

FY 2023

ANNUAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCE REPORT



SUSANA A. MENDOZA ILLINOIS STATE COMPTROLLER

Name of Municipality: City of Chicago Reporting Fiscal Year: 2023
County: Cook Fiscal Year End: 12/31/2023
Unit Code: 016/620/30

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I attest to the best of my knowledge, that this FY 2023 report of the redevelopment project area(s) in the City/Village of: City of Chicago is complete and accurate pursuant to Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3 et. seq.] and or Industrial Jobs Recovery Law [65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-10 et. seq.].
Written signature of TIF Administrator Date: 6/28/2024

Section 1 (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (1.5) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (1.5)\*

Table with 3 columns: Name of Redevelopment Project Area, Date Designated MM/DD/YYYY, Date Terminated MM/DD/YYYY. Lists various project areas like 105th/Vincennes, 107th/Halsted, etc., with their respective dates.

\*All statutory citations refer to one of two sections of the Illinois Municipal Code: The Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3 et. seq.] or the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law [65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-10 et. seq.]

47th/State	7/21/2004	12/31/2028
51st/Archer	5/17/2000	12/31/2024
51st/Lake Park	11/15/2012	12/31/2036
53rd Street	1/10/2001	12/31/2025
63rd/Ashland	3/29/2006	12/31/2030
63rd/Pulaski	5/17/2000	12/31/2024
67th/Cicero	10/2/2002	12/31/2026
67th/Wentworth	5/4/2011	12/31/2035
71st/Stony Island	10/7/1998	12/31/2034
73rd/University	9/13/2006	12/31/2030
79th Street Corridor	7/8/1998	12/31/2034
79th/Cicero	6/8/2005	12/31/2029
79th/Southwest Highway	10/3/2001	12/31/2025
79th/Vincennes	9/27/2007	12/31/2031
83rd/Stewart	3/31/2004	12/31/2028
87th/Cottage Grove	11/13/2002	12/31/2026
95th/Western	7/13/1995	12/31/2031
Addison South	5/9/2007	12/31/2031
Archer/Central	5/17/2000	12/31/2024
Archer/Western	2/11/2009	12/31/2033
Armitage/Pulaski	6/13/2007	12/31/2031
Austin Commercial	9/27/2007	12/31/2031
Avalon Park/South Shore	7/31/2002	12/31/2026
Avondale	7/29/2009	12/31/2033
Belmont/Central	1/12/2000	12/31/2024
Belmont/Cicero	1/12/2000	12/31/2024
Bronzeville	11/4/1998	12/31/2034
Bryn Mawr/Broadway	12/11/1996	12/31/2032
Canal/Congress	11/12/1998	12/31/2034
Central West	2/16/2000	12/31/2024
Chicago/Central Park	2/27/2002	12/31/2026
Chicago/Kingsbury	4/12/2000	12/31/2024
Cicero/Archer	5/17/2000	12/31/2024
Cicero/Stevenson	7/20/2022	12/31/2046
Clark/Montrose	7/7/1999	12/31/2035
Clark/Ridge	9/29/1999	12/31/2023
Commercial Avenue	11/13/2002	12/31/2026
Cortland/Chicago River	4/10/2019	12/31/2043
Devon/Sheridan	3/31/2004	12/31/2028
Devon/Western	11/3/1999	12/31/2023
Diversey/Chicago River	10/5/2016	12/31/2040
Diversey/Narragansett	2/5/2003	12/31/2027
Division/Homan	6/27/2001	12/31/2025
Edgewater/Ashland	10/1/2003	12/31/2027
Elston/Armstrong Industrial Corridor	7/19/2007	12/31/2031
Englewood Mall	11/29/1989	12/31/2025
Englewood Neighborhood	6/27/2001	12/31/2025
Ewing Avenue	3/10/2010	12/31/2034
Foster/California	4/2/2014	12/31/2038
Foster/Edens	2/28/2018	12/31/2042
Fullerton/Milwaukee	2/16/2000	12/31/2027
Galewood/Armitage Industrial	7/7/1999	12/31/2035

