COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

121 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois Regular Meeting, 1:00 PM October 11, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Butler, Newsome, Wheat, Buford, Curtis, Cox, Davis, Thomas, Trevino.

Absent: Cepeda, Chan McKibben, Cox, Griggs

II. APROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13th MEETING OLD BUSINESS

Motioned by Thomas, seconded by Travino

Approved 9-0-4: Newsome, Wheat, Buford, Curtis, Davis, Thomas, Trevino, Butler Abstain or Not Present: Cepeda, Chan McKibben, Cox, Gomez, Griggs

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. PROPOSED KINZIE INDUSTRIAL CONSERVATION AREA TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AMENDMENT NO. 2 (WARDS 27)

Recommend approval of the redevelopment plan for the Kinzie Industrial Conservation Area Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area Amendment No. 2.

Ryan Slattery

22-CDC-56

Motioned by Wheat, seconded by Davis

Approved 9-0-4: Newsome, Wheat, Buford, Curtis, Davis, Gomez, Thomas, Trevino, Butler. Abstain or Not Present: Cepeda, Chan McKibben, Cox, Griggs

B. PROPOSED PULASKI CORRIDOR TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AMENDMENT NO. 3 (WARDS 31, 26)

Recommend approval of the redevelopment plan for the Pulaski Corridor Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area Amendment No. 3.

Beth McGuire

22-CDC-57

Motioned by Newsome, seconded by Gomez

Approved 9-0-4: Newsome, Wheat, Buford, Curtis, Davis, Gomez, Thomas, Trevino, Butler. Abstain or Not Present: Cepeda, Chan McKibben, Cox, Griggs

C. PROPOSED RED LINE EXTENSION (RLE) TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (TFIA WARDS: 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 20, 21, 25, 34, 42); (RPA WARDS: 3, 4, 11, 25, 42)

Recommend approval of the redevelopment plan for the proposed Red Line Extension Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, recommend designation of the area as a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, and recommend adoption of Tax Increment Financing for the area.

Ryan Slattery

22-CDC-58

Motioned by Curtis seconded by Trevino Approved 10-0-4: Butler, Newsome, Wheat, Buford, Cox, Curtis, Davis, Gomez, Thomas, Trevino. Abstain or Not Present: Cepeda, Chan McKibben, Griggs

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. CHICAGO/CENTRAL PARK TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 37th)

Request authority for the Department of Housing to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with 548 Development LLC and its related or affiliated entities, for redevelopment of the property located at 3831 and 3853 W. Chicago Ave, and 739-741 N. Springfield Ave, in the Chicago/Central Park Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, and to recommend to the City Council of the City of Chicago the designation of 548 Development LLC and its related entities or affiliates as Developer.

Tamra Collins and Ernest Bellamy 22-CDC-59

B. MADISON/AUSTIN CORRIDOR TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 29)

Request authority for the Department of Planning and Development to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with Westside Health Authority (or its related entities) for redevelopment of the property located at 5500 W Madison Street in the Madison/Austin Corridor Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, and to recommend to the City Council of the City of Chicago the designation of Westside Health Authority (or its related entities) as Developer.

Michael Parella 22-CDC-60

C. AUSTIN COMMERCIAL TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 29)

Request authority for the Department of Planning and Development to negotiate a Redevelopment Agreement with Batter and Berries/The Bruce – Juan and Only, LLC (Juan Teague) for the construction required as part of the redevelopment of the building located at 5924 West Chicago Avenue and vacant City-owned parcel at 5926 West Chicago Avenue in the Austin Commercial Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, and to recommend to the City Council of the City of Chicago the designation of Juan and Only, LLC as developer.

Robert Bumpers 22-CDC-61

V. ADJOURNMENT

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10	Zoom Video Teleconference
11	Tuesday, October 11, 2022 1:00 p.m.
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14	GWENDOLYN HATTEN BUTLER, Chairperson SHIRLEY NEWSOME, Vice Chair
15	CHRIS WHEAT, Secretary ROBERT BUFORD
16	MAURICE COX DWIGHT CURTIS
17	LESLIE DAVIS JACQUELINE GOMEZ
18	GRACE CHAN McKIBBEN LATASHA THOMAS
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23	Reported by: Nick D. Bowen
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Page 2 Page 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Good afternoon, and 1 the public meetings component of today's meeting. 2 welcome to the October 11, 2022 regular meeting of I see that several participants have 3 raised their hands. I would ask that if you have 3 the Community Development Commission of Chicago. I am Gwendolyn Hatten Butler, 4 questions, at this point in the meeting if you 5 Chairwoman of the CDC and host of today's virtual 5 could just place your questions or comments in the 6 meeting. 6 Comments section. You will be allowed to speak at I will now call to order the 7 the appropriate time on the matters that are of 7 8 October 11th meeting of the Community Development 8 concern to you. 9 Commission with a call of the roll. I will now begin the meeting with a 10 On September 16th, 2022, Governor 10 call of the roll. 11 Pritzker renewed his executive order proclaiming 11 Commissioners, when your name is 12 that all counties in the state of Illinois as a 12 called, please turn your microphone on, respond by 13 disaster area. Section 7 of the Illinois Open 13 saying present, and please also indicate that you 14 Meetings Act allows the CDC, along with other City 14 can hear me okay. 15 15 boards and commissions, to host virtual meetings Vice Chair Newsome. 16 16 during this COVID-19 public health emergency (No response.) 17 provided that certain conditions are met. One 17 Secretary Wheat. COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Present. And I can hear 18 of those conditions is that the Chair of this 18 19 you. 19 Commission determines that an in-person meeting on CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 20 the scheduled meeting date would not be practical 20 21 COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Present. And I can 21 or prudent. 22 22 hear you. To ensure that today's virtual 23 meeting meets all conditions of the Open Meetings 23 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cepeda. 24 Act, I am hereby making the determination, pursuant 24 (No response.) Page 3 Page 5 1 to Section 7(e)(2) of the act, that due to the 1 Commissioner Chan McKibben. 2 2 COVID-19 public health emergency an in-person (No response.) 3 Commissioner Cox. 3 meeting would not have been practical or prudent 4 (No response.) 4 today. Therefore, in accordance with the 5 Commissioner Curtis. 5 Commission's emergency rules, this meeting is being 6 held virtually on Zoom and can be viewed live via 6 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Present. And I can 7 hear you. 7 the Commission's website. 8 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Davis. A court reporter is present today to 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Present, And I can hear 9 record the proceedings. 10 Commissioners, you have all been 10 you. 11 designated as panelists which allows you to control 11 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez. 12 your microphone. Please remember to place your 12 (No response.) 13 13 microphone on mute unless you wish to speak. If Commissioner Griggs. 14 you would like to be recognized by the Chair, 14 (No response.) 15 Commissioner Thomas. 15 please activate the raise-your-hand feature, and 16 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Present. And I can 16 you will be called in order. 17 17 hear you. The agenda for today's meeting was 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. 18 posted on October 7th both online at the CDC's 19 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Present. And I can 19 website and physically in City Hall. 20 20 hear vou. Before I begin with a call of the 21 roll, I'd like to thank all of the members of the 21 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Chairwoman Butler is 22 public who have joined us today. I see the number 22 present. 23 is growing. And we certainly appreciate you taking 23 We have a quorum. 24 24 time out to share your views with us today during The first item on our agenda

Page 6 Page 8 1 requests approval of the minutes from our previous The public was given an opportunity 1 2 meeting held on September 13th, 2022. The 2 to provide written comments up to 24 hours prior to 3 Commissioners have had an opportunity to review the 3 the start of this meeting through the CDC email 4 minutes. And if there are no corrections, I'm 4 address, which is cdc@cityofchicago.org. There 5 looking for a motion to approve. 5 were three written statements submitted for Old 6 Do I have a motion? 6 Business agenda item A, Kinzie Industrial 7 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: So move. Commissioner 7 Conservation Area TIF Amendment No. 2, and two 8 Thomas. 8 written comments for Old Business agenda item C, 9 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Moved by Commissioner 9 Red Line Extension TIF designation. 10 Thomas. 10 I will now read those items into 11 the public record during their respective public 11 Do I have a second? 12 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Second by Trevino. 12 hearings. 13 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you. Seconded by 13 Commissioners, before we go further 14 Commissioner Trevino. 14 into our regular meeting agenda, our first item of 15 In accordance with the Open Meetings 15 old business requires us to recess from our regular 16 Act, all votes are to be conducted by roll call so 16 CDC meeting in order to hold a required public 17 that each member's vote on each issue can be 17 hearing on the amendment of an existing TIF plan. 18 identified and recorded. 18 Specifically the Department of 19 Commissioners, if you were not in 19 Planning and Development will be requesting 20 attendance during the September 13th meeting, 20 approval of the redevelopment plan for the 21 please abstain from this vote. 21 proposed Kinzie Industrial Conservation Area TIF 22 Vice Chair Newsome. 22 Redevelopment Project Area Amendment No. 2. And 23 (No response.) 23 to that end, we'll be accepting public comments. 24 Secretary Wheat. 24 So we will now recess from the Page 9 Page 7 1 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes. 1 regular meeting of the Community Development 2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 2 Commission in order to hold the public hearing on 3 COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes. 3 the matter of the proposed industrial -- Kinzie 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cepeda. 4 Industrial Conservation Area TIF Redevelopment 5 (No response.) 5 Project Area Amendment No. 2, and to recommend or 6 Commissioner Chan McKibben. 6 oppose adoption of Amendment No. 2 for the area. 7 (No response.) 7 Now that we are in the public 8 Commissioner Cox. 8 hearing, Ryan Slattery will present the staff 9 9 report on behalf of the Department of Planning and (No response.) 10 Commissioner Curtis. 10 Development. 11 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Yes. 11 Ryan, you may begin your 12 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Davis. 12 presentation. 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. 13 MR. SLATTERY: Just clarify you guys can see 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez. 14 the opening screen. 15 15 (No response.) CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes. 16 Commissioner Griggs. 16 MR. SLATTERY: Okay. Thank you. Appreciate 17 17 it. (No response.) 18 Commissioner Thomas. 18 Good afternoon, everyone. For the 19 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes. 19 record, my name is Ryan Slattery. I'm a project 20 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. 20 manager with the Department of Planning and 21 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes. 21 Development for the City of Chicago. 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Chairwoman Butler votes 22 I'm here today with my colleague, 23 yes. 23 Tim Jeffries, as well as our TIF consultant, Ann

24 Moroney from Johnson Research Group.

The motion passes.

1 We're here today to discuss the

- 2 proposed extension of the existing Kinzie
- 3 Industrial Conservation Area TIF District for an
- 4 additional 12 years to ensure an ongoing financial
- 5 resource in order to improve the aging infra-
- 6 structure throughout the entire district, support
- 7 economic development, including industrial uses
- 8 west of Ogden Avenue, and ensure that 30 percent
- 9 or more of residential uses are affordable in the
- 10 Fulton Market Innovation District, or FMID.
- 11 As part of the extension process,
- 12 we're proposing to amend the termination date,
- 13 revise the budget, update the land use plan, and
- 14 make minor changes to the plan language.
- 15 The Kinzie Industrial Conservation
- 16 Area TIF District is generally bounded by Grand
- 17 Avenue to the north, Kedzie Avenue to the west,
- 18 Washington Boulevard to the south, and the Kennedy
- 19 Expressway to the east.
- 20 As you can see on the map, there
- 21 are multiple overlay districts within the area,
- 22 including the FMID, the PMD 4, the Kinzie
- 23 Industrial Corridor, the Kinzie overlay that starts
- 24 in the Fulton-Randolph Market Landmark District.

Page 12 1 transportation improvements, wire usage needs, and

- 2 the electricity improvements, they are all within
- 3 the TIF district and could use TIF as a resource.
- The 2021 update to the Fulton Market
- 4 The 2021 update to the Fulton Market
- 5 Innovation Districts includes multiple projects
- 6 that could use Kinzie as a financial -- as a
- 7 financial resource and specifically says they would
- 8 need to be extended for those projects to use the
- 9 TIF funds.
- 10 Beyond the Affordable Requirement
- 11 Ordinance, or ARO, that was approved by the City
- 12 Council in April of 2021, the City is also
- 13 committed to providing a menu of options for
- 14 support incentives to bring affordable dwelling
- 15 units in the FMID area, to create a mixed-income
- 16 community that exceeds the goals of ARO with a
- 17 target of 30 percent affordable units within the
- 18 FMID area.
- 19 This is the same target the City has
- 20 put on the LaSalle Street RFP that was released
- 21 last month targeting 30 percent affordable units.
- 22 The Connected Communities Ordinance
- 23 was approved by the City Council in July of 2022,
- 24 which creates and connects to jobs, encourages

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- The Kinzie Industrial Conservation
- 2 Area TIF District was designated on June 10th,
- 3 1998, and, absent this extension, was set to expire
- 4 on December 31st of this year.
- 5 In November of 2021, the City
- 6 received state authority to extend the life of the
- 7 TIF district for an additional 12 years to allow
- 8 for continued redevelopment within the area.
- 9 This extension really builds on many10 of the planning studies that have been completed in
- 11 recent years. An extension has either been
- 12 directly contemplated in the documents or
- 13 identified work that could be supported should the
- 14 Kinzie TIF be extended.
- 15 The first of these is the Kinzie
- 16 Industrial Corridor Framework Plan that was adopted
- 17 in May of 2019 that made reference to the Kinzie
- 18 TIF District as a financial incentive that could be
- 19 used within the area.
- 20 The Kinzie Industrial Corridor
- 21 Infrastructure Study that was published in August
- $\,$ 22 $\,$ of 2020, including multiple short- and long-term $\,$
- 23 infrastructure projects, including at-grade Metra
- 24 crossing improvements, viaduct improvements,

- 1 homes and businesses near transit by expanding the
- 2 existing TOD incentives, more equitability across
- 3 the city. It also improves the safety of our
- 4 streets and sidewalks near transit for Chicagoans
- 5 while they walk and bike.
- 6 Also as part of this amendment, DPD
- 7 is updating the general land use plan for the TIF
- 8 districts, which reflects the current zoning. This
- 9 framework -- this land use map aligns with the
- 10 Kinzie Industrial Corridor Framework Plan that was
- 11 approved by the Chicago Plan Commission in May of
- 12 2019 as well as subsequent revisions to the zoning 13 code.
- 14 The goals and objectives of the
- 15 Kinzie include modernizing, enhancing aging
- 16 infrastructure throughout the entire TIF,
- 17 supporting ongoing economic development, including
- 18 industrial users west of Ogden Avenue, and
- 19 encouraging 30 percent affordable housing within
- 20 the FMID area.

- 21 In order to advance these goals, the
- 22 City has approved TIF funding for the following
- 23 projects in the TIF districts:
 - The Hatchery at 3100 West Lake

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- 1 Street received \$7.2 million in TIFs in order to
- 2 create a 67,000 square foot food entrepreneur
- 3 incubator.
- 4 The Small Business Improvement Fund,
- 5 or SBIF, has been used 154 times within the TIF
- 6 district that's allocated almost \$10 million of TIF
- 7 funds.
- 8 The Morgan Street Green Line station
- 9 was funded by the Kinzie TIF using \$30 million of
- 10 TIF funds.
- 11 Grand Avenue improvements from
- 12 Racine to Chicago Avenue have allocated 25.8
- 13 million, and Lake Street improvements from Halsted
- 14 to Chicago Avenue have allocated \$24 million.
- 15 The Nelson Mandela Apartments
- 16 located at both Kinzie and Chicago/Central Park TIF
- 17 districts including construction -- includes the
- 18 construction of 72 units of affordable rental
- 19 housing over eight sites. The project received
- 20 \$6.7 million in TIF assistance.
- 21 And finally, 500,000 of the TIF
- 22 funds have been allocated for Morton Elementary and
- 23 400,000 of TIF funds have been allocated to Biedler
- 24 Elementary turf field.

1 area.

- 2 As with other planning studies -- as
- 3 with other planning studies, DPD has looked for
- 4 input from different groups and has received
- 5 support for the TIF amendment from the West Loop
- 6 Community Organization, the West Central
- 7 Association, the Industrial Council of Near West
- 8 Side Chicago, or IN- -- ICNC, the Metropolitan
- 9 Planning Council, MPC, and Alderman Burnett.
- 10 Thank you for your time. And we're
- 11 happy to take any questions you may have.
- 12 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Ryan, for your
- 13 presentation.
- 14 Kamal, can you tell me if Alderman
- 15 Walter Burnett or someone from his office is on the
- 16 call today?
- 17 (No response.)
- 18 Tech Support, if you're responding,
- 19 you're on mute.
- Bob McKenna, can you see if Alderman
- 21 Burnett is on? I don't see him, but I want to give
- 22 him an opportunity to make any comments if he's
- 23 available.
- 24 MR. McKENNA: I don't -- I don't see him

- 1 The amended budget reflects the
- 2 additional increment that will result in adding 12
- 3 years to the TIF districts. Please note that the
- 4 line item for each categories are for planning
- 5 purposes. The only amount that can't change
- 6 without Council approval is total redevelopment
- 7 project costs.
- 8 We anticipate that the future TIF
- 9 funds -- funded projects in the area to include
- 10 both pending and potential projects in the
- 11 extension if it's approved. For the pending
- 12 projects that are currently moving, we have the CTA
- 13 Damen station and track improvements, the Otis and
- 14 Cather Elementary School improvements, Metra
- 15 viaduct improvements, the Covenant House, and
- 16 additional SBIF, which had an allocation introduced
- 17 at the City Council in September.
- 18 The potential future projects
- 19 include additional transit enhancements to the
- 20 Green Line and Metra, public infrastructure
- 21 improvements defined in the Kinzie Industrial
- 22 Corridor Infrastructure Study, and residential
- 23 buildings within 30 -- residential buildings with
- 24 30 percent or more affordable units in the FMID

- 1 either.
 - 2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. That's fine. And
 - 3 thank you. Thanks for that.
 - 4 I now have three written statements
 - 5 that were submitted on this matter, and I will read
 - 6 them into the public record now.
 - 7 This is the first statement:
 - 8 Kinzie Street, for which the
 - 9 district has been named, is a horrible street to
 - 10 drive or walk from Paulina to Hart Street and is in
 - 11 desperate need of new sewers and repaving. The
 - 12 street is full of very large potholes. The sewers13 are so old that the street floods in heavy rain and

 - 14 nearby buildings are susceptible to taking in water
 - 15 when the street floods.
 - 16 In addition, Kinzie Street is full
 - 17 of weeds and trash, including old furniture.
 - 18 The Wood Street viaduct is also
 - 19 a mess with huge potholes and trash everywhere.
 - In heavy rain, the sewers back up
 - 21 along Kinzie Street from Wood to Paulina and on
 - 22 Hermitage Avenue from Kinzie to Hubbard. The
 - 23 sewers had some maintenance work done on them in
 - 24 the recent past, but it did not fix the issue. The

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1 existing lines need to be replaced with larger ones

- 2 that can handle the amount of rainwater the area
- 3 receives.
- 4 Fixing the sewers in the Kinzie/
- 5 Hermitage area, repaving the street and sidewalks
- 6 all along Kinzie from Paulina to Hart Street, and
- 7 cleaning up the weeds and trash would absolutely
- 8 help to achieve the overall goal of the TIF plan,
- 9 quote, "to remove the conditions that qualify the
- 10 area as blighted and provide the mechanisms
- 11 necessary to support public and private development
- 12 and improvements in the area," end quote.
- 13 Thank you for your consideration.
- 14 Patty Pate. Excuse me, Patty Payton.
- 15 This is the second statement:
- 16 Dear Community Development
- 17 Commission members, the Metropolitan Planning
- 18 Council supports the extension of the Kinzie
- 19 Industrial Corridor TIF for the express purpose of
- 20 ensuring that 30 percent of all new residential
- 21 units are reserved as affordable and on site.
- 22 Housing affordability is a major challenge for many
- 23 Chicago residents, and thus the council supports
- 24 creating new affordable housing opportunities for

- 1 employment, like information technology and
- 2 business services, and away from manufacturing.
- 3 We believe that the chief goals of
- 4 the extension, which include improving aging infra-
- 5 structure throughout the -- supporting economic
- 6 development, including small business development
- 7 and industrial uses west of Ogden Avenue, and
- 8 ensuring that 30 percent or more of residential
- 9 uses in the Fulton Market Improvement District are
- 10 worthy goals that should be pursued.
- 11 Growth of the Kinzie Corridor has
- 12 been crucial to funding infrastructure improvements
- 13 that have directly and positively impacted the West
- 14 Loop and Fulton Market and adjacent neighborhoods.
- 15 Specifically we cite the Morgan Street Green Line
- 16 station improvements, infrastructure improvements
- 17 along Lake Street improvements, and the Grand
- 18 Avenue improvements which are ongoing. These
- 19 projects alone represent approximately \$80 million
- 20 in improvements all funded by the Kinzie Corridor
- 21 TIF.
- 22 Safety in the area has become of
- 23 greater concern as we attain more density of
- 24 population. We welcome infrastructure projects

