late collections of 2021 levy received in 2023 of \$ 139,348.

Supplementary Information

# Special Service Area 42 Managed by South Shore Chamber of Commerce Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2022

	E	Budget	 Actual	 /ariance
REVENUE				
Property Taxes and Interest	\$	695,218	\$ 649,966	\$ 45,252
Total Revenues		695,218	649,966	45,252
EXPENDITURES				
Customer Attraction Public Way Aesthetics Economic Business Development Public Health and Safety Programs SSA Management Personnel		75,000 347,338 35,100 155,000 23,069 149,711	 34,334 184,219 - 203,063 22,319 149,711	 40,666 163,119 35,100 (48,063) 750 -
Total Expenditures		785,218	 593,646	 191,572
Excess(Deficit) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	\$	(90,000)	\$ 56,320	\$ (146,320)
CARRYOVER		90,000	 	 90,000
Net Revenues In Excess of Expenses	\$	_	\$ 56,320	\$ (56,320)

See notes to the financial statements and independent auditor's report

# Special Service Area 42 Managed by South Shore Chamber of Commerce Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2021

		Budget	 Actual	 /ariance
REVENUE				
Property Taxes and Interest	\$	667,990	\$ 602,705	\$ 65,285
Total Revenues		667,990	602,705	65,285
EXPENDITURES				
Customer Attraction Public Way Aesthetics Economic Business Development Public Health and Safety Programs SSA Management Personnel		96,722 295,368 61,885 146,360 26,250 153,211	 66,623 181,172 32,489 116,980 26,250 153,211	 30,099 114,196 29,396 29,380 - -
Total Expenditures		779,796	 576,725	 203,071
Excess(Deficit) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	\$	(111,806)	\$ 25,980	\$ (137,786)
CARRYOVER		111,806	 	 111,806
Net Revenues In Excess of Expenses	\$	-	\$ 25,980	\$ (25,980)

See notes to the financial statements and independent auditor's report

# Special Service Area 42 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by South Shore Chamber of Commerce Summary Schedule of Findings For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

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 Service Provider Agreement. After conducting this audit, we determined there was one finding.

# CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS:

Public Health and Safety Programs actual expenses exceeded the budgeted amount, per page 10.

We noted that the carryover of unspent funds from 2022 to 2023 is in excess of the 25% of the 2022 budget limitation. Total carryover to 2023 is \$ 257,207, which is 33% of the 2022 budget.

# MANAGEMENT RESPONSE:

SSA 42 received over 22%, \$139,948, of its 2021 actual collected levy \$649,966, late from City of Chicago making it impossible for the SSA 42 commission to spend these funds timely. The lateness of the receipt of these funds, received in January and February 2023, resulted in this excess carryover of funds into 2023, and hence the above current year finding.

Per management and the SSA 42 commissioners, if SSA 42 had received these funds within 2022, this finding would not have resulted. The lateness of the collection of these funds was out of the control of management and the SSA 42 commissioners.

SSA 42 commissioners and management will develop a plan to spend the excess carryover funds in future years.

# PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS:

We noted that the carryover of unspent funds from 2021 to 2022 is in excess of 25% of the 2021 budget.

# MANAGEMENT RESPONSE:

The Commission and management will focus diligently on reducing the carryover in 2022, to be under the 25% limitation.

Special Service Area 42 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by South Shore Chamber of Commerce Professional CPA License For the Year Ended December 31, 2022



# Special Service Area 42 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by South Shore Chamber of Commerce Budget For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

# Budget

	Special Service Area # 42
SSA Name:	71st / Stony Island
	2022 BUDGET SUMMARY
	Budget and Services Period: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

		2021	Levy				
(Funded Cate	<b>EGORY</b> gories Comprise f Services)	Collectable Levy	Estimated Loss Collection	Carryover Funds	TIF Rebate Fund #	Estimated Late Collections and Interest	Total All Sources
1.00 Custor Attraction	ner	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
2.00 Public Aesthetics	Way	\$183,900	\$36,719	\$90,000	\$0	\$36,719	\$347,338
3.00 Sustaii Public Plac		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.00 Econo Business D	mic/ evelopment	\$35,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,100
5.00 Public Safety Prog		\$155,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$155,000
6.00 SSA M	anagement	\$23,069	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,069
7.00 Persor	nnel	\$149,711	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$149,711
	Sub-total	\$621,780	\$36,719				
GRAND TOTALS	Levy Total	\$658	,499	\$90,000	\$0	\$36,719	\$785,218

LEVY ANALYSIS	
Estimated 2021 EAV:	\$38,174,675
Authorized Tax Rate Cap:	0.000%
Maximum Potential Levy limited by Rate Cap:	\$0
Requested 2021 Levy Amount:	\$658,499
Estimated Tax Rate to Generate 2020 Levy:	1.7250%

LEVY CHANGE FROM PREVIO	US YEAR
2020 Levy Total (in 2021 budget)	\$637,930
2021 Levy Total (in 2022 budget)	\$658,499
Percentage Change	3.22%
Community meeting required if le increases greater than 5% from pre	

2021 Budget Total	\$786,455
Carryover request for 2022	\$90,000
Percentage	11.444%