	Goose Island	7/10/1996	12/31/2032
	Greater Southwest Industrial (East)	3/10/1999	12/31/2035
	Greater Southwest Industrial (West)	4/12/2000	12/31/2024
	Harrison/Central	7/26/2006	12/31/2030
	Hollywood/Sheridan	11/7/2007	12/31/2031
	Homan/Arthington	2/5/1998	12/31/2034
	Humboldt Park Commercial	6/27/2001	12/31/2025
	Jefferson/Roosevelt	8/30/2000	12/31/2024
	Kennedy/Kimball	3/12/2008	12/31/2032
	Kinzie Industrial Corridor	6/10/1998	12/31/2034
	Lake Calumet Area Industrial	12/13/2000	12/31/2024
	Lakefront	3/27/2002	12/31/2026
	LaSalle Central	11/15/2006	12/31/2030
	Lawrence/Broadway	6/27/2001	12/31/2025
	Lawrence/Kedzie	2/16/2000	12/31/2024
	Lawrence/Pulaski	2/27/2002	12/31/2026
X	Lincoln Avenue	11/3/1999	12/31/2035
	Little Village East	4/22/2009	12/31/2033
	Little Village Industrial Corridor	6/13/2007	12/31/2031
	Madden/Wells	11/6/2002	12/31/2038
	Madison/Austin Corridor	9/29/1999	12/31/2035
	Michigan/Cermak	9/13/1989	12/31/2025
	Midway Industrial Corridor	2/16/2000	12/31/2024
	Midwest	5/17/2000	12/31/2036
	Montrose/Clarendon	6/30/2010	12/31/2034
	Near North	7/30/1997	12/31/2033
	North Pullman	6/30/2009	12/31/2033
	Northwest Industrial Corridor	12/2/1998	12/31/2034
	Ogden/Pulaski	4/9/2008	12/31/2032
	Ohio/Wabash	6/7/2000	12/31/2024
	Peterson/Pulaski	2/16/2000	12/31/2024
	Pilsen Industrial Corridor	6/10/1998	12/31/2034
	Pratt/Ridge Industrial Park Conservation Area	6/23/2004	12/31/2028
	Pulaski Industrial Corridor	6/9/1999	12/31/2035
	Randolph/Wells	6/9/2010	12/31/2034
	Red Line Extension	12/14/2022	12/31/2058
	Red Purple Modernization Phase One (Transit TIF)	11/30/2016	12/31/2052
	River West	1/10/2001	12/31/2025
	Roosevelt/Cicero Industrial Corridor	2/5/1998	12/31/2034
	Roosevelt/Clark	4/10/2019	12/31/2043
	Roosevelt/Racine	11/4/1998	12/31/2034
	Roseland/Michigan	1/16/2002	12/31/2026
	Sanitary and Ship Canal	7/24/1991	12/31/2027
	South Chicago	4/12/2000	12/31/2024
	Stevenson Brighton	4/11/2007	12/31/2031
	Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial	2/26/1992	12/31/2028
	Stony Island Commercial/Burnside Industrial	6/10/1998	12/31/2034
	Touhy/Western	9/13/2006	12/31/2030
	Washington Park	10/8/2014	12/31/2038
	West Irving Park	1/12/2000	12/31/2024
	West Woodlawn	5/12/2010	12/31/2034
	Western Avenue North	1/12/2000	12/31/2024

Western Avenue South	1/12/2000	12/31/2024
Western/Ogden	2/5/1998	12/31/2034
Western/Rock Island	2/8/2006	12/31/2030
Wilson Yard	6/27/2001	12/31/2025
Woodlawn	1/20/1999	12/31/2035

**SECTION 2** [Sections 2 through 8 must be completed for each redevelopment project area listed in Section 1.]

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Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

Lincoln Avenue

**Primary Use of Redevelopment Project Area\*: Combination/Mixed**

\*Types include: Central Business District, Retail, Other Commercial, Industrial, Residential, and Combination/Mixed.