- 1 populations that are historically left out of areas
- 2 well served by transit and proximate to the Loop.
- We encourage the City to ensure that
- 4 new affordable units create and support a mix of
- 5 households, including families, aging households, 6 and people with disabilities. Given the
- 7 displacement pressures and affordability challenges
- 8 in this TIF, an extension for the purpose of
- 9 affordable housing development is appropriate.
- 10 However, the council also expects
- 11 more progress on distributing and porting
- 12 development incentives into long disadvantaged and
- 13 underinvested neighborhoods.
- 14 Sincerely, Darlene Oliver Hightower,
- 15 JD, president and CEO.
- 16 The third statement:
- 17 Members of the Commission, we
- 18 believe that the Kinzie Industrial Corridor Area
- 19 Tax Increment Financing plan has been a tremendous
- 20 net positive for the West Loop and Fulton Market
- 21 and the 27th Ward overall. Providing a mechanism
- 22 for economic workforce and infrastructure
- 23 development is absolutely necessary for continued
- 24 growth as we increasingly shift toward white collar

- 1 that address pedestrian access and include ADA
- 2 enhancements, enhance bicycle path development,
- 3 improve the pedestrian experience, and upgrade our
- 4 rapidly deteriorating viaducts. We believe that
- 5 these -- we believe these are elements that can
- 6 help alleviate the growing issues of traffic safety
- 7 and congestion.
- We also believe that the goal of
- 9 workforce development and employment of local
- 10 residents as well as subsidized daycare in and
- 11 around the redevelopment project area is the right
- 12 thing to do. It enhances the tax base of the City
- 13 and opens the doors of opportunity to a larger
- 14 number of our residents who have historically been
- 15 overlooked.
- 16 In the same vein, promoting mixed-
- 17 use and mixed-income housing to achieve a minimum
- 18 of 20 percent affordable with a goal of 30 percent
- 19 north of Lake Street are goals worth pursuing as
- 20 they have the potential to create a 24-hour
- 21 community.
- 22 As for future developments, we look
- 23 forward to the proposed TIF-funded improvements,
- 24 such as construction of the Damen Green Line

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- 1 station and other Green Line improvements as well
- 2 as improving aging infrastructure throughout the
- 3 district. These past successes and future
- 4 successes will depend in large part on our ability
- 5 to ensure effective coordination between public and
- 6 private entities.
- We are hopeful that the extension of
- 8 the Kinzie Corridor TIF will continue to make the
- 9 West Loop and Fulton Market an even more vibrant
- 10 dining, arts district, and cultural center in the
- 11 city and spread economic prosperity to areas to the
- 12 west.
- 13 We are pleased to support Kinzie
- 14 Industrial Conservation Area TIF Redevelopment
- 15 Project Area Amendment 2.
- 16 Respectfully, Executive Committee
- 17 and Board of Directors, West Loop Community
- 18 Organization.
- 19 That was the last written statement
- 20 that was submitted.
- 21 Members of the public will have
- 22 an opportunity to make comments following any
- 23 questions that the CDC Commissioners may have to
- 24 the department staff.

- 1 how that aligns with other affordable housing goals
- 2 the City has established either via ordinance or
- 3 via plan and also infrastructure investments
- 4 particularly on the west side of the district.
- MR. SLATTERY: So the ARO currently has the
- 6 requirement of 20 percent or greater. We're
- 7 looking to increase that -- we've done it in other
- 8 areas as well -- to 30 percent if there is TIF
- 9 funding involved within the projects, 30 percent or
- 10 greater within it. So an example, the LaSalle RFP
- 11 that we just came out with has a same goal for it.
- 12 For this area, it's -- it won't have
- 13 a redevelopment of a current building. It will
- 14 most likely be new construction. So only 50
- 15 percent of the affordable costs will be TIF
- 16 eligible based on it being new construction. But
- 17 it is the -- the goal for the department is to try
- 18 to find -- try to create a mixed-income area of the
- 19 Fulton Market Innovation District. So that's FMID.
- 20 For the -- for the infrastructure,
- 21 yeah, so we actually -- the one comment that we
- 22 got -- I don't know if, Tim, you want to answer
- 23 this or -- the one -- the first statement that we
- 24 received, we have talked to CDOT, and they are

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- Commissioners, besides City staff,
- 2 Ann Moroney from Johnson Research Group is the TIF
- 3 consultant for this item and is here to help the
- 4 department answer your questions.
- Commissioners, do you have any
- 6 questions for DPD or the TIF consultant? And I
- 7 will ask the Commissioners to please use your hands
- 8 if you have questions. Use the raise-your-hand
- 9 function. Sorry.
- 10 Commissioner Wheat.
- 11 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 12 A question for staff or the
- 13 consultant. Kind of going back to the public
- 14 comment.
- 15 I know, Ryan, you touched on some of
- 16 the affordable housing and infrastructure plans.
- 17 Maybe provide more detail kind of addressing some
- 18 of the concerns that some of the public comments
- 19 had.
- 20 MR. SLATTERY: I'm sorry. Can you repeat the
- 21 question?
- COMMISSIONER WHEAT: So I think -- I mean, 22
- 23 there were -- there were comments specifically with
- 24 respect to affordable housing plans in the area and

- Page 25 1 actually in process of looking to redo the Kinzie --
- 2 Kinzie Street in 2023. So it is -- is already --
- 3 construction is already in process. And should
- 4 this TIF not get extended, we wouldn't be able to
- 5 do that since the TIF would expire at the end of 6 this year. We don't have that until 2023.
- 7 There's additional -- a lot of
- 8 infrastructure needs especially at the northern end
- 9 that was identified in the infrastructure study.
- 10 So hopefully with that we will be able to, you
- 11 know, create complete streets within that area.
- 12 That's the intention, that's the hope that we will
- 13 be able to do that.
- 14 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Got it. Thank you.
 - No other questions, Madam Chair.
- 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Secretary
- 17 Wheat.

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- 18 Do other members of the Commission
- 19 have questions?
 - (No response.)
- 21 I don't see any hands raised. So I
- 22 will now turn to questions or comments from the
- 23 members of the public that have joined us.
 - Since this is a public hearing,

Page 26 1 under the Illinois TIF Act, the limits of number of

2 individuals allowed to speak shall not apply.

I will now call upon members of the

4 public who have used the raise-your-hand feature to

5 be recognized by the Chair. Each person called

6 upon the Chair to speak will be limited to three

7 minutes per agenda item.

8 And I will call you --

9 MR. SLATTERY: Chair, can I just make a

10 comment? I apologize.

11 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes.

12 MR. SLATTERY: We did have one person that

13 signed up previously through the CDC web -- email

14 address, Calvin Gin. So they were the first one.

15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: They were the first one?

16 Okay. Well, then we'll let Calvin Gin have the

17 floor.

18 Calvin, thank you for joining us,

19 and you have three minutes to make your comments.

20 MR. GIN: Thank you. Can you hear me okay?

21 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes.

22 MR. GIN: Okay. Thank you.

23 My name is Calvin Gin. I am a

24 co-founder of a drone services company located in

Page 28 1 have loved about Chicago. And this amendment is

2 important to continue.

3 We need to provide affordable

4 building stock for industrial firms and support

5 them with infrastructure, including transit needs.

6 Chicago brands we have come to love

7 and support like Metric Coffee and Farmer's Fridge

8 may still have existed without the TIF district,

9 but we do know they did utilize the benefits of it

10 to start and build their companies.

11 Thank you very much for the time

12 today.

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13 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you for your

14 comments.

15 I will now call on the Fulton Market

16 Association. You may begin.

17 MR. ROMANELLI: Hi. Can you hear me? It's

18 Roger Romanelli.

19 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes, we can hear you.

20 MR. ROMANELLI: Thank you.

I'm Roger Romanelli, executive

22 director of Chicago's Fulton Market Association,

23 and I thank you for this time.

24 I'm participating today on behalf of

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1 the TIF district, and I'm also a resident of the

2 area. I'm a vice president on the board of ICNC.

3 I have worked and lived in the TIF district since

4 the early 1990s.

I have witnessed and participated inmany changes during that time. I am not hired to

7 make these comments, but a resident and a business

8 owner.

9 My dad made things with his hands.

10 I think modern manufacturing is so important for

11 the future of our society. There's great honor in

12 learning and perfecting your craft. Learning a

13 skill helps individuals become an immediate value

14 add to their communities.

The amendment will continue to help

16 create industrial uses, jobs, and infrastructure to

17 bolster the West Side economy. We have witnessed

18 recently what happens when there are global supply

19 chain disruptions. In my opinion, building a

20 larger industrial base in Chicago is a great idea.

21 I think great cities are diverse not only in their

22 population, but also in their makeup. Planning for

23 affordable residential, commercial, office, retail,

24 recreational, and industrial uses is something I

Page 29 1 many Chicago residents and businesses who couldn't

2 be here at this time because they're working to pay

3 their taxes for the government.

4 Therefore, we're asking the CDC

5 Commissioners to table this issue today until at

6 least three more nighttime hearings are held on

7 this very serious and substantive issue of

8 extending the most lucrative TIF in Chicago's

9 history for the next 12 years.

10 To date, there's been only one

11 nighttime meeting for Chicago residents and

12 taxpayers to understand the vast proposal, to

13 understand how we can spend TIF money, and there

14 must be, there absolutely must be more public

15 hearings at night so that people can participate

15 Hearings at hight 50 that people can participe

16 and understand in a reasonable timeline.

Now, if the TIF is going to be

18 extended, we're asking very simply for a written

19 and detailed plan from the Planning Department.

20 For example, the Planning Department has discussed

21 the idea of bringing 30 percent affordable housing

22 units to the Fulton Market area. All of us in

23 Chicago want an affordable city. But does the

24 planning department's proposal mean that

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- 1 significant developers will be able to access
- 2 millions of dollars in TIF funds for large housing
- 3 projects valued at hundreds of millions of dollars?
- 4 We asked the Planning Department to explain this,
- 5 but they haven't. And this is truly concerning.
- 6 So there must be more time.
- 7 Also, if the TIF is extended, let
- 8 us be clear, right now in our city we're facing
- 9 serious crime challenges. For the first time in
- 10 the 23 years that I've worked in the market, we had
- 11 a sidewalk café shot up with bullets a couple
- 12 weekends ago. We had an area in the TIF on the
- 13 West Side also shot up a couple weeks ago.
- 14 Therefore, we're asking right now
- 15 for the Mayor and the alderman to agree to install
- 16 100 Chicago police security cameras in Kinzie TIF
- 17 to stop our crime crisis. Our overburdened police
- 18 need every resource to fight smarter with limited
- 19 resources.
- We also need cameras under all of
- 21 the viaducts that become serious havens for crime.
- Besides the cameras, 60 percent
- 23 of TIF funds going forward must be used to
- 24 strategically solve our city's root causes of

- 1 Stephen Hamilton.
- 2 MR. HAMILTON: Hello, everyone. Can you hear
- 3 me?
- 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes, we can hear you. 5 You may begin.
- 6 MR. HAMILTON: Thank you so much for your 7 time.
- 8 I've been in this area since 1989.
- 9 I'm in between Ogden and Ashland, which is the
- 10 exact area where we're talking about. I purchased
- 11 in 1994 and consider myself one of the pioneers in
- 12 the West Loop.
- 13 I believe that we are caught in a
- 14 very precarious position because we are in the
- 15 middle of high taxes and limited use. So since --
- 16 I was able to go back to 2002. My taxes have
- 17 increased 473 percent since 2002. And as a small
- 18 business owner, it's becoming very difficult to
- 19 stay in the area, which I think is a real shame
- 20 because Chicago business owners make the fabric of
- 21 Chicago, and we're being forced out.
- 22 Any one of us who have rental
- 23 properties or rent part of our properties to help
- 24 pay the mortgage and taxes are in a position where

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1 crime.

- We're calling for written detailed
- 3 goals before the TIF extension is approved. And
- 4 we're asking that social service agencies,
- 5 especially groups like Haymarket Center, are
- 6 involved in the dialog.
- 7 We're calling for 50 percent cash
- 8 rebates for small businesses and residents to put
- 9 security cameras and lights on their buildings to
- 10 stop crime.
- 11 We're calling for a written
- 12 agreement that the CTA Green Line station at
- 13 Western Avenue will be built and the CTA Lake
- 14 Street bus will be restored. CTA eliminated this
- 15 bus saying they were out of money in the past.
- 16 There's plenty of money both in the Kinzie TIF,
- 17 federal, state infrastructure funds to restore this
- 18 essential bus. I can't speak of it high enough,
- To essential bus. I carri speak of it high enou
- 19 but we have to do this.
- Finally, the Lake Street center
- 21 columns must --
- 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you for your
- 23 comments.
- 24 At this point we will move on to

- $$^{\rm Page}$$ 33 1 very few people want to pay the rents that are
- 2 demanded by the taxes.3 So, you know, the other concern that
- 4 I have as a business owner is I've been in this
- 5 area so long, and as great as the TIF program is, I
- 6 have not seen any of that in my community. So I
- 7 have sidewalks that have not been changed in over
- 8 30 years. There are places in between this area
- 9 that we're talking about that literally do not have10 sidewalks.
- 11 So I am for the repeal, but if it's
- 12 not repealed, I think this money needs to go back
- 13 into this community for safety and infrastructure
- 14 and tax relief.
 - Thank you so much for your time.
- 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you for your
- 17 comments.

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- Laura Girardi, you may begin.
- 19 MS. GIRARDI: Hi. I am actually a little bit
- 20 concerned. On one slide, there was a line item
- 21 that said relocation costs. This suggests to me
- 22 that current -- some current houses are going to be
- 23 taken and people are going to have to relocate.
 - Can someone speak to what area this

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1 refers to? I'm very concerned because my home

- 2 where I've lived for 62 years is between Grand
- 3 and Hubbard and is surrounded on three sides by
- 4 factories. I'm near the Metra station. I'm near
- 5 the Metra viaduct. And I really don't want to have
- 6 my home taken. And so I'm just very concerned.
- 7 And I'd just like to know what the relocation cost
- 8 line item refers to.
- 9 Thank you very much.
- 10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you for joining us.
- 11 Shawn Walker. Is Shawn Walker still
- 12 on?
- 13 MR. KAMAL: Shawn Walker, you have to unmute
- 14 your microphone.
- 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: While we're waiting for
- 16 Shawn Walker, Irene Cajkova.
- 17 MS. CAJKOVA: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Irena. Sorry.
- 19 MS. CAJKOVA: It will take a while, yes.
- 20 Thank you so much.
- 21 So my name is Irena. I have lived
- 22 for 25 years since 1997 on the corner of Hubbard
- 23 and Leavitt. And I represent my neighbors. I'm
- 24 the treasurer of our condominium building.

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1 mentioned garbage, dirt everywhere. In our

- 2 neighborhood, we don't get enough of street
- 3 cleaning services.
- 4 So I just feel that there has been
- 5 neglect of some parts. The Kinzie area is being
- 6 developed, but it's happening unevenly and7 unequally.
- 8 Grand Avenue -- sorry, Damen Green
- 9 Line stop is being built costing a lot of money.
- 10 On the other hand, Western Green Line stop has not
- 11 been even talked about. I believe people living in
- 12 that area also deserve their Green Line stop. Same
- 13 thing with the people who are using the Lake Street
- 14 to get downtown, they deserve their bus service
- 15 back.
- 16 My other big concern is safety. In
- 17 25 years, I have not seen the neighborhood become
- 18 safer. It's actually the opposite. While I live
- 19 walking distance from Metric Coffee that somebody
- 20 mentioned, I do not dare to walk there because for
- 21 me it means passing half a block south of my home
- 22 through the Leavitt viaduct, and I don't feel safe
- 23 enough to do that. And it's the safety also, and
- 24 it's just actually dirty. I feel like the viaducts

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- 1 And I would just like to voice my
- 2 concerns as well, most of which were already
- 3 mentioned by other participants.
- 4 One is that I have seen -- you know,
- 5 we all have seen the Fulton Market flourish. It's
- 6 a beautiful neighborhood now where tourists head
- 7 and spend their money. Where I live, I have not
- 8 seen in 25 years improvements, though I have seen
- 9 the taxes go up.
- 10 The first improvement that I'm
- 11 noticing is going on for the last few months,
- 12 Hubbard Avenue. Hubbard Street should be repaved.
- 13 It was scraped few weeks ago. Right now we are
- 14 living in the dust. There's no communication from
- 15 the City. We don't know what is happening when the
- 16 street will be paved. In the meantime, dust is
- 17 heading, you know, into our apartments through our
- 18 windows.
- 19 And Grand Avenue, the construction
- 20 there started a year ago. For a year we've been
- 21 dealing with a lot of noise. People who are unable
- 22 to use Grand Avenue cutting around our neighborhood23 contributing to pollution.
- 24 Also, somebody else mentioned --

1 have never been cleaned.

- 2 And finally, I'd just like to say
- 3 something that Mr. Romanelli mentioned. I wish
- 4 there were more evening meetings. I'm an educator
- 5 and had to reschedule my classes for this
- 6 afternoon. So a more convenient time for these
- 7 meetings in the future would be very welcome.
- 8 Thank you so much.
- 9 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you for your
- 10 comments.

- 11 I see Sara D-o.
 - MS. DO: Hello. Thank you for your time,
- 13 everyone. Can you hear me okay?
- 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes.
- MS. DO: Wonderful. I definitely second the
- 16 idea of -- second the idea of having some of the
- 17 meetings in the evening. I think that would be
- 18 really helpful for not just me, but some of the
- 19 other residents in our community. But thank you 20 for your time.
- 21 I'm a resident on the 2800 block of
- 22 Fulton Street. And as some folks have mentioned, I
- 23 think, our beloved coffee place, Metric, is just on
- 24 the other side closer to Damen Street on Fulton.

- 1 And me and a lot of our residents on the block and
- 2 then further west on Fulton Street love to be able
- 3 to walk east on Fulton. But one of the areas
- 4 that's particularly tough for us to navigate is on
- 5 Fulton Street between Talman and Western Avenue.
- 6 So I think any work that we're doing to -- for
- 7 improvements, we would like to speak up on behalf
- 8 of that area. So specifically Fulton Street under
- 9 the viaduct between Talman and Maplewood, but
- 10 particularly the stretch of Fulton that takes you
- 11 from about California to Western Street could use a
- 12 good cleaning. There's lots of glass and dirt, a
- 13 lot of trash and things that are -- we're often
- 14 going and just picking up on our own as a community
- 15 a lot of times.
- 16 I've seen that there's been a lot of
- 17 improvement on Fulton Street east of Western, which
- 18 is wonderful. But having that full stretch that
- 19 connects the residents that live west of Western
- 20 and then the residents that, of course, are living
- 21 closer to the Fulton Market district would be a
- 22 huge improvement and really lend itself to
- 23 connecting these areas that we all want to see, you
- 24 know, meld together as one community.

Page 40 1 for -- as we have known within our community now

- 2 and throughout the City of Chicago, we are in a
- 3 crisis, and I believe that utilizing some of those
- 4 funds for -- to support of cameras throughout the
- 5 city is very important. If we can spend funds on
- 6 the red light cameras, I believe that it would be
- 7 fundamentally responsible for us to use TIF dollars
- 8 for cameras throughout the city, and especially in
- 9 the Garfield Park and the West Side area as well.
- 10 Another concern I think is very
- 11 important to utilize some funds is on Lake Street.
- 12 I grew up over here, been over here -- my family's
- 13 been over here since '68, and we had, you know,
- 14 Lake Street L, Lake Street bus, and I think that
- 15 has been eliminated. Even me going to high school
- 16 at Westinghouse High School was a means of
- 17 transportation for that -- that corridor and that
- 18 particular line.

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- 19 So I would like to see funds or see
- 20 something to improve Lake Street as well.
 - And then last, but not least, I
- 22 think it's very important for us to understand if
- 23 we are considered working class and middle class
- 24 citizens, and our aldermens and our Mayor should

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- 1 So thank you, everyone, for your
- 2 time.
- 3 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.
- 4 Shawn Walker, I see your hand is --
- 5 I see your name twice here.
- MR. WALKER: Yes. I was trying to make sure
- 7 I was able to be heard. So let me --
- CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes, we can hear you.
- 9 You may begin.
- 10 MR. WALKER: Okay. Thank you for giving me
- 11 an opportunity. As a long -- I'm a resident of
- 12 Garfield Park West.
- 13 And one of my concerns is -- as a
- 14 former project manager for the City of Chicago, so
- 15 I understand the process of the TIF. I'm very
- 16 concerned about not having enough public input as
- 17 far as having a hearing. I'm a working class
- 18 individual as well. And most of us are working
- 19 during the day. So I think we need to extend that
- 20 opportunity for many of us to be able to have a
- 21 public hearing during the evening for many of the
- 22 citizens.
- 23 Also with the public safety, I
- 24 believe that our TIF can be used and should be used

- Page 41 1 support a middle class, I think we should have some
- 2 type of formula in place in order to deal with some
- 3 of the business owners and co-residents that's
- 4 throughout our Kinzie Corridor and the downtown
- 5 area. I think it's an injustice for them to have
- 6 to deal with certain things and being a taxpayer
- 7 and an owner within the area itself.
- Those are some of the things I
- 9 definitely would believe that we should look at
- 10 using the TIF.

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- And then last, but not least, what
- 12 measurements do we have when we dealing with the 30
- 13 percent or the 20 percent for the seniors? I know
- 14 sometimes we find ourselves where we do not make
- 15 sure that the developers and/or those substantive
- 16 houses are meeting their quotas. And what do we
- 17 have in place to make sure that they're either
- 18 going -- Ryan mentioned that they're going to be at
- 19 20 percent or trying to have a goal of 30 percent. 20 I worked for the City. Those sometimes are --
- 21 they'll pay penalties or they don't meet their
- 22 thresholds, and the City cannot overlook that.
 - So thank you for your time.
 - CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Walker.

 $${\tt Page}$\ 42$ And thank you so much for everyone

- 2 who participated --
- 3 MR. KAMAL: Chairwoman.
- 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: -- and shared their
- 5 comments.
- 6 Yes.
- 7 MR. KAMAL: This is tech support, Kamal.
- 8 There are some people on the phone. I just want to
- $9\,$ mention that they can press star 9 to raise their
- 10 hand in Zoom.
- 11 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. So for those of
- 12 you who are on the phone and not using Zoom, if you
- 13 have comments you'd like to make during this public
- 14 hearing on this matter, please press -- is it star
- 15 9, Kamal?
- 16 MR. KAMAL: That's correct, Chairwoman.
- 17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. Great. Thank
- 18 you.
- 19 And I see that Tony has raised his
- 20 hand. Tony, if you'd like to make a comment, you
- 21 can begin.
- 22 MR. BRUMMEL: Hi. My name's Tony Brummel.
- 23 Good afternoon, everyone.
- 24 I've been in the area since 1993

- $${\tt Page}$$ 44 1 pushing your best players out. Some of us are
- 2 pretty good players, and we pay a lot of money in
- 3 taxes. And forget about property taxes; sales
- 3 taxes. And lorget about property taxes, sales
- 4 taxes, state taxes. People that make a lot of
- 5 money pay a lot of money. You need us. People
- 6 work for us, meaning public servants. But we're 7 the servants.
- 8 When I moved on Grand Avenue, I had
- 9 two lots. Again, now I have five. That's my
- 10 residence. I had zero cameras 17 years ago. Guess
- 11 how many I have now. 36. There's a reason for
- 12 that.
- 13 This TIF money needs to go to
- 14 supporting and building up the area, not these
- 15 other agendas, not hooking up these bogus
- 16 developers who don't care, don't live here, and
- 17 aren't invested here.
- 18 Those are my comments. This money
- 19 needs to be put to use properly. The scam and the
- 20 charade needs to end.
- 21 Have a great day. Thanks.
- 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.
- 23 Are there any other members of the
- 24 public that would like to speak?

- 1 where I -- my company, Victory Records, started
- 2 full-time before it was moving around the city.
- 3 From there we moved from 1035 Lake to 1837 Fulton,
- 4 and then in 1999 to 346 Justine, where I had 30,000
- 5 square feet. I sold Victory right before the
- 6 pandemic. We were the biggest independent -- we
- 7 were the biggest record company in Chicago. Didn't
- 8 really get any credit for that. Never saw any TIF
- 9 credit for that.
- 10 I live on Grand Avenue between
- 11 Leavitt and Hoyne. My home is on five city lots.
- 12 So it's a big property. I do well for myself. And
- 13 I own a lot of other properties in the area from
- 14 condos and other lots.
- 15 Since 1993, I have never seen any
- 16 improvements with this TIF BS stuff. Nothing,
- 17 zero, nada. All I've seen is under-the-table
- 18 nonsense over and over.
- 19 We need security. We need more
- 20 police. We need cameras. And we also need a
- 21 strategy. We need transparency. And we need a
- 22 plan of what's going to go down with this \$270
- 23 million. Because what you guys are doing, what the
- 24 City is doing, what City Hall is doing is you're

- 1 Kamal, do you see any other hands
- 2 raised?
- 3 MR. KAMAL: No other hands raised. Chairwoman.
- 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. For the members of
- 5 the public who are on the phone, if you'd like to
- 6 make a comment, you can press star 9.
- 7 I'd like to thank everyone who made
- 8 comments during the public portion of the meeting.
- 9 I see that Alderman Burnett -- I can
- 10 see him on our screen. I'm going to go back to --
- 11 if Alderman Burnett is with us today and would like
- 12 to make a comment, I'd like to give him the
- 13 opportunity to speak.
- 14 ALDERMAN BURNETT: Excuse me one moment.
- 15 With a bunch of aldermens is talking. But -- I'm
- 16 at the budget hearings.
- 17 First of all, I want to say thank
- 18 you to everyone. I'd like to thank the Department
- 19 of Planning. Definitely we need to extend this
- 20 TIF. There's still a lot of work to be done in
- 21 that area.
- 22 And, you know, all of the things
- 23 that are happening in this community is adding to
- 24 the TIF. This is one of the fastest growing TIFs.

Page 46 Page 48 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Alderman 1 Quite honestly, this TIF right here helped to 1 2 supplement the City budget, has been doing it for 2 Burnett, for joining us and for your comments. 3 many years. If it wasn't for this TIF -- this is I'd like to acknowledge that Vice 4 the only area where when -- during the pandemic 4 Chair Newsome and Commissioner Gomez have joined 5 that everything was still going on and money was 5 this meeting. 6 still coming from this area to go into the TIF, but If there are no further questions or 7 comments, we will now adjourn the public hearing 7 also going to the City coffers. There is still a lot of infra-8 and reopen the regular CDC meeting so that we can 9 structure work being done. There's a lot of work 9 call the item to a vote. 10 being done on Grand Avenue. I'm sorry about the The resolution before us recommends 11 dust and everything like that. Lot of work being 11 to the City Council of the City of Chicago the 12 done on Hubbard Street. Lot of work being done on 12 approval of the redevelopment plan for the Kinzie 13 Industrial Conservation Area Tax Increment 13 Fulton Street. And we're doing a lot of work on 14 Lake Street also. 14 Financing Redevelopment Project Area Amendment This TIF is needed to continue to do 15 No. 2, and the adoption of Amendment No. 2 for the 16 area. 16 infrastructure that's needed to help with the Metra 17 Do I have a motion? 17 train coming to the Ashland area, which is going to 18 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: So move. Commissioner 18 enhance the community and bring more people to 19 Wheat. 19 spend money in the City of Chicago. 20 20 This is -- this TIF is a money maker CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Secretary 21 Wheat. 21 for the City of Chicago, have been and still is and 22 22 will continue to be if we extend it. But also it's Do I have a second? 23 going to help us to get more affordable housing in 23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second. Commissioner 24 Davis. 24 an area that is one of the most expensive areas in Page 47 Page 49 1 the City of Chicago. So I think it's a great CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 2 Davis. 2 thing. And I commend those guys who came up I will now call the roll. In 3 4 with some of those ideas about more cameras. We'll 4 accordance with the Open Meetings Act, all votes 5 put more cameras. We'll do more for security. 5 are to be conducted by roll call so that each 6 Right now I'm talking with some folks in 6 member's vote on each issue can be identified and 7 Springfield trying to see if we can change some 7 recorded. Please signify your vote on approval of 8 legislation in Springfield to be able to use some 8 the motion by saying yes, no, or abstain. 9 9 of the TIF dollars for public safety. Right? Not Vice Chair Newsome. 10 just for this area, but all over the city. But it 10 COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: Yes. 11 has to legislated in Springfield. Yeah, we can use 11 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Secretary Wheat. 12 it for cameras, but I want to be able to use it for 12 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes. 13 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 13 security guards and other things like that in the 14 community. So we're working on the Springfield 14 COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes. 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cepeda. 15 level to try to work on that. 16 16 But this TIF being extended is a (No response.) 17 Commissioner Chan McKibben. 17 benefit for the City of Chicago, because this TIF 18 (No response.) 18 is a money maker for that area and also for the 19 19 City of Chicago. It's served its purpose, and it Commissioner Cox. 20 continues to serve more things for the City of 20 (No response.) 21 Chicago. 21 Commissioner Curtis. 22 22 So I support it 100 percent, and I COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Yes. 23 ask everyone else for their support also. 23 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Davis.

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COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

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Thank you.

MEETING, 10/11/2022 Page 50 Page 52 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez. MS. McGUIRE: Okay. Now you can see it? 1 1 2 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Yes. 2 Okay. Okay. Now is it set? 3 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Griggs. MR. McKENNA: Looks good, Beth. 4 MS. McGUIRE: Okay. Sorry about that. Nope, (No response.) 5 Commissioner Thomas. 5 it's -- I'm sorry. I don't know what's -- I know. 6 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes. 6 I'm trying to ... 7 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. MR. KAMAL: From up top, scroll. There you 7 8 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes. 8 go. You're good. 9 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chairwoman Butler MS. McGUIRE: Sorry about that. It wouldn't 10 votes yes. 10 work for some reason. Okay. Now that we're set. 11 11 Sorry about that again. The motion passes. 12 12 Commissioners, for our second item Good afternoon. My name is Beth 13 of Old Business, we are again required to recess 13 McGuire, and I'm the project manager with the 14 from our regular CDC meeting in order to hold a 14 Department of Planning and Development. Here with 15 required public hearing on the amendment of an 15 me today is Ann Moroney of Johnson Research, the 16 existing TIF. 16 TIF consultant on this amendment. 17 Specifically the Department of 17 The purpose of this meeting is to 18 Planning and Development will be requesting 18 discuss the amendment of the Pulaski Corridor Tax 19 approval of the redevelopment plan for the proposed 19 Increment Financing, or TIF, District. The main 20 Pulaski Corridor TIF Redevelopment Project Area 20 purpose for why we are here is to extend the TIF 21 Amendment No. 3, and to that end will be accepting 21 district for an additional 12-year period to allow 22 public comments. 22 for further development of the project area. 23 So we will now again recess from the 23 The overall goal of this is to 24 regular meeting of the CDC Commission in order to 24 ensure that the district will be an ongoing Page 53

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1 hold a public hearing on the matter of the proposed 2 Pulaski Corridor TIF Redevelopment Project Area

3 Amendment No. 3, and to recommend or oppose

4 adoption of the Tax Increment Financing for the 5 area.

6 Beth McGuire will present the staff 7 report on behalf of the Department of Planning and 8 Development.

9 Beth, you may begin.

10 MS. McGUIRE: Sorry, Commissioner. Just

11 trying to get my screen how it should be.

12 Can everybody see that?

13 MR. SLATTERY: No. We see your files app.

14 MS. McGUIRE: You see what? The files app?

CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: No, we don't see -- we 15

16 don't see --

17 MS. McGUIRE: Sorry. You're in the wrong

18 screen.

19 MR. KAMAL: Beth, you had it earlier. You

20 had the PowerPoint earlier.

21 MS. McGUIRE: Okay. Let me try again.

22 Sorry. I was flipping it to the other screen.

23 MR. KAMAL: We see the PowerPoint. You just

24 have to go full screen.

1 financial resource --

2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Excuse me, Beth.

I'm going to ask that all the

4 Commissioners place their phones on mute, please,

5 and their screens on mute.

6 Commissioner Buford, thank you.

7 All right. Please begin.

8 MS. McGUIRE: Do you want me to start over

9 or --

10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: No. Just continue.

11 Thanks, Beth.

12 MS. McGUIRE: Okay. The main purpose for why

13 we are here is to extend the TIF district for an

14 additional 12-year period to allow for the further

15 development of the project area.

16 The overall goal of this is to

17 ensure that the TIF district will be an ongoing

18 financial resource for projects that will continue

19 the positive momentum that has been happening on

20 North Avenue as part of the department's larger

21 INVEST South/West strategy.

22 As part of this extension process,

23 we will amend the termination date from

24 December 31st, 2023 to December 31st, 2035, revise

1 the budget, update the land use plan, and make

- 2 minor changes to the plan.
- 3 You can see this is the boundary
- 4 map. The district as a whole runs northwest
- 5 roughly along the Milwaukee district's north Metra
- 6 line bounded by Belmont Avenue on the north, Grand
- 7 Avenue to the south, and Pulaski, Harding, and
- 8 Lowell Avenues on the east and west. The entire
- 9 TIF area measures 384 acres.
- The aerial that you see is the added
- 11 area or expansion area, which is 1.65 acres. And
- 12 you can see where it is on the map in orange toward
- 13 the bottom of the picture. It includes parcels on
- 14 the west side of Pulaski Road north of North
- 15 Avenue.
- 16 In order to establish a TIF
- 17 district, the state TIF Act requires that certain
- 18 eligibility factors that legally demonstrate that
- 19 an area qualifies be present. For improved land,
- 20 at least three of thirteen factors must be present
- 21 for the area to qualify as a conservation area.
- 22 For vacant land, the City must establish that at
- 23 least two eligibility factors are present in order
- 24 to qualify for TIF designation.

Page 56 1 the Pioneer Bank building. And although the

- 2 building is clearly a tremendous asset to the
- 3 community that should be restored, it is in poor
- 4 and distance and demonstrates since of detarionation
- 4 condition and demonstrates signs of deterioration.
- The redevelopment plan includes a
- 6 general land use plan of future development within
- 7 the TIF district. There is a proposed development
- 8 project involving the Pioneer Bank and nearby
- 9 parcels which calls for a mix of uses, which will
- 10 include both residential and commercial uses. The
- 11 land use plan has been amended to reflect the
- 12 actual and proposed land uses in the entire area.
- 3 Each TIF district has a list of
- 14 goals and objectives. As we've noted before, the
- 15 big picture goal is certainly the redevelopment of
- 16 this general area, but more specifically the goals
- 17 include attracting new industrial and business
- 18 development within the area, especially currently
- 19 vacant sites, developing new affordable housing
- 20 opportunities, improving infrastructure, parks,
- 21 including access to green space along the 606, and
- 22 a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists,
- 23 and creating new job opportunities within the
- 24 redevelopment area.

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- A study was performed, and it was determined that the added area qualifies as a
- 3 combination improved and vacant area.
- 4 The improved portion of the
- 5 expansion area outlined in blue exhibits three
- 6 eligibility factors; deterioration of buildings and
- 7 structures, obsolescence of buildings or
- 8 structures, and excessive vacancies. There is one
- 9 building in this improved area, and it has been
- 10 vacant for many years.
- 11 The vacant portion of the expansion
- 12 area outlined in orange exhibits two eligibility
- 13 factors; diversity of ownership and deterioration
- 14 of adjacent structures.
- 15 In addition, it is possible that
- 16 environmental remediation also may be required on
- 17 the vacant parcels.
- 18 This building is located in the
- 19 improved section of the added area and shows signs
- 20 of deterioration as you can see.
- 21 This former industrial use is no
- 22 longer suited to modern standards.
- 23 And here we have the Pioneer Bank
- 24 building. The added area is directly adjacent to

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 The TIF funds have been successfully
- 2 used in many projects in the area. Encuentro
- 3 Square Phase 1 is an affordable housing development
- 4 currently underway on Hamlin Avenue. And senior
- 5 housing at North Avenue and Pulaski was built
- 6 several years ago. Ames Elementary and various
- 7 streets have also received TIF funds for
- 8 improvements. The Small Business Improvement Fund,
- 9 or SBIF, has been used to improve almost 40
- 10 properties on the commercial corridors of this TIF
- 11 since 2007.
- 12 In order to make future projects a
- 13 reality, the redevelopment plan amendment includes
- 14 an updated budget to capture the increment that
- 15 will be generated during the additional 12 years of
- 16 the TIF.

23 items.

- 17 The expected increment to be
- 18 generated if extended is \$161 million. The
- 19 original budget was \$64 million. As you can see,
- 20 it's expected that the majority of funds for this
- 21 TIF are in the affordable housing construction,
- 22 property assembly, and public infrastructure line
- 24 We anticipate that future TIF-funded

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- 1 projects in the area will include continued
- 2 economic development, most immediately with the
- 3 next phase of the Encuentro Square project as well
- 4 as the redevelopment of the Pioneer Bank building.
- 5 That said, we also expect that further investments
- 6 in the Small Business Improvement Fund, infra-
- 7 structure, schools, and parks will continue.
- 8 Alderman Cardona and Alderman
- 9 Maldonado have been supportive of this TIF
- 10 amendment, but could not attend today's meeting.
- 11 Thank you for your time. And we are
- 12 happy to answer any questions.
- 13 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Beth, for your
- 14 presentation and for letting us know that neither
- 15 Alderman Cardona or Maldonado could participate in
- 16 today's meeting.
- 17 No written statements from the
- 18 public were submitted on this matter.
- 19 Ann Moroney from the -- from Johnson
- 20 Research Group is, again, the TIF consultant for
- 21 this item and is here to help answer questions.
- 22 Commissioners, do you have any
- 23 guestions for the department or the TIF consultant?
- 24 If you do, please raise your hand, and I will call

- 1 conduct a parking analysis. That type of thing
- 2 would be done on an individual development basis to
- 3 see what the parking needs might be and also as
- 4 part of maybe a larger plan for the commercial
- 5 area. But it's not part of this type of study.
- 6 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez, do
- 7 you have questions or comments?
- 8 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: No. I mean, I guess
- 9 it's always a -- I thought it was something that
- 10 does get at least reviewed for these type of
- 11 developments at least -- or was there a study in
- 12 terms of like parking may not be necessary because
- 13 of, you know, transit lines or anything of that
- 14 nature. So, yeah, it's just something that I like
- 15 for it to be mindful of, parking and accessibility.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. I believe that the
- 18 TIF consultant, Ann Moroney, has her hand raised.
- 19 MS. MORONEY: Hi. Thanks. Ann Moroney for
- 20 Johnson Research Group.
- 21 I don't think, Commissioner Gomez,
- 22 this is exactly what you're looking for. But
- 23 in terms of parking, we do evaluate existing
- 24 structures and whether there's sufficient parking

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- 1 on you.
- 2 Kamal, can I have the Commissioners
- 3 on the screen, please, so I can see if their hands
- 4 are raised?
- 5 Okay. I don't see any hands being
- 6 raised by the Commission.
- 7 I'm sorry. Commissioner Gomez.
- 8 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Hi. Yeah. My question
- 9 is in part to the parking situation with the
- 10 current building already there. Just any study on
- 11 the parking situation? That's a really busy
- 12 street. I'm very familiar with that area. If
- 13 someone can talk about what's being done for
- 14 parking.
- 15 MS. McGUIRE: So as part of the TIF study, we
- 16 don't do --
- 17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: I'm sorry. Could you --
- 18 MS. McGUIRE: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 19 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Excuse me. Can you
- 20 please introduce --
- 21 MS. McGUIRE: Sorry. For the record, my name
- 22 is Beth McGuire with the Department of Planning and
- 23 Development.
- 24 As part of the TIF study, we did not

- 1 for those structures. And as part of that, we
- 2 looked at the single building that exists there.
- 3 It takes up the entire project -- the entire site,
- 4 and that's one of the reasons we identified it as
- 5 obsolete because there's no capacity to park for
- 6 that building. And there's no -- there's no access
- 7 for ingress and egress or loading and unloading,
- 8 you know. So those are one -- those are some of
- 9 the aspects that make it obsolete from a TIF
- 10 eligibility standpoint.
- 11 But I think your question's really
- 12 more about future development and how that will be
- 13 accommodated. And I know -- I'll let DPD speak to
- 14 that. But I understand they have very rigorous
- 15 standards for parking.
- 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez, do
- 17 you have further questions or comments?
- 18 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: No. That's fine. I'll
- 19 leave it there. Thank you.