**If 'Combination/Mixed' List Component Types: Residential/Commercial/Institutional**

**Under which section of the Illinois Municipal Code was Redevelopment Project Area designated? (check one):**

Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act   X  

Industrial Jobs Recovery Law       

**Please utilize the information below to properly label the Attachments.**

	No	Yes
For redevelopment projects beginning prior to FY2022, were there any amendments, to the redevelopment plan, the redevelopment project area, or the State Sales Tax Boundary? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (1) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (1)] <b>If yes, please enclose the amendment (labeled Attachment A).</b>		
For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY2022, were there any amendments, enactments or extensions to the redevelopment plan, the redevelopment project area, or the State Sales Tax Boundary? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (1) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (1)] <b>If yes, please enclose the amendment, enactment or extension, and a copy of the redevelopment plan (labeled Attachment A).</b>		X
Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of the municipality that the municipality has complied with all of the requirements of the Act during the preceding fiscal year. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (3) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (3)] <b>Please enclose the CEO certification (labeled Attachment B).</b>		X
Opinion of legal counsel that municipality is in compliance with the Act. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (4) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (4)] <b>Please enclose the Legal Counsel Opinion (labeled Attachment C).</b>		X
Statement setting forth all activities undertaken in furtherance of the objectives of the redevelopment plan including any project implemented and a description of the redevelopment activities. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (A and B) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (A and B)] <b>If yes, please enclose the Activities Statement (labeled Attachment D).</b>		X
Were any agreements entered into by the municipality with regard to the disposition or redevelopment of any property within the redevelopment project area or the area within the State Sales Tax Boundary? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (C) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (C)] <b>If yes, please enclose the Agreement(s) (labeled Attachment E).</b>	X	
Is there additional information on the use of all funds received under this Division and steps taken by the municipality to achieve the objectives of the redevelopment plan? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (D) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (D)] <b>If yes, please enclose the Additional Information (labeled Attachment F).</b>	X	
Did the municipality's TIF advisors or consultants enter into contracts with entities or persons that have received or are receiving payments financed by tax increment revenues produced by the same TIF? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (E) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (E)] <b>If yes, please enclose the contract(s) or description of the contract(s) (labeled Attachment G).</b>	X	
Were there any reports <u>submitted to</u> the municipality <u>by</u> the joint review board? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (F) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (F)] <b>If yes, please enclose the Joint Review Board Report (labeled Attachment H).</b>	X	
Were any obligations issued by municipality? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (8) (A) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (8) (A)] <b>If yes, please enclose any Official Statement (labeled Attachment I). If Attachment I is answered yes, then the Analysis must be attached (labeled Attachment J).</b>	X	
An analysis prepared by a financial advisor or underwriter, <u>chosen by the municipality</u> , setting forth the the nature and term of obligation; projected debt service including required reserves and debt coverage; <u>and actual debt service</u> . [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (8) (B) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (8) (B)] <b>If attachment I is yes, the Analysis and an accompanying letter from the municipality outlining the contractual relationship between the municipality and the financial advisor/underwriter MUST be attached (labeled Attachment J).</b>	X	
Has a cumulative of \$100,000 of TIF revenue been deposited into the special tax allocation fund? 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (2) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (2) <b>If yes, please enclose audited financial statements of the special tax allocation fund (labeled Attachment K).</b>		X
Cumulatively, have deposits of incremental taxes revenue equal to or greater than \$100,000 been made into the special tax allocation fund? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (9) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (9)] <b>If yes, the audit report shall contain a letter from the independent certified public accountant indicating compliance or noncompliance with the requirements of subsection (q) of Section 11-74.4-3 (labeled Attachment L).</b>		X
A list of all intergovernmental agreements in effect to which the municipality is a part, and an accounting of any money transferred or received by the municipality during that fiscal year pursuant to those intergovernmental agreements. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (10)] <b>If yes, please enclose the list only, not actual agreements (labeled Attachment M).</b>	X	
For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY 2022, did the developer identify to the municipality a stated rate of return for each redevelopment project area? Stated rates of return required to be reported shall be independently verified by a third party chosen by the municipality. <b>If yes, please enclose evidence of third party verification, may be in the form of a letter from the third party (labeled Attachment N).</b>	X	

**SECTION 3.1 [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d)(5)(a)(b)(d)) and (65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (5)(a)(b)(d)]**

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**Name of Redevelopment Project Area:**

**Lincoln Avenue**

**Provide an analysis of the special tax allocation fund.**

Special Tax Allocation Fund Balance at Beginning of Reporting Period \$ 11,861,206

SOURCE of Revenue/Cash Receipts:	Revenue/Cash Receipts for Current Reporting Year	Cumulative Totals of Revenue/Cash Receipts for life of TIF	% of Total
Property Tax Increment	\$ 4,783,747	\$ 60,810,183	52%
State Sales Tax Increment	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Local Sales Tax Increment	\$ -	\$ -	0%
State Utility Tax Increment	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Local Utility Tax Increment	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Interest	\$ 549,493	\$ 4,222,674	4%
Land/Building Sale Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Bond Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 29,841,980	25%
Transfers from Municipal Sources	\$ -	\$ 22,342,064	19%
Private Sources	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Other (identify source _____; if multiple other sources, attach schedule)	\$ -	\$ -	0%

**All Amount Deposited in Special Tax Allocation Fund** \$ 5,333,240

**Cumulative Total Revenues/Cash Receipts** \$ 117,216,901 100%

**Total Expenditures/Cash Disbursements (Carried forward from Section 3.2)** \$ 5,874,291

**Transfers to Municipal Sources** \$ -

**Distribution of Surplus** \$ 25,000

**Total Expenditures/Disbursements** \$ 5,899,291

**Net/Income/Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements** \$ (566,051)

**Previous Year Adjustment (Explain Below)** \$ -

**FUND BALANCE, END OF REPORTING PERIOD\*** \$ 11,295,155

\*If there is a positive fund balance at the end of the reporting period, you must complete Section 3.3

**Previous Year Explanation:**

(a) Cumulative figures for the categories of 'Interest,' 'Land/Building Sale Proceeds' and 'Other' may not be fully available for this report due to either: (i) the disposal of certain older records pursuant to the City's records retention policy, or (ii) the extraordinary administrative burden of developing cumulative City records prior to the City's conversion to its current accounting system in 2003.

**SECTION 3.2 A [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (5) (c) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (5)(c)]**

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**Lincoln Avenue**

**ITEMIZED LIST OF ALL EXPENDITURES FROM THE SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND**

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Category of Permissible Redevelopment Cost [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3 (q) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-10 (o)]	Amounts	Reporting Fiscal Year
1. Cost of studies, surveys, development of plans, and specifications. Implementation and administration of the redevelopment plan, staff and professional service cost.		
	54,015	
		\$ 54,015
2. Annual administrative cost.		
		\$ -
3. Cost of marketing sites.		
		\$ -
4. Property assembly cost and site preparation costs.		
		\$ -
5. Costs of renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, relocation, repair or remodeling of existing public or private building, leasehold improvements, and fixtures within a redevelopment project area.		
	2,930,060	
		\$ 2,930,060
6. Costs of the construction of public works or improvements.		
	2,890,216	
		\$ 2,890,216





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13. Relocation costs.		
		\$ -
14. Payments in lieu of taxes.		
		\$ -
15. Costs of job training, retraining, advanced vocational or career education.		
		\$ -
16. Interest cost incurred by redeveloper or other nongovernmental persons in connection with a redevelopment project.		
Costs of interest incurred by a developer related to the construction, renovation or rehabilitation of a redevelopment project.		
Costs of construction of new housing units for low income or very low income households.		
		\$ -
17. Cost of day care services.		
		\$ -
18. Other.		
		\$ -
<b>TOTAL ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 5,874,291</b>

**Section 3.2 B** [Information in the following section is not required by law, but would be helpful in creating fiscal transparency.]