- 20 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.
- 21 Are there other members of the
- 22 Commission that have questions or comments?
 - (No response.)
- 24 I don't see any hands raised by

Page 62 Page 64 1 members of the Commission. COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Yes. 1 2 Kamal, can you confirm that for me? 2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you. MR. KAMAL: That's correct, Chairman, no 3 3 Okay. I will now call the roll. 4 4 other hand raised. In -- and thank you for the second. CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. Great. Thank 5 In accordance with the Open Meetings 6 you. 6 Act, all votes are to be conducted by roll call so 7 Since this is a public hearing under 7 that each member's vote on each issue can be 8 the Illinois TIF Act, the limits on numbers of 8 identified and recorded. Please signify your vote 9 individuals allowed to speak shall not apply. 9 on approval of the motion by saying yes, no, or 10 The Chair will now call upon members 10 abstain. 11 11 of the public who have used the raise-your-hand Vice Chair Newsome. 12 feature to be recognized by the Chair. Each person 12 COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: Yes. 13 13 called upon by the Chair to speak will be limited CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Secretary Wheat. 14 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes. 14 to three minutes per agenda item. Kamal, do we have any hands raised 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 16 from members of the public on this item? 16 COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes. 17 MR. KAMAL: I don't see any hand raised. 17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cepeda. 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. For those members 18 (No response.) 19 of the public who are on the phone, if you'd like 19 Commissioner Chan McKibben. 20 20 to speak, I believe you have to press star 9. COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Abstain. I just 21 21 joined, so I didn't hear most of the presentation. MR. KAMAL: That's correct, star 9. 22 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: So I don't see any hands CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. Thank -- and 23 thank you for joining us. 23 raised. We will continue by -- if there are no 24 further questions or comments, we will now adjourn Commissioner Cox. Page 63 Page 65 1 the public hearing and reopen the regular CDC 1 (No response.) 2 meeting so that we may call the item to a vote. 2 Commissioner Curtis. 3 The resolution before us recommends COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Yes. 4 approval of the redevelopment plan for the proposed 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Davis. 5 Pulaski Corridor TIF Redevelopment Project Area 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. 6 Amendment No. 3, and the adoption of Amendment 6 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez. 7 No. 3 for the area. 7 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Yes. R Do I have a motion? 8 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Griggs. 9 COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: So move. 9 (No response.) 10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: I'm sorry. Who's that? 10 Commissioner Thomas. 11 Was that Commissioner Newsome? 11 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes. 12 COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: Yes. 12 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. 13 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. 13 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes. 14 MR. KAMAL: Commissioner, I think you're on 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chairwoman Butler 15 two devices. That's why we're not able to hear 15 votes yes. 16 you. 16 The motion passes. 17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes, Vice Chair Newsome, 17 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Madam Chair. 18 if you could remove one of -- or shut down one of 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes. 19 your two devices, that would be helpful so we can 19 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: I believe Commissioner 20 hear you clearly. 20 Cox may have joined as well. 21 Do I have a second? 21 COMMISSIONER COX: Greetings. My apologies. 22 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Gomez seconds. 22 I didn't see the presentation, so I won't be voting 23 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez, was 23 on that particular item. I'll wait for the next 24 that you? 24 one.

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CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. Thank you.

2 Thank you, Commissioner Cox, for abstaining and for 3 joining us.

4 Commissioners, for our third item

5 of Old Business --

6 MS. McGUIRE: Thank you, Commissioners.

CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioners, for our 7

8 third item of Old Business, we are once again

9 required to recess from our regular CDC meeting in

10 order to hold a required public hearing on the

11 designation of a new TIF.

12 Specifically the Department of

13 Planning and Development will be requesting

14 approval of the redevelopment plan for the proposed

15 Red Line Extension TIF Redevelopment Project Area,

16 and to that end will be accepting public comments.

17 So we will now recess from the

18 regular meeting of the Community Development

19 Commission in order to hold a public hearing on

20 the matter of the proposed Red Line Extension TIF

21 Redevelopment Project Area, and to recommend or

22 oppose adoption of the tax increment financing for

23 the area.

24 Tim Jeffries, Leah Mooney, and Fran The scope of the project alone,

2 however, does still manage to undersell the overall

3 importance of the project.

The Red Line Extension represents

5 a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to profoundly

6 impact -- improve the quality of life for Far South

7 Side residents, greatly enhance the city and the

8 region's mobility, and will catalyze new

9 development and future economic growth, including

10 an estimated \$500 million in development

11 immediately adjacent to their stations.

12 The designation of this proposed

13 transit TIF is a critical first step to ensuring

14 all of that can occur, though.

I'd like to ask Leah Dawson Mooney,

16 the director of strategic planning and policy with

17 the Chicago Transit Authority, to walk through our

18 presentation today, and it will provide you with

19 more detail about the Red Line Extension itself as

20 well as the proposed use of TIF here.

21 MS. MOONEY: Thanks so much, Tim. I'm Leah

22 Mooney, director of strategic planning and policy

23 at CTA.

24 I would like to share my screen, but

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1 Lefor Rood will present the staff report on behalf

2 of the Department of Planning and Development.

3 You may begin your presentation.

4 MR. JEFFRIES: Good afternoon, Chairwoman

5 Butler and members of the Community Development

6 Commission. For the record, my name's Tim

7 Jeffries, Deputy Commissioner in the Department of

8 Planning.

9 We are here today to request your

10 recommendation to approve the designation of the

11 Red Line Extension Transit TIF District. This TIF

12 builds upon CTA's ongoing investment on the North

13 Side's Red-Purple Modernization Phase 1 project,

14 which was initially approved back in 2016.

15 A Red Line Transit TIF would

16 similarly provide matching funds for the Red Line

17 Extension project, a 5.6 mile, four-station

18 extension of the Red Line from its current terminus

19 at 95th Street to 130th Street.

20 With a total cost of 3.6 billion,

21 the Red Line Extension is the single largest

24 structure investment in the Far South Side.

22 project in CTA history and is certainly one of the

23 largest, if not -- if not the largest, infra-

1 I think I need some help from tech support. So

2 I'll keep talking while that happens.

So let me just say thank you so

4 much, Chairwoman Hatten Butler and the Commissioners

5 of the CDC, for hearing this item today. And thank

6 you to everyone who has come today to speak about

7 this new TIF designation.

I'm also joined by Fran Rood, who is

9 a senior vice president with S.B. Friedman, who's

10 been our TIF consultant, and she and I will be

11 sharing -- there we go. She and I will be sharing

12 the presentation duties today.

So just confirming, I can see you

14 still, so just nod your head. Can you see my

15 screen?

16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes, we can see your 17 screen.

18 MS. MOONEY: Fantastic. All right.

19 So thanks in advance, you know, for

20 walking this through with us today. We are going

21 to cover the project overview and then talk a

22 little bit about how this TIF will be working,

23 including some differences with a transit TIF, and

24 then finish with public approval process steps.

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1 So this, as Tim said, is really

- 2 a historic moment and a chance for us to make
- 3 something happen that is talked about -- been
- 4 talked about for decades. A lot of the people that
- 5 are supporters of this project have been supporters
- 6 for a very long time.
- 7 In 2004, the -- this group of
- 8 supporters, the Developing Communities Project, had
- 9 a nonbinding referendum placed on the ballot for
- 10 the 9th and the 34th Wards that demonstrated
- 11 community support to extend the Red Line to the
- 12 city limits.
- 13 Following that there was an
- 14 alternative analysis process that CTA did, and
- 15 it selected, through that process and based on
- 16 community feedback, the Union Pacific Railroad as
- 17 the alternative -- as the locally preferred
- 18 alternative, which was formally selected in 2009.
- 19 We continued work on that at CTA
- 20 publishing the draft environmental impact statement
- 21 in 2016, then completing a preferred additional
- 22 analysis to ultimately select a preferred
- 23 alignment, which was a hybrid of what was the
- 24 east and west options of the locally preferred

- Page 72 1 then it goes along I-57, and finally meets up with
- 2 the Union Pacific Railroad, which is -- the Union
- 3 Pacific tracks are at ground level, and CTA would
- 4 be elevated. Then crosses from west to east at
- 5 about 107th Place. And then it continues as
- 6 elevated until it goes to grade following crossing
- 7 the Metra Electric and CN district tracks -- or CN
- 8 tracks.
- 9 And then in this hatched area, we 10 would have a new rail yard and shop.
- 11 There are four new stations: At
- 12 103rd Street and Eggleston here. 111th Street and
- 13 Eggleston, which will be very close to and serve
- 14 the Roseland Medical District. The Michigan
- 15 station here at about 116th, which will be the
- 16 southern anchor of that Roseland commercial
- 17 corridor at South Michigan Avenue. And then at
- 18 130th, which will be adjacent to Altgeld Gardens
- 19 and serve the communities in that area.
- 20 There'll be multimodal connections
- 21 at each station, and those will include bus
- 22 connections, bike, pedestrian, and park-and-ride
- 23 facilities. And this yard and shop will serve the
- 24 entire Red Line.

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1 alternative.

- 2 In late 2020, we entered what's
- 3 called the project development phase of the Federal
- 4 New Starts Funding Program, and we are now at the
- 5 end of that two-year time period, or coming up to
- 6 it, and have hit some incredibly important
- 7 milestones, including the one that we're at right
- 8 now. But listed here is completing that
- 9 environmental review with the final environmental
- 10 impact statement, the record of decision, and also
- 11 completing our 30 percent design.
- 12 I think it's worth noting that we've
- 13 made more progress in the last few years than has
- 14 been made in the last several decades, and that's
- 15 really positioned us to take advantage of a larger
- 16 federal program and to be able to make this project
- 17 really a reality. So we're very excited to be here
- 18 today.
- 19 Just a little recap on what the
- 20 project is. This is a map of the future alignment.
- 21 It's a 5.6-mile, heavy-rail extension named for the
- 22 Union Pacific Railroad tracks that it follows for
- 23 much of it. It's elevated from where it leaves
- 24 95th terminal, which is in the highway trench, and

This is at its core an equity

- 2 project. This is a part of the city that has more
- 3 residents living in poverty and has more residents
- 4 who are unemployed or underemployed.
- 5 This project is about both bringing
- 6 new resources to the community and also helping
- 7 people access resources outside their community in
- O a mara affactive way
- 8 a more effective way.9 In terms of t

- In terms of the project itself, it
- 10 will be up to a 30-minute time savings for people
- 11 traveling from 130th Street to the Loop, which is a
- 12 significant quality-of-life change. And that will
- 13 bring more jobs and other opportunities within
- 14 reach of a reasonable commute.
- 15 This is a part also of the city and
- 16 region that has some of the longest commute times.
- 17 That will be -- that will lead to a 46 percent
- 18 increase in newly accessible jobs.
- 19 We're also very focused, as Tim said
- 20 and I'll talk about in a minute, on the economic
- 21 development that will be stimulated in the area.
- 22 So not just bringing people out of the community,
- 23 but bringing opportunities into the community.
 - This connectivity with the CTA

1 network is critical. People depend on the CTA

- 2 today. 22 percent of the households in this area
- 3 do not have a car.
- And this type of effort is really in
- 5 line with the City's climate work, and it's really
- 6 important to be able to have this type of option
- 7 for people so that we can reduce greenhouse gases
- 8 and meet our climate mitigation efforts.
- This is a rendering from a study,
- 10 and it's actually been used also in an RFP that the
- 11 CDC has considered. This is from the study that
- 12 we're going together with DPD. So we've got a
- 13 federal pilot program grant in order to be able to
- 14 study how to bring economic development in concert
- 15 with this extension investment. And that's really
- 16 important because everybody, all these different
- 17 departments have different tools at their disposal.
- 18 So we worked together with Planning.
- 19 We worked with Housing and the Cook County Land
- 20 Grant Authority. This plan to think about how to
- 21 bring equitable TODs that reflects community
- 22 involvement and community interest, it's something
- 23 that we have really prioritized, and it dovetails
- 24 with all the INVEST South/West and other work

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- 1 Red Line from Howard all the way to the Far South
- 2 Side as we are able to provide maintenance of our
- 3 rail vehicles and support reliability.
 - And finally, this equitable
- 5 investment really supports a stronger Chicago for
- 6 all. And we've looked at some of the work that
- 7 places like Metropolitan Planning Council that was
- 8 mentioned earlier has done, looking at what the
- 9 impacts have been from some of our historic
- 10 economic and racial segregation in the city, and we
- 11 think that this is part of the path to correcting
- 12 some of that.
- 13 This investment is also going
- 14 to support a significant number of new jobs.
- 15 Transportation investments themselves actually have
- 16 a significant economic investment, and this one is
- 17 no exception. They expect to have a significant
- 18 number of both direct project jobs and then jobs
- 19 created from the economic stimulus of this
- 20 investment.
- 21 And this is money that would
- 22 otherwise not be coming to the City. This is a
- 23 competitive program for transit investments.
 - What we do when we think about

- 1 that's happening in this area, which is really
- 2 exciting. It helps us create a coordinative
- 3 strategy for economic development, thinking about
- 4 how to bring catalyzing investments, how to bring
- 5 private sector investments, and also how to
- 6 maintain continued affordability and bring
- 7 multimodal connectivity.
- We hope to bring this to the Plan
- 9 Commission for approval and adoption later this
- 10 year or early next year.
- 11 And fundamentally this is about
- 12 having a better system for all of us. Right? So
- 13 when you think about a rail system, it's really a
- 14 network. An improvement on one part of the Red
- 15 Line benefits the whole Red Line. It opens up new
- 16 destinations and opportunities. It also helps
- 17 people who live in this area today access jobs and
- 18 opportunities outside the area in a reliable way.
- 19 And that helps employers, and that helps our entire 20 economy.
- 21 As I mentioned, the rail yard and
- 22 new shop, and that is something that is supporting
- 23 increased capacity that we'll need when we build
- 24 the extension, but it also benefits the rest of the

- Page 77 1 equity investments is not just what we're building
- 2 but how we're building it. We've been spending
- 3 a lot of time and energy with our diversity
- 4 department putting out information about the
- 5 contract opportunities and doing networking events
- 6 with small and disadvantaged business enterprises.
- 7 DBE is actually the federally compliant version of
- 8 M/WBE.
- 9 And in addition to that, we're
- 10 working with them closely on workforce development
- 11 and specifically on bringing on workforce partners
- 12 who are going to work with community providers and
- 13 support recruitment, training efforts, and getting
- 14 people prepared for these jobs.
- 15 Part of what we want to do is to
- 16 think about this as a pipeline, not just job to
- 17 job, but how to bring people in through
- 18 apprenticeship programs, through training programs
- 19 into jobs that have family-sustaining wages.
- 20 And finally we want to coordinate
- 21 and continue to coordinate with labor unions to 22 understand what's needed for each of these
- 23 different types of high-skilled jobs, including
- 24 professional services jobs as well.

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1 This is what our timeline looks

- 2 like. So today we're towards the end of 2022. We
- 3 expect to launch a request for qualifications for
- 4 our major design build contractor later this month
- 5 actually. And that will really kick off a more
- 6 than yearlong process of bringing on a design
- 7 builder. This is a long and intensive effort.
- 8 And as we do that, we will be actively working to
- 9 solidify all the federal funding and bring this
- 10 project to fruition. And this local match is a key
- 11 part of that. This local match is what we need to
- 12 unlock the New Starts Funding, which is competitive
- 13 funds from the federal government, and we are
- 14 expecting to have a significant award for that
- 15 based on the fact that this was -- this whole
- 16 program was increased through the Infrastructure
- 17 Investment and Jobs Act, or the bipartisan
- 18 infrastructure law.
- 19 That would all lead us to being able
- 20 to award construction -- award the construction
- 21 contract later in 2004 and begin construction in
- 22 2005, opening for service in -- did I say 2005?
- 23 2025. I'm apparently losing some decades in this
- 24 presentation. And then we would be open for

Go ahead, Fran.

2 MS. ROOD: Great. Thanks, Leah. And thanks,

3 Chairwoman and Commissioners, for the time this

4 afternoon.

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5 For the record, I'm Fran Rood. I'm

 $\,\,$ 6 $\,$ a senior vice president with S.B. Friedman.

7 Because this is a public hearing, we

8 really wanted to start by giving just a reminder

 $9\,$ and an overview of what a traditional TIF looks

10 like, because this can be really confusing, before

11 we jump into how a transit TIF differs.12 In Illinois, we pay property taxes

13 based on the value of our properties, and that's

14 established by the Cook County Assessor's Office

15 on a three-year cycle. So 2021 is a reassessment

16 year, and then that will happen again in 2024 and

17 going forward. And business owners, residents pay

18 taxes based on that property value and the tax rate

19 that's applied to the property value.

20 Once that revenue is collected, it's

21 distributed to the taxing districts; so City of

22 Chicago, Cook County, Chicago Public Schools. All

23 of the taxing bodies that overlap the City of

24 Chicago receive their portion of the property tax

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1 service in 2029.

2 This is a picture of the funding

3 stack here. So like any other major construction

4 project like this that's federally funded, we have

5 to also bring resources from the local side. CTA

6 right now is funding the current phase that we're

7 in from bond funding primarily. We have gotten8 some competitive federal funding also from the

9 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program. And

10 we are going to be asking for additional funds from

11 that program. That was also increased through the

12 bipartisan infrastructure law.

We have asked the federal government

14 for 60 percent New Starts share. And then we would

15 need 26 percent to come from the transit TIF, which

16 would be 950 million.

17 And Tim had mentioned earlier that

18 there was a transit TIF also set up for the Red-

19 Purple Modernization Phase 1 project on the North

20 Side, and that provided about 30 percent of those

21 project costs.

22 And I'm now going to turn it over to

23 Fran Rood, our TIF expert, and she's going to talk

24 a little bit about the RLE transit TIF itself.

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1 revenue, and it kind of goes into their general

2 funds to be distributed and used to fund different

3 programs within the taxing body.

4 When a TIF district is created, the

5 base property value within the TIF area is frozen.

6 That's this area that you see in the dark green

7 rectangle on the slide. And for the duration of

8 the TIF district, the property tax revenue that

9 results from that portion of the property value.

10 that goes to the taxing bodies as it normally

11 would. But any increase in property value

12 generates increment. This is the green triangle

13 that you can see here. Property values grow over

14 time. That's just sort of naturally how values

15 change. And so over this 23-year period, you would

16 see an increase in value, and increment is used to

17 invest back in the TIF district and can only be

Throat back in the Thrade and Carl City be

18 used for certain types of projects within the TIF.

19 This is for a traditional TIF.

20 It's important to note that that's not a new tax

21 for properties within the TIF district and tax

22 rates are the same for properties within the

23 district and outside of the district for the

24 duration of the TIF.

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Moving on to think about what a 2 transit TIF is, functionally this works the same 3 way in that it's not a new TIF district for -- or a 4 new tax for properties within the transit TIF, but 5 the allocation of revenue happens differently 6 within a transit TIF. So in a transit TIF, we 7 still freeze the base value of the properties at 8 the beginning of the life of the transit TIF, but 9 any incremental revenue that's generated is 10 actually divided up and shared with the taxing 11 districts.

12 So Chicago Public Schools receive 13 their full share of the tax rate. They're made 14 whole with the transit TIF. So they receive about 15 half of the increment that's generated within the 16 TIF district -- the transit TIF district. And then 17 the remaining increment is distributed between the 18 other taxing bodies who collectively receive 20 19 percent. And then 80 percent of that remaining 20 non-CPS share is used for transit. And it's really 21 only allowed to be used for certain transit

24 You can see here, though, that, you

22 projects as I'm going to talk about on the next

1 project and what's specified in the TIF Act.

- 2 There's no consideration of deterioration or other
- 3 blighting factors like you heard about for the
- 4 other TIF amendment that was talked about earlier

5 today. Transit TIFs do keep existing TIF 6

7 districts intact. This allows the City to continue 8 to pursue other economic development initiatives

9 within the transit TIF area. And that's really

10 important since the district is in place for 35

11 years. And this -- for this transit TIF in

12 particular, as Leah talked about, this is going

13 into an area that the goal -- one of the goals is

14 to really spur economic development and allow for

15 those initiatives to continue.

16 There's not a bullet point related 17 to this, but both for transit TIFs and for

18 traditional TIF districts, there is a rigorous

19 public process that's required, and we're in the

20 middle of that, and I'll talk a little bit about

21 that additional process later in the presentation

22 as well.

23 We'll now shift and talk about the 24 Red Line Extension Transit TIF itself. There are

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1 know, there is a difference and really importantly 2 a difference in how that revenue is allocated.

The Illinois TIF law was

4 authorized -- was amended, sorry, to allow for the

5 transit TIF in 2016. It was actually amended again

6 in 2021 to make some adjustments. And it really

7 specifies that transit TIF is only allowed to fund 8 transit improvements for particular projects. This

9 includes the Red-Purple Modernization Program for

10 which there's already a TIF district in place, the

11 Red Line Extension, and then two other projects,

12 one on the Blue Line Forest Park branch and then

13 also Union Station.

23 slide.

State law allows a transit TIF to 15 be created, and it can only extend from up to a 16 half mile from these specific projects and the 17 associated train lines.

18 Transit TIFs are put in place for 35 19 years instead of a 23-year period, and this really 20 aligns more closely with the typical financing

21 sources that are put in place for these this type 22 of long-term transit projects.

23 And importantly the eligibility 24 criteria are really related to the type of transit

Page 85 1 two geographies that are important to keep in mind.

2 One is the transit facility improvement area.

3 That's the map that you see on the left here. The

4 TFIA for the Red Line Extension extends from

5 Madison on the north end to 134th Street on the

6 south end, and it includes all properties that are

7 within a half mile on either side of the existing

8 Red Line and also the Red Line Extension.

Again, this boundary is established 10 by Illinois TIF law, and it says clearly that this 11 is the boundary allowed for the RLE project.

12 The TFIA defines the maximum

13 boundary for the transit TIF, but also the area 14 where the transit TIF funds can be spent. So

15 transit TIF revenue can only be spent within this

16 TFIA. 17 The map on the right shows the

18 redevelopment project area for the transit TIF.

19 These are the parcels that generate the revenue 20 within the transit TIF. This excludes all existing

21 TIF districts, as I mentioned. And one additional

22 difference from a traditional TIF is that the

23 parcels don't have to be adjacent to one another. 24 If we go to the next slide, we'll

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- 1 zoom in to the RLE transit TIF area in more detail.
- 2 This, again, the -- the dark parcels in gray, those
- 3 are parcels that are within the transit TIF for the
- 4 RPA. Those run from Madison on the north end down
- 5 to Pershing on the south end. Anything you see in
- 6 white here that's within the TFIA, those are
- 7 existing TIF districts or in some cases parks.
- 8 Grant Park is excluded. And some parcels on the
- 9 perimeter have been excluded because they don't
- 10 fall entirely within the TFIA. But otherwise the
- 11 transit TIF includes all parcels from Madison down
- 12 to Pershing.
- 13 This boundary was established to
- 14 generate \$950 million in the local match needed to
- 15 support the project, and that's based on existing
- 16 projections.
- 17 Again, important to note that the
- 18 residents and businesses within the transit TIF are
- 19 not going to see an increase in taxes compared to
- 20 properties that are outside of the transit TIF.
- 21 Talk through a few of the
- 22 eligibility factors and other components of the
- 23 RLE TIF plan. As I mentioned, this transit TIF is
- 24 located entirely within the TFIA as it's required

Page 88 1 costs. So that includes the rail extension itself,

- 2 the stations, park-and-ride facilities, and the
- 3 storage area and maintenance facility and the
- 4 allowable costs -- TIF-eligible costs within those
- 5 relevant categories.
- 6 Assistance to the CTA for this
- 7 project would be approved through an inter-
- 8 governmental agreement with the City after the TIF
- 9 plan is put in place.
- We are about halfway through the
- 11 public approval process. There was a public
- 12 meeting held in July, on July 21st, that was a
- 13 hybrid meeting both virtual and in person.
- 14 The redevelopment plan was made
- 15 publicly available on July 27th.
- 16 And then the project was introduced
- 17 to CDC you'll remember in early August, followed by
- 18 a Joint Review Board with the impacted taxing
- 19 districts September 1st. Next week there's Plan
- 20 Commission. And then in December the ordinances
- 21 approving the transit TIF will go to finance
- 22 committee first, which is another opportunity for
- 23 public comment, followed by City Council in mid
- 24 December.

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- 1 to be. TFIA would be created by City Council as
- 2 part of the ordinances establishing the transit
- 3 TIF. The Red Line Extension program is
- 4 specifically identified in the TIF Act, and all
- 5 parcels within the TFIA are expected to
- 6 substantially benefit from the Red Line Extension
- 7 project. We had talked about all of the potential
- 8 benefits of RLE.
- 9 The land uses that are in the
- 10 RLE plan are expected to be approved by Plan
- 11 Commission. That meeting is next week. And the
- 12 land uses they're showing in the plan conform to
- 13 the transit supportive development plan that's
- 14 expected to be approved by Plan Commission and also
- 15 consistent with ON TO 2050, which is the regional
- 16 plan created by CMAP.
- 17 The proposed budget for the Red Line
- 18 Extension Transit TIF is \$950 million in project
- 19 costs of the \$3.6 billion total project costs for
- 20 the Red Line Extension. You'll see on the plan
- 21 there's an additional \$9 million in financing
- 22 costs, and that really establishes the upper limit
- 23 for what can be spent under the transit TIF.
- 24 Transit TIF funds can only be spent on RLE project

1 And with that, Leah, I'll hand it

- 2 back to you to close up the presentation.
- 3 MS. MOONEY: Thank you, Fran.
- 4 And just -- that City Council date
- 5 is an approximation, so ... Just for awareness.
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- 6 Transit -- so an equity TIF is not
- 7 actually a legal term, I've been told, but that's
- 8 what -- that's what this is about. It's taking
- 9 some of the success from investments that have
- 10 happened downtown and on the Near South Side and
- 11 allowing us to then create a project on the Far
- 12 South Side that will benefit Far South Side
- 13 residents, really all Red Line riders, and, as I
- 14 talked about, employers that want to employ people
- 15 from this area as well as a citywide and a regional
- 16 investment -- a regional impact from this
- 17 significant investment, and also from living in a
- 18 more equitable city.
- 19 Citywide impacts, I think, are to --
- 20 really to think about how we are all affected by a
- 21 significant investment like this.
- 22 And then in terms of who pays, Fran
- 23 explained a little bit about this. Really what
- 24 we're doing is is we're taking, you know, increment

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- 1 that's generated from growth in property values
- 2 that's happening in this northern area here, but
- 3 based on some investments and growth that's
- 4 happened there and allowing that to stimulate and
- 5 transform the Far South Side. So ultimately that
- 6 resource is coming from really a collective pool
- 7 of property taxes received. So I think it's just
- 8 important to think about that, that, you know, TIF
- 9 is a great mechanism to think about how to get
- 10 these things funded. And in this case, it's also
- 11 really an equity TIF.
- 12 And so I guess I'll just end today
- 13 saying, you know, thank you for everybody's time
- 14 today. This is the equity investment that the Far
- 15 South Side needs and deserves. This is something
- 16 that will really change the landscape of our city.
- 17 It will provide mobility for people that are
- 18 transit dependent and also in areas that are
- 19 predominantly minority and low income, and that's
- 20 important. It's also bringing billions of dollars
- 21 to the city. And that investment is going to be
- 22 invested in contracts for companies across the
- 23 city, and that will spur economic development. 24
 - There are a lot of efforts right now

- 1 one of the earlier agenda items.
- 2 So as I mentioned earlier, two
- 3 written comments have been submitted for this
- 4 meeting. I will read them now.
- 5 This is the first statement:
- To Chairperson Hatten Butler and the
- 7 CDC Commission, my name is Deborah Truss, and I am
- 8 a member of the Red Line Extension Coalition Board.
- 9 Also, I am one of the founders of the Red Line
- 10 Extension Coalition, which initially originated
- 11 from Developing Communities Project founded by
- 12 Barack Obama -- by President Barack Obama. The
- 13 DCP Red Line Extension Project was a forerunner
- 14 advocacy organization for the CTA Red Line
- 15 Extension project.
- 16 In 1972, shortly after relocating
- 17 from Inglewood, California, my family moved to
- 18 Roseland on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive across
- 19 from Palmer Park. I have witnessed the
- 20 disinvestment and economic downward spiral of a
- 21 thriving middle-income neighborhood that had an
- 22 economic vitality commercial district.
- 23 In 1969, Mayor Richard J. Daley
- 24 proclaimed to extend the CTA Red Line Extension

- 1 across the city to focus on bringing development
- 2 to the South and West Sides, and this will be
- 3 supportive and in alignment with that. And we
- 4 really do have this special opportunity right now
- 5 with what's happened with the Biden administration
- 6 and their focus not just on this type of infra-
- 7 structure investment and the funding that they've
- 8 put there, but also an equity-based project. I'm
- 9 thinking about their Justice 40 Initiative.
- 10 So with that, I think we can turn it
- 11 back to you, Madam Chairwoman.
- 12 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you very much for
- 13 your presentation.
- 14 If -- Kamal, if I could have the
- 15 full screen, please, of participants.
- 16 So I don't see -- Kamal, can you
- 17 confirm with me do we have any aldermen on with us
- 18 right now that would like to speak on this matter?
- 19 MR. KAMAL: I don't see any aldermen,
- 20 Chairwoman. They have their budget hearing going 21 on.
- 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. Well, perhaps an
- 23 alderperson or two may join us during the course of
- 24 this presentation as Alderman Burnett did during

- 1 from 95th Street to the far south city limit.
- 2 However, the transit system was extended north
- 3 and west except the far south.
- The advocacy efforts of the DCP Red
- 5 Line Extension Project members was successfully
- 6 demonstrated by repetitively appealing at the CTA
- 7 board meetings. As a result, the designated 5.6-
- 8 mile Red Line Extension Project, RLEP, will create
- 9 equitable transit-oriented development around the
- 10 four designated stations; 103rd Street and 111th
- 11 Street near Eggleston Avenue, Michigan Avenue near 12 116th Street, and 130th Street near Altgeld Garden.
- 13 Today I am advocating for the
- 14 approval of the proposed RLEP transit TIF district.
- 15 Why? The approval of the transit TIF district will
- 16 enable the RLEP to be the forerunner capital
- 17 investment project and the catalyst for other
- 18 proposed redevelopment projects in the greater
- 19 Roseland community and for the commercial
- 20 corridors, which will result in community
- 21 revitalization, economic vitality, neighborhood
- 22 vitality, meaning that measurable increases in
- 23 walkability and access to retail shops, mixed-use
- 24 commercial, career employment, health care,

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- 1 supportive wraparound services, community
- 2 amenities, transportation, and quality affordable
- 3 housing will be able to attribute to the greater
- 4 Roseland's overall community revitalization.
- 5 In addition, if the needed funding
- 6 is secured to start construction targeted to begin
- 7 in 2025, the transit TIF will be a funding asset to
- 8 bring a \$3.6 billion investment to Chicago and to
- 9 the Far South Side.
- 10 Moreover, CTA needs to obtain a
- 11 local match to secure more than \$2 billion in
- 12 federal New Starts funding and is seeking to attain
- 13 the average awarded maximum up to 60 percent in
- 14 federal New Starts funding.
- 15 Also, CTA is identifying and seeking
- 16 other federal funding. And the transit TIF could
- 17 provide an estimated 950 million in funding, which
- 18 is 26 percent of the 40 percent needed in non-
- 19 federal New Starts funding.
- 20 Why is the transit TIF special?
- 21 Authorized by state legislation in 2016, it can
- 22 only fund transit improvements for specific
- 23 projects. It can extend up to a half mile from
- 24 specific transit facilities. Transit TIFs can be

- 1 wish to register as present for this historical
- 2 ordinance to establish a Red Line Extension Tax
- 3 Increment Financing, TIF, District. We are pleased
- 4 that the City of Chicago is moving with zeal to
- 5 advance the construction of the Red Line Extension
- 6 project. Indeed this level of zeal would require
- 7 the assembly of public finance from local
- 8 government as a share to the Federal Department of
- 9 Transportation's New Starts Program.
- 10 We applauded the administration's
- 11 willingness to fund the totality of the local
- 12 match. However, financial obligations to advance
- 13 the Red Line Extension requires participation from
- 14 all local governments. It is reasonable to expect
- 15 both the state of Illinois and the County of Cook
- 16 to contribute to the local federal match.
- Using the Red Line corridor as a 17
- 18 link through Chicago connecting the far south
- 19 region to the north region is most intriguing.
- 20 Certainly the South Side needs a ready tool to
- 21 funnel resources stemming from the linked
- 22 development agreement established at both the
- 23 Chicago -- at the new Chicago 78 Plan and the North
- 24 Branch Framework Plan is warranted. Careful and

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- 1 designated for 35 years in comparison to the 23-
- 2 year designation for traditional TIFs. This timing
- 3 aligns more closely with financing mechanisms most
- 4 commonly used for large-scale, long-term transit
- 5 projects. It does not require an area to be
- 6 blighted or a conservation area.
- 7 The existing TIF districts will
- 8 remain unchanged as is so that economic development
- 9 initiatives can continue. CPS receives their
- 10 allocated full proportional share of the increment.
- 11 20 percent of remaining tax increment non-CPS is
- 12 shared with other taxing bodies. And if businesses
- 13 or residents are located in the transit TIF
- 14 district, they will not see an increase in their
- 15 taxes.
- 16 Respectfully submitted, Deborah
- 17 Truss, Red Line Extension Coalition Board.
- 18 The second statement that was
- 19 submitted:
- 20 Good afternoon, Chairwoman Gwendolyn
- 21 Hatten Butler, Vice Chairwoman Shirley Newsome,
- 22 and fellow members of the Chicago Development
- 23 Commission, CDC.
- 24 Sustainable Englewood Initiatives

Page 97 1 strategic moves on how best to direct those public/

- 2 private investments are equally warranted.
- For greater Englewood, we hold great
- 4 expectations on plan development, in particular the
- 5 Englewood nature trail and its scheduled green
- 6 futures industry zone led by Grow Greater
- 7 Englewood, 63rd Street Commercial District, Till
- 8 Justice Rings strategies along 71st Street, Go
- 9 Green Racine initiatives, enhanced water features,
- 10 and reopening of the Green Line historic Racine
- 11 station, and the continue -- and the continual
- 12 interest to improve air quality and introduce
- 13 climate-resilient projects.
- 14 It is important that the Red Line
- 15 Extension TIF ordinance not undermine our regional
- 16 zeal to redress public and private inequities that
- 17 have arrested development. It's our hope that
- 18 finance tool to fund the extension project would be
- 19 expanded to include a state and county share, that
- 20 the TIF district ordinance project budget be
- 21 streamlined to finance specific construction costs
- 22 to head off white collar abuses via unwarranted
- 23 studies and nonfederal compliance activities.
- 24 To this end, thank you, CDC, for

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1 your sense of care, John Paul Jones, founder and 2 president, SCI.

3 And I believe there actually is --

4 there was a third statement that was submitted that

5 I will read now.

6 Dear Community Development

7 Commission, I am Michael LaFargue, a resident of

8 Roseland, a former CTA and RTA employee, and

9 immediate past president of the Red Line Extension

10 Coalition, RLEC.

11 I and our organization support the

12 proposed transit TIF district for the Red Line

13 Extension project. The proposed transit TIF will

14 provide an estimated \$950 million, 26 percent,

15 needed in local match funding for the Red Line

16 Extension project. Will not overlap or interfere

17 with current TIF areas. No. 3, will not take

18 needed funds from Chicago Public Schools. No. 4,

19 will provide 20 percent of incremental tax

20 increases to the public bodies.

21 The proposed transit TIF allow a

22 dream deferred to come true; a dream, one, which

23 was proposed by CTA in 1958 when the Dan Ryan

24 Express was planned; two, which Mayor Richard J.

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1 questions for DPD, the CTA, or the TIF consultant?

2 Commissioner Curtis, you've raised

3 your hand. Please proceed.

4 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Thank you, Chairwoman.

5 My question is regarding the use of

6 eminent domain. What will be the process? I'm

7 assuming it may be necessary, and I would just like

8 clarification as to what the process is if we -- if

9 that advances.

10 MS. MOONEY: Sure. I can answer that. This

11 is Leah Mooney from CTA.

12 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: I'm sorry. Could you

13 introduce yourself for the record? And you're a

14 bit garbled.

15 MS. MOONEY: Oh, sorry. I thought I did.

16 Can you hear me okay?

17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Now we can. Thank you.

18 MS. MOONEY: Okay. Leah Mooney for the

19 Chicago Transit Authority answering your question,

20 Commissioner Curtis, on eminent domain. So a

21 couple of things about that.

22 CTA has about 216 parcels to acquire

23 for this project. 103 of those are privately

24 owned, and that includes commercial and

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1 Daley promised to Roseland in 1969; three, which

2 was discussed during my employ at RTA; four, which

3 will bring O jobs, O equitable transportation, and

4 an improved quality of life that includes transit-

5 oriented development.

6 If transit TIF can be successfully

7 implemented for the North Side Red-Purple Line

8 Modernization, RPM, Project, it is only equitable

9 that a transit TIF be approved to fund the Red Line

10 Extension project.

11 Commission members, there is a price

12 of segregation, redlining, and deferring dreams.

13 We encourage, ask for, and respectfully demand your

14 support and approval of the transit TIF for the Red

15 Line Extension project.

16 Thank you, Michael E. LaFargue.

17 And that, I believe, is the end of

18 the three public comments that we received on this

19 matter.

20 So as I said earlier, Tim Jeffries,

21 Leah Mooney from the CTA, and Fran Rood from S.B.

22 Friedman, the TIF consultant, are here to answer

23 your questions.

24 Commissioners, do you have any

1 residential, and of those 64 are occupied.

We have been talking with community

3 members since 2016, and we will be following the

4 uniform relocation act guiding in terms of

5 compensating property owners and tenants for the,

6 you know, the cost of the property as well as any

7 costs for relocation. So that's a longer

8 conversation. But we have been in communication

9 since 2016. Our goal would be to have negotiated

10 sales that were favor- -- you know, that were

11 supported by the property owner. And that's what

12 we're working towards right now.

13 And our next steps on that are

14 to coordinate with -- coordinate with the property

15 owners to begin negotiation. And only if that

16 failed would be moved towards eminent domain.

17 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: What would be the

18 process for that if that becomes necessary for the

19 eminent domain?

20 MS. MOONEY: The process for that is that our

21 general counsel ultimately makes that decision to

22 move towards -- to move towards eminent domain.

23 And we would, you know, engage outside counsel in

24 pursuing that. But, again, that is something that

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1 we hope to be able to avoid in most cases. And

- 2 we've been, again, working with community members
- 3 since 2016.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Thank you.
- 5 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis, any
- 6 additional questions or comments?
- 7 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: No. That's all I had.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Secretary Wheat.
- 10 MS. MOONEY: Thank you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 12 Two questions. So first -- and
- 13 maybe this question for DPD. Can you provide more
- 14 color on the decision to basically generate
- 15 increment from the areas of total TIF district that
- 16 you did? So most of that is in the northern end of
- 17 the TIF district. And so essentially why generate
- 18 only increment there? Is it due to the financials
- 19 of the deal, or is there some other color you can
- 20 provide?
- 21 MR. JEFFRIES: Sure. For the record, Tim
- 22 Jeffries, Deputy Commissioner of DPD.
- 23 I think our goal was that we had a
- 24 figure in mind, the 950 million, that was necessary

- $$\operatorname{\mathtt{Page}}\ 104$$ 1 markets to function in, and we want to have
- 2 resources available for projects that will, you
- 3 know, make that, you know, flywheel development
- 4 move, including ETOD, including affordable housing,
- 5 including all, you know, commercial and retail
- 6 developments.

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- 7 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Thank you.
- 8 And, Madam Chair, if I can ask one
- 9 more question. And likely directing this --
 - CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes.
- 11 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Thank you.
- 12 Directing this to CTA, can you
- 13 provide us more color on where discussions are with
- 14 US DOT? I guess what I'm looking for is a sense of
- 15 the likelihood -- this is a competitive process,
- 16 right? So the likelihood that given this action
- 17 and the action of the other bodies that have to
- 18 vote on it, the likelihood that we'd be successful
- 19 via the application process.
- 20 MS. MOONEY: We have put in a request to be
- 21 included in the President's federal fiscal year
- 22 2024 budget, and I believe that, you know, we will
- 23 be included in that. So that's a significant step.
 - The next process for us is to

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- 1 to make the project go. And we were trying to put
- 2 as few parcels in the TIF district as possible to
- 3 generate that amount of money. And we -- you know,
- 4 the analysis started north and moving south.
- 5 Partially that was just a function of how much is
- 6 the increment potential for the properties in the
- 7 Loop. Starting at Madison, it's just much, much
- 8 higher. I think if you look at the total figure,
- 9 we're able to get to, you know, about 960 total,
- 10 we'll call it, between Madison and Pershing. And
- 11 then from Pershing all the way down to 134th using
- 12 that same methodology, we're only anticipating
- 13 about \$43 million over the life of the TIF
- 14 district. So the increment potential is just much,
- 15 much lower.
- 16 And our strong preference was to --
- 17 that we keep those areas south -- because the
- 18 increment potential is so low, we keep them out of
- 19 the transit TIF so that we would be able to use
- 20 regular TIF in those areas in the future for
- 21 projects around the stations, because we know
- 22 that -- we know that development is coming. We
- 23 know that even with the transit TIF and the new
- 24 stations, these will still be difficult real estate

- 1 achieve entry into engineering, and during that
- 2 engineering phase, we would be negotiating a full
- 3 funding grant agreement. And we've targeted that
- 4 for 2024 to happen just before we award the
- 5 contract. And that's very typical for their
- 6 process.

- 7 So having this local match
- 8 identified now helps us secure that federal funding
- 9 and demonstrates to US DOT that we are able to
- 10 bring those local resources as the negotiation
- 11 continues and showing progress on that during the
- 12 engineering phase, which we hope to enter soon.
- 13 It's really important.
- 14 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Thank you. No other
- 15 questions.
- 16 MS. MOONEY: Does that answer that?
- 17 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: No. That's perfect.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 No other questions, Madam Chair.
- 20 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Secretary
- 21 Wheat.
- 22 Commissioner Chan McKibben.
- 23 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Hello. I have a
- 24 couple -- I have two questions.

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- One is the proposed Red Line
- 2 Extension TIF is mostly in the Chinatown and South
- 3 Loop areas. And I actually looked at a map of
- 4 existing TIFs, and it looks like the proposed Red
- 5 Line Extension TIF avoids the areas of, you know,
- 6 either existing TIFs or expiring TIFs.
- 7 How would -- if there are other
- 8 community development projects that are needed in
- 9 the future, how would that work or not work with
- 10 this TIF? Meaning that if parcels are already
- 11 taken for this TIF, would that not be available for
- 12 something else?
- 13 MR. JEFFRIES: Well, I think that, you know,
- 14 if this is --
- 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Tim, could you introduce
- 16 yourself?
- 17 MR. JEFFRIES: I'm sorry. Tim Jeffries,
- 18 Deputy Commissioner with Department of Planning.
- 19 If this moves forward, TIF would not
- 20 be an option here. TIF would be -- you know, the
- 21 increment generated by these parcels would go to
- 22 the transit TIF and be limited to the Red Line
- 23 Extension project.
- 24 You know, that said, there's other

- 1 Chinatown area take advantage of that.
- 2 And so I think it's -- you know,
- 3 every -- every -- we would be great if we had every
- 4 resource available for every single project at all
- 5 times. But, you know, I think the reality is that,
- 6 you know, that's not possible all the time. But
- 7 that situation and that fact pattern exists already
- 8 for a lot of different areas. And the department
- 9 does its best to manage the assets that we have to
- 10 make sure that good projects are still moving
- 11 forward regardless of those tools that we have in
- 12 any given location.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Thank you.
- 14 Thank you so much.
- 15 My other question was a follow-up
- 16 to Commissioner Curtis' question. So has all
- 17 property owners that are affected been in contact
- 18 with DPD, and -- or what is the process for that?
- 19 MR. JEFFRIES: Are you talking about for
- 20 the -- for eminent domain?
- 21 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Correct.
- 22 MR. JEFFRIES: Leah, I'll defer to you on
- 23 that one.
- 24 MS. MOONEY: Thanks, Tim. This is Leah

- 1 arrows in our quiver, so to speak. I know that,
- 2 you know, TIF is -- gets a lot of attention because
- 3 it's the oldest program we have, it's the biggest
- 4 program we have. But, you know, I would want to
- 5 look at a map before I definitively say which
- 6 projects -- or what programs would and would not be
- 7 eligible for specific areas and addresses. But,
- 8 you know, we have the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund
- 9 that provides up to \$2.5 million for projects
- 10 moving forward. We also have a newer program, the
- 11 Chicago Development Grants, which was funded by the
- 12 Recovery Plan Program. That's been an unbridled
- 13 success in 2022. I think there's a lot of interest
- 14 in seeing where that program goes. It certainly
- 15 will be on board for -- or on line for the short
- 16 term. That is -- has no geographic restrictions
- 17 can be used throughout the city.
- 18 We have also property tax
- 19 abatements. And those are -- you know, commercial
- 20 and industrial projects can have their
- 21 industrial -- or can have their property taxes
- 22 raised by as much as 60 percent over a 12-year
- 23 term. It's a very popular program. We have had
- 24 a number of projects in the sort of greater

- 1 Mooney, Chicago Transit Authority.
- 2 I would say that we have contacted
- 3 people by door to door, leaving -- you know,
- 4 leaving letters, knocking on doors, having
- 5 conversations with phone calls. We've had the same
- 6 person out there since 2016. And we have done door
- 7 hangers and emails and all kinds of different --
- 8 we've had open office hours. So we have been
- 9 making every effort to contact every single person
- 10 possible. There are probably some people who are
- 11 not living there who are property owners, and there
- 12 may be a handful that we still need to try to reach
- 13 and get in contact with. But I would say the vast
- 14 majority we have been in contact with for a number
- 14 majority we have been in contact with for a number
- 15 of years. And so -- so that's something that I
- 16 think is really strong in this case.
- 17 Does that answer your question?
- 18 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Yes. Thank you.
- 19 Thanks.
- 20 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Chan
- 21 McKibben, any additional questions?
- 22 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: No additional 23 questions.
- 24 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.

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Commissioner Thomas.

2 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Thank you, Madam

3 Chairman.

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4 My question -- I don't know who

5 would answer it -- is regarding the five wards that

6 are in the RPA. Various aldermen have reached out

7 to me, and they stated that the CTA is in varying

8 community agreements with them. Where are you in

9 those processes? Anything in writing to show the

10 aldermen that the agreements that they have for the

11 community are in place?

12 MS. MOONEY: This is Leah Mooney with the

13 Chicago Transit Authority.

14 We have been doing outreach with all

15 of the aldermen in the TFIA, including the five

16 that are in the RPA. We got a letter of support

17 from Alderman Sigcho Lopez, and we've had

18 continuing conversations with other aldermen about

19 needs in their ward. And we'll continue to work

20 with them on that.

21 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: So that means that

22 you're still in discussion, no agreements yet?

23 MS. MOONEY: We are continuing to work with

24 all of them.

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1 both professional services and in terms of the jobs

2 on the project itself being representative of the

3 communities where we're doing the work -- did I get

4 that right? I'm sorry. It's a little bit hard to

5 hear you, Commissioner Gomez.

6 Okay. So we are also targeting7 professional services type work, and we typically

8 do that with requirements that we put into our

9 contracts. Historically we focused more on trades-

10 type work, but we have been expanding into

11 professional services as well. And there are a few

12 different programs that we use at CTA. We work

13 with the federal WIOA and Section 3 projects -- or

14 programs at the federal level. We also work with

15 our own standard for economically disinvested areas

16 which is based on median income by zip code. And

17 that's something that is, you know, within our

18 service area.

19 So we are really focused on making

20 sure that we're creating the demand for that by

21 putting the requirements in our contracts and then

22 also creating opportunities by doing outreach. So

23 a big part of what we do then is focus on making

24 sure that the outreach that we're doing are in

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1 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Thank you.

2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Thomas, any

3 additional questions?

4 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: No.

5 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.

6 Commissioner Gomez.

7 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Hi. Thank you, Chair.

8 Kind of maybe in follow-up to

9 Commissioner Thomas'. So I know there's going to

10 be the goals -- DB goals as per usual on these

11 projects, and that's mostly geared on the construction

12 side of things. But what are we doing -- or what's

13 being done on the professional services type work

14 that is probably already -- that has been

15 undergoing? And that's one question.

16 And the second one is what

17 programming or goals do we have around the

18 community in ensuring that it's representative of

19 our black and brown communities on this project for

20 both the construction and the professional services

21 side?

22 MS. MOONEY: This is Leah Mooney with CTA. I

23 can answer these questions.

24 So both in terms of workforce and

1 areas that are impacted so that we're actually

2 reaching out to people specifically in that area.

3 We are working with our diversity

4 department, who's heading that for the CTA. And so

5 they've been really actively involved with this for

6 the Red Line Extension specifically.

7 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Thank you. No other

8 questions, Chair.

9 MS. MOONEY: Thank you.

10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner

11 Gomez.

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12 Do other members of the Commission

13 have questions or comments?

4 (No response.)

15 Kamal, can you confirm and let me

16 know if there are other Commissioners that have

17 raised their hand?

MR. KAMAL: No other hands raised, Chairwoman.

19 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Great. Thank you.

Since this is a public hearing

21 under the Illinois TIF Act, the limits of number

22 of individuals allowed to speak shall not apply.

23 I will now call upon members of the public who have

24 used the raise-your-hand feature to be recognized

1 by the Chair. Each person called upon by the Chair

- 2 to speak will be limited to three minutes per
- 3 agenda item.
- 4 I will start with Michael LaFargue.
- 5 MR. LaFARGUE: Good afternoon, Commissioner
- 6 Butler and Commissioners. Thank you, Leah Mooney
- 7 and Ms. Rood and Ms. Truss and John Paul Jones for
- 8 your detailed comments and explanations.
- 9 One of my statements on behalf of
- 10 the Red Line Extension Coalition was read, but I11 am also a member of the Chicago Association of
- The arraiso a member of the officago Association of
- 12 Realtors Diversity 77 Committee. We represent the
- 13 community of Roseland and Riverdale and share
- 14 information about the communities' wants and needs
- 15 to CAR.
- We support this community's request
- 17 for a transit TIF to support the Red Line Extension
- 18 Coalition for all of the Red Line Extension
- 19 projects for all the reasons proposed in previous
- 20 comments.
- 21 If I may, imagine, if you will, if
- 22 it was Christmas and you had your list of gifts
- 23 which might have included a train, money, and a
- 24 building set to build communities, and you saw

- Page 116 1 but I do speak for the community on behalf of this
- 2 committee for the Chicago Association of Realtors.
- Thank you so much for this time.
- 4 And, again, the community asks for it and expects
- And, again, the community asks for it and expect
- 5 your approval for the transit TIF for the Red Line
- 6 Extension project.
 - Thank you so much.
- 8 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.
- 9 The next speaker I have here is
- 10 Meghan Harte.

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- 11 MS. HARTE: Hi. Good afternoon. Thanks for
- 12 the opportunity to speak to the Commissioners. And
- 13 thank you to those that made the presentations.
- 14 That was very informative.
- 15 I'm speaking in support of creating
- 16 the Red Line TIF. I am the executive director of
- 17 LISC Chicago. I'm also a board member of the
- 18 Chicago Housing Authority, although I'm not
- 19 speaking on behalf of the Chicago Housing Authority
- 20 today.
- 21 You know, I -- it gets back to what
- 22 Ms. Mooney said. This is about equitable access to
- 23 transportation. For too long the Far South Side
- 24 has been cut off from this affordable rail access

- 1 gifts coming into your home and packages that
- 2 looked exactly like you wanted. It looks like a
- 3 train set, it looks like all the building blocks
- 4 you need, and all the Monopoly money you need to do
- 5 what you want as a child. And then that special
- 6 day comes after dreaming and dreaming of receiving
- 7 these gifts. That special day comes, and you open
- 8 the door into the special room where the Christmas
- 9 tree and table might be, and there's nothing.
- 10 Ladies and gentlemen, since 1958,
- 11 this has been on the table for this community. And
- 12 it is -- they're very close to receiving it. Do
- 13 not defer this dream. Do not segregate this
- 14 community. Do not redline this community. Approve
- 15 the transit TIF. Approve the transit TIF. It is
- 16 the right thing to do. It's the equitable thing to
- 17 do.
- 18 And our official letter from the 77
- 19 Diversity Committee has been emailed to you. It
- 20 was emailed late last night about 1:00 a.m. Please
- 21 include that to your official files because the
- 22 Chicago Association of Realtors is very much
- 23 interested in all of Chicago, equitable development
- 24 through all of Chicago. I do not speak for them,

- $${\tt Page}$$ 117 1 that is comparable to other parts of the city. In
- 2 fact, CTA has invested in -- historically into
- 3 Evanston and Oak Park and still left the Far South
- 4 Side, our own communities, locked out of CTA
- 5 transportation from a rail perspective.
- 6 And the result of this is continuing
- 7 that economic disinvestment. It's limited job,
- 8 education, and investment opportunities in these
- 9 far south communities. In LISC's work across the
- 10 city and especially in the far south, we hear that
- 11 public transportation, affordable transportation is
- 12 an area of focus for all communities, but it's a
- 13 significant priority for our far south partners.
- 14 And recently we did a quality-of-life plan in the
- 15 far south, and this is one of their highest
- 16 priorities in support of driving investment in
- 17 their communities.
- 18 And by creating access to the far
- 19 south, all of Chicago benefits. There's access to
- 20 jobs downtown, and there's access to opportunity
- 21 downtown and other places in the city.
- The far south is an affordable place
- 23 to live. It's one of the few naturally occurring
- 24 affordable housing locations where people can buy

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1 and own homes.

This will drive more investment in

- 3 the south, but it will have more people coming from
- 4 the north and spending money in other communities
- 5 further south when they might not have in the past.
- And there's -- there is a great
- 7 asset down there in Olive-Harvey. And for all of
- 8 those that are concerned about what is their
- 9 community getting by this transit TIF, they're
- 10 getting access to one of the best city colleges in
- 11 the city with programs that don't exist at other
- 12 city colleges just by creating Red Line access.
- 13 Homeownership is on the rise in the
- 14 far south in lower-income households, but it could
- 15 be in middle-income households.
- 16 Community investment being made
- 17 through INVEST South/West and other agencies could
- 18 be benefited by these types of investments. It
- 19 will spur investments in TOD, which will further
- 20 spur investments in other places in the community.
- 21 So why should we all invest in this
- 22 extension? Because it is good for all of Chicago,
- 23 and it's the perfect use of why TIF was created.
- 24 Thank you.

Page 120 1 eliminate, disadvantaged served communities.

2 Another thing that I think is a

- 3 little bit weak that I think they need to tighten
- 4 up is when they're reaching out and saying that
- 5 they're going to serve and provide jobs for black
- 6 and brown. Been around for a long time. Hear that
- 7 all the time. But that -- in using Section 3 for
- 8 the justification to hiring or reaching out within
- 9 the community really need to understand what is
- 10 their method of -- what their method of --
- 11 documenting their method of outreach, documenting
- 12 who they're actually outreaching to, because
- 13 there's a lot of time they say, We outreach, but
- 14 it's not -- it's not in conclu- -- inclusion of the
- 15 black and brown that actually serve or live in
- 16 those communities.
- 17 So those are some of the things that
- 18 I think needs to be really evaluated, really needs
- 19 to be tightened up, and need to be addressed if we
- 20 are going to go with this particular recommendation
- 21 for utilizing the TIF in this area as well.
- 22 Because there's another -- another -- a number of
- 23 things that can be done. But just to reiterate,
- 24 making sure they got the alderman support, and

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- CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.
- 2 Our next speaker is Shawn Walker.
- 3 Shawn, you have your hand raised.
- 4 You may begin.

- MR. WALKER: I appreciate the opportunity
- 6 to -- can you hear me? You hear me well?
- 7 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes, we can hear you.
- MR. WALKER: Okay. I'm just here to -- I had
- 9 a concern that I think -- I know about equity and
- 10 using the TIF for a number of different reasons.
- 11 But one of the things that I am concerned about
- 12 with the CTA is their ability to deal with -- one,
- 13 it doesn't seem like the answer that they have the
- 14 support of the alderman. That's a concern to me.
- 15 I know that she stated that she -- Ms. Mooney
- 16 stated that they're continuing to work with. So,
- 17 one, that's a concern. Not saying that they won't
- 18 get that at some point.
- 19 The other part is that I'm hearing
- 20 between lines if all -- if all owners or -- owners
- 21 are not going to sell or has an issue with selling
- 22 that we're going to invoke eminent domain. So
- 23 that's another concern for residents, because then
- 24 that puts us right back in what we're trying to

- 1 that's something in writing too that they're
- 2 serving the disadvantaged, the black and brown in
- 3 the community, and that they're actually hiring
- 4 from the community and not just saying, Hey, we
- 5 couldn't find anyone, and reaching out to these
- 6 general contractors or organizations that really
- 7 doesn't have the relationships that -- for those
- 8 black and brown that really need those jobs.
- And so I do want to just throw those
- 10 things out for consideration and making sure that
- 11 those things are addressed and really consider how
- 12 you're going to move forward if necessary if you're
- 13 not able to get everyone to sell and not have to
- 14 use the eminent domain, because I think that's a
- 15 disadvantage to the community as well.
- 16 And that's all. Thank you for your 17 time.
- 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.
- 19 Lou Turner.
- 20 MR. TURNER: My name is Lou Turner. I'm a
- 21 professor of urban and regional development at the
- 22 University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. I've
- 23 worked on the Red Line Extension now for 20 years.
- 24 I'm actually sitting here in my class. I teach a

1 class on the Red Line Extension.

2 I want to talk in support of the CDC

- 3 supporting and pushing the Red Line Extension
- 4 Transit TIF. I'll just give you two data points,
- 5 kind of make my remarks short.
- The amount of TIF funding that wouldbe generated by the transit TIF between Madison and
- 8 Pershing Road, I think a dollar amount of \$950
- 9 million was mentioned. Consider that in
- 10 relationship to how much consumer leakage leaves
- 11 the greater Roseland area, that is, the area of the
- 12 Red Line Extension, annually, which is \$870
- 13 billion -- excuse me, \$870 million. So that's
- 14 every year. And so every year, because there are
- 15 not -- there are not businesses or business
- 16 development in the area, business development that
- 17 would be brought by the Red Line Extension, \$870
- 18 million leaves the community. Those dollars do not
- 19 circulate. People have to go spend their money
- 20 elsewhere.
- 21 So we're just talking about \$950
- 22 million generated once for the transit TIF in order
- 23 to draw down the federal money.
- 24 So this is what the cost of

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- 1 the suburbs as well. So we'll benefit more than
- 2 just the city. We'll also benefit the larger
- 3 Chicago metropolitan area.
 - CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.
- 5 Chicago Federation of Labor.
- 6 MS. KLUGER: Good afternoon. Thank you for
- 7 the opportunity to speak at today's Community
- 8 Development Commission meeting. My name is Andrea
- 9 Kluger, and I'm deputy chief of staff at the
- 10 Chicago Federation of Labor.
- 11 The CFL represents 300 affiliate
- 12 unions who in turn represent half a million working
- 13 people in Chicago and Cook County.
- 14 The CFL stands in solidarity with
- 15 all workers fighting for their families across the
- 16 city, which is why we strongly support securing the
- 17 Red Line Extension Transit TIF, which is critical
- 18 to ensuring this project becomes a reality.
- 19 The TIF of 950 million will be used
- 20 to fund a significant share of the local funding
- 21 that is needed to leverage as much as 2 billion in
- 22 federal funding. This TIF is critical to the Red
- 23 Line Extension becoming a reality, and the project
- 24 cannot be built without it.

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- 1 segregation looks like, that is, not just
- 2 disinvestment, but the fact that disinvestment
- 3 leads to these very, very unequal outcomes for
- 4 people where, again, nearly a billion dollars
- 5 leaves the community a year annually. And we're
- 6 simply talking about merely a billion dollars for
- 7 the transit TIF to be able to draw down the federal
- 8 funding.
- 9 The second point that I would make
- 10 is the one that kind of to extend the notion that
- 11 the TIF and the Red Line Extension is good for the
- 12 whole city. Actually the Red Line Extension is
- 13 good for the whole county. The Red Line Extension
- 14 is a gateway project. A lot of people from the
- 15 suburbs will be able to park their cars at 130th
- 16 Street, get on an L and go downtown. So this is
- 17 for the larger Chicago metropolitan area; not just
- 18 for the City of Chicago, but for the outer -- the
- 19 south -- the south suburbs as well for people
- 20 coming into the city. So we'll benefit people
- 21 beyond the greater Roseland area, the Far South
- 22 Side, to the suburbs as well.
- 23 And so the Red Line Extension,
- 24 again, is a gateway project between the city and

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I'm going to name a few reasons that

- 2 the CFL supports this project.
- 3 First, it will leverage the success
- 4 of transit-served areas in downtown and Near South
- 5 Chicago to help transform Far South Side
- 6 neighborhoods, providing affordable rapid transit
- 7 to historically underserved communities, and
- 8 improve mobility for transit-dependent residents
- 9 and people with disabilities, ensuring the project
- 10 provides equity.
- 11 Next it will provide connectivity
- 12 and access to the entire city via the CTA network.
- 13 Frequent rail service will reduce commute times and
- 14 provide sustainable transportation that will help
- 15 contribute to improved air quality, reduction of
- 16 emissions, and energy savings.

And finally the employment

- 18 opportunities. This project will increase
- 19 connectivity within the CTA network which opens
- 20 up opportunities for workers to access job
- 21 opportunities throughout the Chicago area and
- 22 region.

- 23 This extension would bring residents
- 24 closer to jobs and other opportunities throughout

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- 1 the city. Less time spent travelling to work means
- 2 families can spend more time for everything else.
- 3 This investment will also create job
- 4 opportunities for Chicagoans. It's anticipated
- 5 that more than 30,000 total jobs will be created
- 6 with more than 6,000 for the Red Line Extension
- 7 project alone.
- Construction on the Red Line
- 9 Extension is set to begin in 2025, but we are
- 10 already in conversations to discuss workforce
- 11 opportunities, including establishing a pipeline
- 12 for construction careers with family-sustaining
- 13 wages.
- 14 On behalf of the Chicago Federation
- 15 of Labor, thank you again for the opportunity to
- 16 speak, and we hope to see this item move forward.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.
- 19 Near South Planning Board.
- 20 MS. SANCHEZ-CARLSON: Good afternoon, Madam
- 21 Chairwoman and members of the Commission. My name
- 22 is Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson, and I'm the president
- 23 and executive director of the Near South Planning
- 24 Board.

- Page 128 1 work with our organization and other necessary
- 2 community groups in its continued outreach to
- 3 property owners and stakeholders as plans progress.
- We currently plan to cohost a
- 5 community meeting to bring more attention to this
- 6 project to the residents and businesses in the Near
- 7 South Side.

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- 8 Having said that, Near South
- 9 Planning Board has agreed to offer its support and
- 10 approval of the redevelopment plan for the proposed
- 11 Red Line Extension Tax Increment Financing
- 12 Redevelopment Project and the designation of the
- 13 area as a TIF redevelopment project area and
- 14 recommend adoption of Tax Increment Financing for
- 15 the area by the Community Development Commission.
- 16 And for that, I thank you for
- 17 allowing me this time to speak.
 - CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.
- 19 Kamal, do we have any other members
- 20 of the public that have utilized the raise their
- 21 hand function to speak?
- 22 MR. KAMAL: No, Chairwoman, no other hands
- 23 raised by the public.

1 have the full screen.

CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. Great. If I can

I know that Alderman Dowell has

- Last Tuesday Near South Planning
- 2 Board, a not-for-profit community-based
- 3 organization serving the businesses, institutions,
- 4 and stakeholders on the Near South Side, was able
- 5 to quickly review plans for the Red Line Extension
- 6 project.
- 7 We appreciate the opportunity to
- 8 review such an important project and investment in
- 9 transit for the City of Chicago. We totally agree
- 10 that this extension is needed to better connect the
- 11 South Side of Chicago north to the central city
- 12 district and beyond. And for that reason, we
- 13 overwhelmingly support the extension and agree to
- 14 support utilizations of federal funding for the
- 15 project.
- 16 However, Near South Planning Board
- 17 would like to note a concern regarding the large
- 18 parcels of land, those shaded in gray, within the
- 19 proposed boundary that would not be available for
- 20 any other TIF for 35 years short of a regulatory
- 21 change and feel it is necessary for the City to
- 22 address this concern with the affected property 23 owners.
- 24 We expect the City to continue to

- 3 joined us. And so, Alderman Dowell, if you would
- 4 like to make comments, I see your hand is raised,
- 5 please do so. And thank you for joining us.
- ALDERWOMAN DOWELL: Thank you, Chairman and
- 7 members of the Community Development Commission.
- I just wanted to check back in with
- 9 you since your last meeting to basically say that
- 10 for me the jury is still out on this Red Line
- 11 Extension TIF. But I appreciate the beginning
- 12 conversations I've had with the Chicago Transit
- 13 Authority about locations within the area
- 14 benefiting -- or what I should say generating those
- 15 TIF dollars. Let me turn on my video.
- 16 So we have started those
- 17 conversations, and I want to thank Bill Mooney
- 18 and Ashley Walker and the members of the Chicago
- 19 Transit Authority staff that are working with me.
- 20 I look forward to the continued collaboration,
- 21 because I think for this project to benefit all
- 22 areas of the region and areas within the City of
- 23 Chicago that we have to be able to not only invest
- 24 in the Red Line Extension, but also invest in the

Page 130 Page 132 1 existing stations that we have that will increase CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cepeda. 1 2 ridership and the community's experience when 2 (No response.) 3 3 interacting with these stations and when using Commissioner Chan McKibben. 4 these stations. 4 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: No. 5 So I continue to be hopeful and look 5 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cox. 6 forward to more conversations as this moves towards 6 COMMISSIONER COX: Yes. 7 7 City Council approval. CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis. 8 8 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Yes. Chairman, thank you so much for 9 squeezing me in, and now I have to get back to the 9 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Davis. 10 budget committee. 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. 11 11 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez. CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Alderman 12 Dowell, for joining us. And, you know, we're 12 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Yes. 13 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Griggs. 13 grateful for your participation always. 14 ALDERWOMAN DOWELL: Thank you. 14 (No response.) 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Kamal, are there any 15 Commissioner Thomas. 16 other aldermen who joined us that have -- I don't 16 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes. 17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. 17 see any, but I --18 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes. 18 MR. KAMAL: I don't see any, Chairwoman. 19 19 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chairwoman Butler CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. Great. 20 If there are no further questions or 20 votes yes. 21 comments, we will now adjourn the public hearing 21 The motion passes. 22 22 and reopen the regular CDC meeting so that we may For our first item of new business 23 call the item to a vote. 23 listed as item A under the New Business section of 24 The resolution before us recommends 24 our agenda, the Department of Housing is requesting Page 133 1 approval of the redevelopment plan for the proposed 1 authority to negotiate a redevelopment agreement 2 Red Line Extension, RLE, TIF Redevelopment Project 2 with 548 Development, LLC and its related or 3 Area, and the adoption of Tax Increment Financing 3 affiliated entities for redevelopment of the 4 for the area. 4 property located at 3831 and 3853 West Chicago 5 Do I have a motion? 5 Avenue and 739 through 741 North Springfield Avenue 6 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: So moved. Curtis. 6 in the Chicago/Central Park Tax Increment Financing 7 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 7 Redevelopment Project Area, and to recommend to the 8 Curtis. 8 City Council of the City of Chicago the designation 9 Do I have a second? 9 of 548 Development, LLC and its related entities or 10 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Second by Trevino. 10 affiliates as developer. 11 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner Tamra Collins and Ernest Bellamy 12 Trevino. 12 will provide the staff report on behalf of the 13 I will now call the roll. In 13 Department of Housing and the Department of 14 accordance with the Open Meetings Act, all votes 14 Planning and Development. 15 MS. COLLINS: Thank you. Can everyone see my 15 are to be conducted by roll call so that each 16 member's vote on each issue can be identified and 16 screen? 17 17 recorded. Please signify your vote on approval of CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes, we can see your 18 the motion by saying yes, no, or abstain. 18 screen. 19 19 Vice Chair Newsome. MS. COLLINS: Thank you. Sorry. 20 COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: Yes. 20 Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members 21 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Secretary Wheat. 21 of the Commission. For the record, my name is 22 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes. 22 Tamra Collins with the Department of Housing. With

23 me today is Ernest Bellamy, project manager for the

24 Department of Planning and Development, and from

CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford.

COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes.

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1 the development team A.J. Patton and Andrew Geer.

2 The proposal before you requests

- 3 authority to enter into a negotiated sale for
- 4 the -- for City-owned land, to negotiate a TIF
- 5 redevelopment agreement, and to designate as
- Code vales on 540 Development III Code valetad
- 6 developer 548 Development, LLC, its related7 entities and affiliates.
- 8 The developer for this proposal is
- 9 an emerging African-American developer. Mr. Patton
- 10 is the owner of 548 Development, LLC for this
- 11 proposal, and this proposal was selected as part of
- 12 IHDA's 2022 tax credit funding round.
- 13 The development will be located in
- 14 the 37th Ward's Humboldt Park community area where
- 15 Emma Mitts is the alderwoman and within the
- 16 boundaries of the Chicago Park -- Central Park
- 17 TIF -- Chicago/Central Park TIF District. The
- 18 proposal is located in the Humboldt Park INVEST
- 19 South/West corridor. And while the site is not
- 20 part of the INVEST South/West RFP selection
- 21 process, it is a very important site and
- 22 development proposal to the INVEST South/West
- 23 corridor surrounding community area.
- 24 As part of the visioning process for

1 spaces as well as parking in the rear of the

- 2 building. The third and fourth floors provide
- 3 outdoor amenity space for residents. And the
- 3 outdoor amenity space for residents. And the
- 4 building will include a green roof, solar panels,
- 5 and will meet the City's sustainable development
- 6 policies with at least a hundred points.
- 7 The first floor will contain a
- 8 grocery store with a coffee shop, community space,
- 9 residential lobby areas, and office space.
- 10 Floors 2 through 4 will contain 60
- 11 residential units, which includes a mix of studios,
- 12 one-, two-, and three-bedroom units. 42 units, or
- 13 80 percent of the units, will be for tenants with
- 14 incomes at or below 60 percent of AMI, and the
- 15 remaining 12 units will be market rate, for a total 16 of 60 units.
- 17 The proposed project has a total
- 18 development cost of \$40.7 million for which the
- 19 developer is requesting up to \$18.7 million in TIF
- 20 financing. The TIF is approximately 46 percent of
- 21 the total development cost. While the percentage
- 22 of TIF is a little higher than we see on some
- 23 historical affordable housing proposals, it is
- 24 important to note that both departments are seeing

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- 1 the development of the INVEST South/West RFP for
- 2 Chicago Avenue, this site was considered for future
- 3 development. The site has since been regarded as a
- 4 very important development site for the corridor.
- 5 The site itself borders Chicago
- 6 Avenue on the north, North Springfield Avenue on
- 7 the west, and North Avers Avenue on the east. The
- 8 site is surrounded by both residential and
- 9 commercial uses. The City will convey four City-
- 10 owned parcels highlighted in red. And the site
- 11 highlighted in blue is developer owned. That has
- 12 already been acquired by Mr. Patton.
- 13 Additionally, the developer has
- 14 acquired one site from the Chicago -- from the
- 15 Cook County Land Bank, which completes the site
- 16 assemblage for the development. All City-owned
- 17 parcels will be conveyed at closing.
- 18 The site is currently zoned as C1-1
- 19 and will be rezoned as a B3-2 and established as
- 20 a planned development at the next Chicago Plan
- 21 Commission meeting scheduled for October 20th.
- The project consists of new
- 23 construction of a 60-unit multifamily residential
- 24 building with ground floor retail space, community

- Page 137 1 cost escalations due to material shortages, labor
- 2 increases, construction interest increases, and
- 3 longer construction timelines across the board of
- 4 all development proposals.
- In addition to the TIF, other
- 6 financing includes a private mortgage of up to
- 7 \$4 million; a required 25 percent deferred
- 8 developer fee of \$625,000 which will be paid out of
- 9 cash flow; a deferred developer fee is required by
- 10 IHDA's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit policies;
- 11 there's a 38 -- \$385,000 Com Ed energy grant; and
- 12 then IHDA provided \$1.5 million in Low-Income
- 13 Housing Tax Credits, which is generating about
- 14 \$13.6 million in equity. In addition, there's a
- 15 \$4.7 million ARO donation and a \$2.3 million
- 16 donation -- tax credit donation, which is derived
- 17 from the ARO donation, and that's generating
- 18 approximately \$1.9 million in equity for the
- 19 benefit of the project.
- 20 DOH, in partnership with DPD, has
- 21 reviewed the proposal and requests that the
- 22 Commission approve the developer -- approve that
- 23 the developer, 548 Development, LLC, be designated
- 24 as the developer for the project to be located at

Page 138 Page 140 1 3831 West Chicago Avenue, that DOH be authorized to COMMISSIONER THOMAS: So move. Thomas. 1 2 negotiate and execute and deliver a redevelopment 2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 3 Thomas. 3 agreement with the developer for the project, and 4 4 since no alternative proposals were received by DOH Do I have a second? 5 or DPD within the 30-day publication notice that we COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Second. Grace 6 be allowed to approve the negotiated sale of 3831 6 Chan McKibben. 7 West Chicago Avenue, 3853 West Chicago Avenue, 741 7 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 8 North Springfield, and 739 North Springfield to 548 8 Chan McKibben. 9 Development, LLC and its related entities and I will now call the vote. Please 10 affiliates. 10 signify your vote on approval of the motion by 11 This concludes by presentation, and 11 saying yes, no, or abstain. 12 DOH and DPD and the developer are happy to answer 12 Vice Chair Newsome. 13 COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: Yes. 13 any questions. 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you. 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Secretary Wheat. 15 Kamal, can you tell me -- can you 15 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes. 16 give me the full screen, please? And also let me 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 17 know if Alderman Mitts is on this call. 17 COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes. 18 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cepeda. MR. KAMAL: I'm checking for the alderman. 19 19 (No response.) I don't see her, Chairwoman. 20 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. Great. Thank you 20 Commissioner Chan McKibben. 21 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Yes. 21 for checking. 22 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cox. Commissioners, I'd like to turn the 23 floor over to you for any questions you may have 23 COMMISSIONER COX: Yes. 24 regarding this proposed transaction. If you have 24 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis. Page 139 Page 141 1 questions, please utilize the raise-your-hand 1 (No response.) 2 function. 2 Is Commissioner Curtis still with Kamal, I don't see any raised hands 3 us? 4 from members of the Commission. Can you confirm 4 (No response.) 5 5 that is the case? Commissioner Davis. MR. KAMAL: No hands raised. 6 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Great. Thank you for 7 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez. 8 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Yes. 8 your confirmation. 9 9 Since there are no questions or CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Griggs. 10 comments for -- from members of the Commission, 10 (No response.) 11 I will now call the item for a vote. 11 Commissioner Thomas. 12 The resolution before us requests 12 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes. 13 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. 13 authority for the Department of Housing and 14 Department of Planning and Development to negotiate 14 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes. 15 a redevelopment agreement with 548 Development, LLC 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chairwoman Butler 16 and its related or affiliated entities for 16 votes yes. 17 17 redevelopment of the property located at 3831 and The motion passes. 18 3853 West Chicago Avenue and 739 and 741 North 18 Commissioners, for our second item 19 Springfield Avenue in the Chicago/Central Park Tax 19 of new business --20 Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, and 20 MS. COLLINS: Thank you. 21 to recommend to the City Council of the City of 21 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: -- the Department of 22 Chicago the designation of 548 Development, LLC and 22 Planning and Development -- you're welcome -- is 23 its related entities or affiliates as developer. 23 requesting authority to negotiate a redevelopment 24 Do I have a motion? 24 agreement with Westside Health Authority and its

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- 1 related or affiliated entities for redevelopment of
- 2 the property located at 5500 West Madison Street in
- 3 the Madison/Austin Corridor Tax Increment Financing
- 4 Redevelopment Project Area, and to recommend to the
- 5 City of Chicago -- to the Chicago City Council the
- 6 designation of Westside Health Authority or its
- 7 related entities as developer.
- Michael Parella will provide his
- 9 staff report on behalf of the Department of
- 10 Planning.
- 11 MR. PARELLA: Good afternoon, Chairwoman,
- 12 members of the committee. For the record, my name
- 13 is Michael Parella. I'm a project manager with the
- 14 Department of Planning and Development's Financial
- 15 Incentives Division.
- 16 And as stated, DPD is here to
- 17 recommend designation of Westside Health Authority
- 18 and its related entities or affiliates as the
- 19 developer, and to recommend that we negotiate a
- 20 redevelopment agreement with them in order to
- 21 develop the -- redevelop, I should say, the Emmet
- 22 School -- the former Emmet School into a workforce
- 23 training, career development, and entrepreneurial
- 24 skills center.

- 1 faith-based organizations, and public and private
- 2 entities across the West Side.
- So the existing building will be
- 4 redeveloped with a three-story addition facing
- 5 Central Avenue. It'll be approximately 76,500
- 6 square feet when complete. The first and second
- 7 floors will be intended for the tenants, Westside
- 8 Health Authority, Austin Coming Together, and a few
- 9 more which I'll list in a minute. And the third
- 10 floor will be built out for a future spec tenant.
- 11 It'll contain the workforce training center,
- 12 redevelopment center, manufacturing training
- 13 center. And there will also be commercial space
- 14 for a financial services tenant, community plaza,
- 15 and parking.
- 16 So on site, the Westside Health
- 17 Authority is going to do job readiness training
- 18 programs, case management services, and vocational
- 19 training. These services are targeted towards
- 20 individuals' use and citizens of the West Side and
- 21 Chicago more broadly.
- 22 Austin Coming Together will operate
- 23 a financial coaching and employment services
- 24 training on site. And they're also tenanted with

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- The project is located at 5500 West
- 2 Madison Street at the northeast corner of Madison
- 3 and Laramie in the West Planning Region, Austin
- 4 community area, 29th Ward, and Madison/Austin TIF.
- 5 Here are some neighborhood context
- 6 slides. You see the site here, again, at that 7 northeast corner of Laramie. This is the former
- 8 Emmet School. This is one of the schools closed in
- 9 the mass school closings in 2013. It's sat vacant
- 10 ever since.
- 11 The developer purchased this
- 12 property from CPS, I think, in 2019 and has been
- 13 actually trying to develop the site since then.
- 14 And here's a view from Madison
- 15 Street of the current condition of the building.
- 16 So as stated, Westside Health
- 17 Authority is the developer. They've been serving --
- 18 and they're doing a partnership with Austin Coming
- 19 Together in order to redevelop this property.
- 20 Westside Health has been serving the West Side
- 21 since 1988. And, you know, a large organization
- 22 providing services to the West Side as is Austin
- 23 Coming Together, which is an organization that
- 24 supports and connects over 50 -- 50 nonprofits,

- Page 145 1 the Jane Addams Resource Corp., which is -- will
- 2 provide free on-site manufacturing skills training
- 3 and, you know, training in welding and mechanical
- 4 systems.
- So overall we have a, you know,
- 6 very -- very beneficial project in terms of
- 7 workforce development having it on the West Side
- 8 in a vacant school.
- In order to achieve this project,
- 10 they've had to tap a diverse amount of sources,
- 11 including our TIF funds, which we are requesting
- 12 7.25 -- louder? -- \$7.25 million in order to do so.
- 13 Their equity contribution is \$6.12 million, comes
- 14 from a variety of sources, including Austin
- 15 stakeholders from a community fundraising drive,
- 16 Westside Health's property arm, the United Way of
- 17 Metro Chicago is providing \$5 million as well and --
- 18 as the Pritzker Traubert Chicago Prize Foundation
- 19 another \$500,000, and philanthropic support from
- 20 such organizations as Blue Cross Blue Shield and
- 21 the Joyce Foundation. Another large source is a
- 22 \$10 million DCEO grant, the Department of Commerce
- 23 and Economic Opportunities. This is an Illinois
- 24 state grant they received. In addition, they'll

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- 1 need New Market Tax Credits funding in order to
- 2 complete the project, which they are seeking as
- 3 soon as it's secured -- or which is an ongoing
- 4 request they are seeking to which the TIF amount
- 5 will contribute to obtaining that source.
- 6 And as you see, it's an
- 7 approximately \$28 million project.
- 8 And when it's all said and done --
- 9 I'll just show you a few renderings of the project
- 10 as it stands now. Here's a site plan showing the
- 11 addition to the building and the parking lot
- 12 itself. And there's a -- there'll be a plaza at
- 13 the corner of Central Park and Madison Street. And
- 14 it's also a future development site. Here's
- 15 elevations of the project. And here are the
- 16 renderings as you see of the project itself.
- 17 That corner lot is a future retail
- 18 opportunity. It'll be a phase 2 project that's not
- 19 subject to this TIF designation request. However,
- 20 they are planning work on that site currently in
- 21 the form of what is called an op fit or a pop
- 22 fit -- a popup court, which is -- it's -- they're
- 23 going to activate that corner. So the lot will
- 24 remain vacant. It will feature -- it's funded

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- 1 designating Westside Health Authority as developer
- 2 and recommends that CDC authorize DPD to negotiate
- 3 and execute a redevelopment agreement so we can see
- 4 this project through.
- With that, I'll take any questions.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Michael.
- 8 Michael, do you know if Alderman
- 9 Taliaferro is -- or anyone from his office is
- 10 joining us and can speak to the alderman's level
- 11 of support for this project?
- 12 MR. PARELLA: I don't think he's attending
- 13 today, no.
- 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And to my second
- 15 question.
- 16 MR. PARELLA: Oh, yeah. Yes. Yes. He does
- 17 support the project.
- 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. Thank you.
- 19 Commissioners -- Kamal, if I can
- 20 have the full screen so I can see the Commissioners.
- 21 Thank you.
- 22 Commissioners, do you have any
- 23 questions?

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24 Commissioner Cox.

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- 1 separately from this project through a City -- a
- 2 separate City initiative. And it'll feature a turf
- 3 field, workout area, and a yoga studio, outdoor
- 4 yoga area you can see in some of these renderings.
- 5 But essentially, you know, they've left no corner
- 6 of this property undeveloped, and it'll be a major
- 7 boon to the community.
- 8 There's numerous benefits to this
- 9 project, you know, including, you know, training --
- 10 or train -- or, I'm sorry, permanent jobs, 50
- 11 permanent jobs, 65 temporary construction jobs, and
- 12 they aspire to train over 2,000 workers a year.
- 13 Obviously to redevelop this vacant school. It's a
- 14 long vacant property. And, you know, it conforms
- 15 with the TIF plan because it, you know, facilitates
- 16 the rehabilitation of an architecturally
- 17 significant building, encourages development of
- 18 commercial and other properties on Madison Street,
- 19 decrease the number of underutilized parcels, and
- 20 provide opportunities for women-owned and
- 21 minority-owned businesses to thrive, and support
- 22 job training, which are all goals of the TIF as
- 23 established.
- 24 So DPD wholeheartedly recommends

- Page 149 COMMISSIONER COX: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 2 I just wanted to frame -- frame this
- 3 because I'm so excited to see this project move
- 4 forward. It was one of the first projects that I
- 5 visited in terms of being advanced by a community
- 6 development corporation that simply did not have
- 7 a path to getting something of this scale and
- 8 complexity financed. So to see it come to full
- 9 fruition supported through the Chicago Recovery
- 10 Plan and many other sources, it's very, very
- 11 exciting to see as well as seeing them benefit from
- 12 the Mayor's POP courts, the Public Open Plaza
- 13 initiative, so that they can activate the 100
- 14 percent corner of that site even before construction
- 15 begins.
- 16 So this is an example, quite
- 17 frankly, of what we hope would happen with formerly
- 18 closed schools. And even if a project is -- has
- 19 complex financing, there's a way to activate it,
- 20 you know, in the interim. So I just -- I just --
- 21 this is, for me, an exemplar of what it's like to
- 22 see a community development project advanced by a
- 23 community CDC reach this point.
- 24 So I'm very pleased, and I thought

Page 150 Page 152 1 it was worth highlighting just how exemplary this COMMISSIONER COX: Seconded by Commissioner 1 2 particular one is. 2 Cox. 3 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 3 Thank you. 4 Cox. 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 5 Cox. 5 I will now call the vote. Please 6 Commissioner Thomas. 6 signify your vote on approval of the motion by 7 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Thank you, Madam 7 saying yes, no, or abstain. 8 Chairman. 8 Vice Chair Newsome. I just have a clarification because 9 COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: Yes. 10 it was hard to hear Mike. And that is whether the 10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Secretary Wheat. 11 11 alderman has a letter of support of some -- some COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes. CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 12 type of support for this on file. Because I didn't 12 13 13 see it in our --COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes. 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cepeda. 14 MR. PARELLA: No, there was no letter of 15 support on file. But direct conversation with the 15 (No response.) 16 alderman, they -- you know, we have his support. 16 Commissioner Chan McKibben. 17 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Thank you. 17 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Yes. 18 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cox. Thank you, Madam Chairman. 19 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Any additional questions 19 COMMISSIONER COX: Yes. 20 20 or comments, Commissioner Thomas? CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis. 21 21 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: No. I do like when the (No response.) 22 22 packet actually gives us information about the Commissioner Davis. 23 aldermanic support. So in the future, I'd like to 23 (No response.) 24 24 see that. Commissioner Davis. Page 151 Page 153 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. Well, we have key COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. Sorry. I was on 2 leadership from the department on with us today, 2 mute. Yes. 3 and I'm sure that's been noted. Thank you. Your 3 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez. 4 request has been noted. 4 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Yes. Any other questions from -- or 5 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Griggs. 6 comments from members of the Commission? 6 (No response.) 7 7 (No response.) Commissioner Thomas. 8 I will now call the item for a vote. 8 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes. 9 9 The resolution before us requests CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. 10 authority for the Department of Planning and 10 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes. 11 Development to negotiate a redevelopment agreement 11 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chairwoman Butler 12 with Westside Health Authority and its related or 12 votes yes. 13 affiliated entities for redevelopment of the 13 The motion passes. 14 property located at 5500 West Madison Street in the 14 For our -- Commissioners, for our 15 Madison/Austin Corridor Tax Increment Financing 15 final item of new business, the Department of 16 Redevelopment Project Area, and to recommend to the 16 Planning and Development is requesting authority to 17 Chicago City Council the designation of Westside 17 negotiate a redevelopment agreement with Batter and 18 Health Authority or its related entities as 18 Berries/The Bruce - Juan and Only, LLC and its 19 developer. 19 related or affiliated entities for redevelopment 20 Do I have a motion? 20 of the property located at 5924 West Chicago Avenue 21 COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: So move, Madam Chair. 21 in the Austin Commercial Tax Increment Financing 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Vice Chair 22 Redevelopment Project Area, and to recommend to 23 Newsome. 23 the City Council the designation of Batter and 24 Do I have a second? 24 Berries/The Bruce - Juan and Only, LLC or its

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- 1 related entities as developer, and to advertise the
- 2 Department of Planning and Development's intention
- 3 to enter into a negotiated sale with Juan and Only,
- 4 LLC for the disposition of property located at 5926
- 5 West Chicago Avenue in the Austin Commercial Tax
- 6 Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, to
- 7 request alternative proposals, and to approve the
- 8 sale of the property to Juan and Only, LLC if no
- 9 responsive alternative proposals are received.
- 10 Robert Bumpers will provide his
- 11 staff report on behalf of the department.
- 12 MR. BUMPERS: Can everyone hear me all right?
- 13 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes, we can hear you.
- 14 MR. BUMPERS: Great. Thank you.
- 15 Good afternoon, Chairwoman,
- 16 committee, and guests. For the record, my name is
- 17 Robert Bumpers, financial planning analyst for the
- 18 Department of Planning and Development.
- 19 I'm here today to request the
- 20 approval of Juan and Only, LLC as the developer for
- 21 the Batter and Berries project at 5924 and 5926
- 22 West Chicago Avenue, and to enter into a negotiated
- 23 sale with Juan and Only, LLC for the disposition of
- 24 the property located at 5926 West Chicago Avenue.

- Page 156 1 community event, and arts programming space
- 2 creating jobs and providing career pathway
- 3 opportunities. The event space will serve as
- 4 a prestigious meeting location for artists,
- 5 educators, business owners, social entrepreneurs,
- 6 community members, and stakeholders.
 - The scope of work for the building
- 8 includes a full interior and exterior rehab,
- 9 including a new roof and building systems, with an
- 10 outdoor dining area on the vacant parcel. The
- 11 total investment of the project is \$3.3 million,
- 12 including \$1.9 million in TIF from the Austin
- 13 Commercial TIF District.
- 14 Slide 8 provides an exterior
- 15 rendering of the completed project.
- Juan and Only is an event production
- 17 company with over 12 years of experience in the
- 18 entertainment and business industry providing over
- 19 a thousand jobs in local communities and training
- 20 numerous small businesses in Chicago.
 - Batter and Berries is one of
- 22 Chicago's top breakfast restaurants. As a staple
- 23 in the Lincoln Park community, Batter and Berries
- 24 creates selections from scratch and consistently

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- The project is located at 5924 and
- 2 5926 West Chicago Avenue in the Austin community
- 3 area in the 29th Ward. Alderman Taliaferro
- 4 supports the project, but is not on the call today.
- 5 The project is in the Austin Commercial TIF.
- 6 These slides show the neighborhood
- 7 context, project site, and current condition of the
- 8 subject properties.
- 9 The property to the left as you're
- 10 looking at the screen is the vacant Chicago City-
- 11 owned parcel. There are three parcels here. Only
- 12 the one that is directly next door to 5924 West13 Chicago is going to be sold to the developer.
- The state of the state of the state of
- 14 The project is a collaboration
- 15 between Juan Teague of Juan and Only, LLC and
- 16 Batter and Berries owners Dr. Tanya Richardson
- 17 and Craig Richardson, which aims to bring a
- 18 restaurant and event space to the Austin community
- 19 utilizing a vacant building and City-owned parcel.
- 20 The new Batter and Berries location will give
- 21 Austin residents a new sit-down breakfast/brunch
- 22 experience in the Soul City corridor.
- The Bruce, which is the event space,
- 24 will be Austin's first full-service catering.

- Page 157 1 brings in large crowds to enjoy a high-quality
- 2 restaurant experience.
- The \$3.3 million project will be
- 4 funded by a combination of equity, debt, TIF, and a
- 5 We Rise grant. 1.9 million in TIF represents 58.5
- 6 percent of the project sources. Again, TIF
- 7 assistance roughly 1.9 million, 58.5 percent of the
- 8 project funding.
- 9 These are City protections that will
- 10 be in the RDA.
- 11 The department supports this project
- 12 as a ben- -- as its benefits include redevelopment
- 13 of a vacant building and City-owned parcel bringing
- 14 a new restaurant and event space to Austin. The
- 15 project will also serve as a catalyst for future
- 16 development along Chicago Avenue. And in addition,
- 17 the project will add a vacant City-owned property
- 18 to the tax roll and offer new employment
- 19 opportunities.
- 20 Thank you for your time. And I'm
- 21 happy to answer any questions along with the
- 22 developer, Juan Teague, who is in attendance.
- 23 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you. And you
- 24 indicated, Robert, that the alderman is not

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1 available to join us. If I could just ask Kamal

- 2 just to confirm that the alderman or his office is
- 3 not on.
- 4 MR. KAMAL: I don't see the alderman here.
- 5 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. Great. And then,
- 6 Kamal, if I could have the full screen of
- 7 Commissioners.
- 8 So, Commissioners, this is your
- 9 opportunity to ask questions or offer comments on
- 10 what the department has proposed. Are there
- 11 questions or comments?
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: This is Commissioner
- 13 Davis. I will offer a comment.
- 14 I'll abstain from the vote as I am
- 15 familiar, very familiar with Juan and Only events
- 16 and Ms. Teague. She provides excellent service to
- 17 our communities, gives great events, and has a real
- 18 eye toward making sure that both youth and minority
- To eye toward making oure that both youth and minor
- 19 entrepreneurs in the community have a space in
- 20 which to show their arts in order to have their
- 21 events and brings a lot of important expertise to
- 22 all of the projects that she's involved in. And so
- 23 I'm very glad to see this project moving forward.
- 24 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner

- 1 get that. I'm sorry.
- 2 MS. TEAGUE: No. That's why the name of my
- 3 company is Juan and Only. I'm the only girl you'll
- 4 probably ever meet with that name.
- 5 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: So, you know, thank you
- 6 for that moment of levity, Commissioner Cox.
- 7 And to Ms. Juan Teague, if you would
- 8 care to make comments, we'd love to hear them.
- 9 MS. TEAGUE: Yeah. I'll be very brief.
- 10 I always tell people like I'm a West
- 11 Sider who happens to now live south, but my -- I
- 12 was raised and born in Austin. And, you know, I --
- 13 after my father passed in 2016, I really wanted
- 14 to -- like he was a huge person in our community.
- 15 And when he passed, it really had me thinking like
- 16 I'm doing all these events and all these
- 17 productions downtown Chicago and things like that,
- 18 and how can I make an imprint with bringing some
- 19 of the assets that I have or resources and
- 20 relationships that I have to help build the West
- 21 and the South Sides, primarily the West because
- 22 it's such in dire need.
- 23 And I initially started the idea
- 24 with doing an event space, but then changed it once

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- 1 Davis.
- 2 Are there any additional questions
- 3 or comments from members of the Commission?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 Seeing none, I will call the item
- 6 for a vote.
- 7 The resolution before --
- 8 COMMISSIONER COX: I'm sorry, Madam Chair.
- 9 Are we going to hear from Ms. Teague?
- 10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: If the developer would
- 11 like to speak. It's not necessary.
- 12 COMMISSIONER COX: Okay. I was looking
- 13 forward to it because I haven't had the pleasure of
- 14 meeting him, but I did want -- I'm a big fan of
- 15 Batter and Berries, and I thought maybe this was
- 16 going to be the occasion. So it would be -- I
- 17 would welcome it if they cared to offer a few
- 18 remarks.
- 19 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Well, I think -- I think
- 20 Ms. Teague would --
- 21 COMMISSIONER COX: I'm sorry.
- 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: -- like to --
- MS. TEAGUE: I'm a girl.
- 24 COMMISSIONER COX: That Juan, I'm sure you

- Page 161 1 I was looking at the event space and couldn't get a
- 2 coffee. And then I just gave a call to Batter and
- 3 Berries, and we've worked out, and they've been --
- 4 I've had some ups and downs with this project.
- 5 Bought this property in 2019. And so to see it
- 6 coming to fruition because to know me, Chef Ken
- 7 who's there as well the Richardsons, we not only
- 8 want to make this a part of something -- a
- 9 restaurant and event space opening, but honestly
- 10 showing career paths because just like with me, I
- 11 tell everyone I went to University of Iowa,
- 12 however, I didn't graduate, but to see that there's
- 13 an industry that -- there's an industry that kids
- 14 can actually, and adults, can make career paths,
- 15 not just a job. But our job -- our goal -- we have
- 16 a ten-week training program. Because if we can't
- 17 take them, then I have Live Nation we're working
- 18 with. So we're working with so many different
- 19 organizations that we can place some of our kids in
- 21 So I'm really excited. You all are
- 22 going to all have to come -- you all could probably
- 23 have this committee meeting, you know, over there
- 24 in the building.

20 the neighborhood.

Page 162 Page 164 But, honestly, thank you, guys. I'm And if there are no other questions 2 so -- I'm so excited. I think this is going to be 2 or comments, I will now call the item to a vote. 3 great. You have me coming on the West Side. Then The resolution before us requests 4 my soul sister Soulé in North Lawndale. So I -- my 4 authority for the Department of Planning to 5 goal is to bring more people like her, Corey, 5 negotiate a redevelopment agreement with Batter and 6 Berries/The Bruce - Juan and Only, LLC and its 6 Gecky, Bridget, all of us to the West Side. So 7 instead of giving to other neighborhoods, we're 7 related or affiliated entities for redevelopment of 8 going to put it in our own neighborhoods. 8 the property located at 5924 West Chicago Avenue in COMMISSIONER COX: So, Madam Chairman, thank 9 the Austin Commercial Tax Increment Financing 10 you. That's exactly what I needed to hear. I'm 10 Redevelopment Project Area, to recommend to the 11 just so excited about your arrival on Chicago 11 Chicago City Council the designation of Batter and 12 Avenue and the Soul City Corridor. It is a turning 12 Berries/The Bruce - Juan and Only, LLC, or its 13 point for that corridor because they're been 13 related entities, as developer, and to advertise 14 the Department of Planning and Development's 14 looking for a really high-quality, sit-down space 15 and restaurant, and this is going to be -- this is 15 intention to enter into a negotiated sale with Juan 16 going to be it. And quickly behind you will be the 16 and Only, LLC for the disposition of property 17 AF Cafe a little further down and then the blues 17 located at 5926 West Chicago Avenue in the Austin 18 museum a little further down from that. And I 18 Commercial Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment 19 think we're starting to see Soul City emerge as the 19 Project Area, to request alternative proposals, and

Page 163 Oh, and also be looking out on 2 Showtime, Larenz Tate, who's from Austin 3 neighborhood, is going to be filming -- it's five 4 of us; Liz with 40 Acres, Marseil Jackson -- he's 5 going to -- basically I have him basically doing 6 one of his -- he got picked up to do a docuseries 7 on Chicago. So now he's going to focus total 8 episodes on Chicago Avenue and what we're doing. 9 So a lot of the before. And then he'll come back 10 once we're open, 40 acres, and follow that so that 11 it can be a part of that docuseries that will be on 12 Showtime. We film on Saturday. Just so everybody 13 knows. 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: That's terrific. That's 15 fantastic. 16 Any other questions or comments? 17 MR. BUMPERS: Chairwoman, I just wanted to 18 thank the committee, and I also wanted to thank 19 Juan for her -- for being here today, but also her 20 participation in really helping build an area of 21 Chicago that really needs help. And it's so 22 appreciated by this department, her effort and

23 desire to make something really great happen.

CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Terrific. Thank you.

20 corridor that I think so many people have imagined.

21 But you are the first in. And I'm so thrilled to

22 be able to support the work.

Thank you.

MS. TEAGUE: Thank you.

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Page 165 1 Thomas. 2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 3 Thomas. 4 Do I have a second? COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: Second. Commissioner 6 Newsome. 7 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 8 Newsome. 9 I will now call the vote. Please 10 signify your vote on approval of the motion by 11 saying yes, no, or abstain. 12 Vice Chair Newsome. 13 COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: Yes. 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Secretary Wheat. 15 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes. 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 17 COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes. 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cepeda. 19 (No response.) 20 Commissioner Chan McKibben. 21 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Yes. 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cox. 23 COMMISSIONER COX: Yes. 24 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis.

20 to approve the sale of the property to Juan and

21 Only, LLC if no responsive alternative proposals

COMMISSIONER THOMAS: So move. Commissioner

Do I have a motion?

22 are received.

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1 (No response.)	1 that wholeheartedly.
2 Commissioner Davis.	2 MS. TEAGUE: We're working on it. We're
3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I enthusiastically	3 working on it.
4 abstain.	4 COMMISSIONER COX: Love it. That South
5 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez.	5 Side/West Side rivalry.
6 (No response.)	6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
7 Commissioner Griggs.	7 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: That's right. That's
8 (No response.)	8 right.
9 Commissioner Thomas.	9 I also saw a shout-out for the
10 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: I'm going to say,	10 University of Iowa, but we won't go there.
11 Chairman, that with what happened in that area	11 MS. TEAGUE: Yes. My brother's the mayor.
12 after Dr. King's visit to Chicago back in the	12 My brother's the mayor there. Yes.
13 '60s, I have to say yes to this.	13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Go Hawkeyes.
14 COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: Yes.	14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Can we have a motion to
15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you.	15 adjourn today's Commission meeting?
16 And Commissioner Trevino.	16 COMMISSIONER COX: So moved by Cox.
17 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes.	17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. Well, thank
18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chairwoman Butler	18 you, everyone. Enjoy what's left of your day. And
19 enthusiastically votes yes because I love the food.	19 thanks again.
20 The motion passes.	20 (The proceedings adjourned at
21 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: What a way to end the	21 4:03 p.m.)
22 meeting.	22
23 COMMISSIONER COX: Hear, hear.	23
24 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Well, you know what. So	24
Page 167 1 joyful. And I just have to thank members of the	Page 169
2 Commission. This was a very long, but very	2
3 important gathering today for us. And so I just	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
4 can't thank members of the Commission enough for	3
5 your time, not just for this meeting, but, you	4 I, Nick D. Bowen, do hereby certify that
6 know, the time that you took to prepare for, you	5 I reported in shorthand the proceedings of said
7 know, this session and your dedication to showing	6 hearing as appears from my stenographic notes so 7 taken and transcribed under my direction.
8 up every month and doing the work of this Commission.	8
9 So know that it's appreciated by	9 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
10 the City, and I personally appreciate your	10 hand and affixed my seal of office at Chicago,
11 participation.	11 Illinois, this 17th day of October 2022.
12 Vice Chair Newsome has raised her	12
13 hand as we're going to I'm going to let the	$\int_{\Omega} dx dx dx$
14 person who keeps me straight have the last word.	Tick D. Bower
15 COMMISSIONER NEWSOME: Thank you, Madam	14 Illinois CSR No. 084-001661
16 Chairman.	15
17 What I'd to do is request that the	16
18 record indicated that I indicate that I arrived	17
19 late to the meeting and that I do approve the	18
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20 minutes of the September 13 CDC meeting.	19
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20 minutes of the September 13 CDC meeting.	20
20 minutes of the September 13 CDC meeting.21 And lastly, I'd like to inform	20 21
 20 minutes of the September 13 CDC meeting. 21 And lastly, I'd like to inform 22 Ms. Teague that we need a Batter and Berries in 	20 21 22

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