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**Name of Redevelopment Project Area:**

**Lincoln Avenue**

**List all vendors, including other municipal funds, that were paid in excess of \$10,000 during the current reporting year.**

Name	Service	Amount
CITY STAFF COSTS (1)	Administration	\$ 48,245.00
AMERICAN BLUES THEATER	Development	\$ 2,500,000.00
AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES	Public Improvement	\$ 76,314.33
ALDRIDGE ELECTRIC INC	Public Improvement	\$ 182,850.02
CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD	Public Improvement	\$ 51,182.04
CIORBA GROUP, INC	Public Improvement	\$ 22,000.00
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION CO.	Public Improvement	\$ 1,499,999.93
KNIGHT E/A, INC.	Public Improvement	\$ 58,784.36
SUMIT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.	Public Improvement	\$ 992,527.05
SOMERCOR 504, INC.	Rehabilitation	\$ 430,059.97

(1) Costs relate directly to the salaries and fringe benefits of employees working solely on tax increment financing districts.

**SECTION 3.3** [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (5d) 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (5d)]

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Breakdown of the Balance in the Special Tax Allocation Fund At the End of the Reporting Period by source

FUND BALANCE BY SOURCE

\$ 11,295,155
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1. Description of Debt Obligations	Amount of Original Issuance	Amount Designated
<b>Total Amount Designated for Obligations</b>	\$	\$ -

2. Description of Project Costs to be Paid	Amount of Original Issuance	Amount Designated
Restricted for future redevelopment project costs		\$ 10,852,349

<b>Total Amount Designated for Project Costs</b>	\$	10,852,349
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DESIGNATED</b>	\$	10,852,349
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	\$	442,806

**SECTION 4** [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (6) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (6)]

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**Name of Redevelopment Project Area:**

**Lincoln Avenue**

**Provide a description of all property purchased by the municipality during the reporting fiscal year within the redevelopment project area.**

X		Indicate an 'X' if no property was acquired by the Municipality within the redevelopment project area.
Property (1):		
Street address:		
Approximate size or description of property:		
Purchase price:		
Seller of property:		
Property (2):		
Street address:		
Approximate size or description of property:		
Purchase price:		
Seller of property:		
Property (3):		
Street address:		
Approximate size or description of property:		
Purchase price:		
Seller of property:		
Property (4):		
Street address:		
Approximate size or description of property:		
Purchase price:		
Seller of property:		
Property (5):		
Street address:		
Approximate size or description of property:		
Purchase price:		
Seller of property:		
Property (6):		
Street address:		
Approximate size or description of property:		
Purchase price:		
Seller of property:		
Property (7):		
Street address:		
Approximate size or description of property:		
Purchase price:		
Seller of property:		

**SECTION 5 [20 ILCS 620/4.7 (7)(F)]**

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**Page 1 must be included with TIF report. Pages 2 and 3 are to be included ONLY if projects are listed.**

**Select ONE of the following by indicating an 'X':**

<b>1. NO</b> projects were undertaken by the Municipality Within the Redevelopment Project Area.	
<b>2.</b> The Municipality <b>DID</b> undertake projects within the Redevelopment Project Area. (If selecting this option, complete 2a and 2b.)	X
<b>2a.</b> The total number of <b>ALL</b> activities undertaken in furtherance of the objectives of the redevelopment plan:	4
<b>2b.</b> The total number of <b>NEW</b> projects undertaken by the municipality in fiscal year 2022 and any fiscal year thereafter, within the Redevelopment Project area, if any.	1

**LIST ALL projects undertaken by the Municipality Within the Redevelopment Project Area:**

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11/1/99 to Date</b>	<b>Estimated Investment for Subsequent Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Total Estimated to Complete Project</b>
Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)	\$ 25,480,307	\$ -	\$ 7,558,613
Public Investment Undertaken	\$ 11,105,005	\$ 0	\$ 4,175,000
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	2 5/17	-	1 47/58

**Project 1: BGP Lincoln Village L.L.C. (Project Completed)**

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)	\$ 17,958,935	-	\$ -
Public Investment Undertaken	\$ 6,285,020	-	\$ -
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	2 6/7	-	-

**Project 2: SBIF - Lincoln Ave\*\* (Project is Ongoing\*\*\*)**

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)	0	-	\$ 3,000,000
Public Investment Undertaken	\$ 1,694,531	-	\$ 1,500,000
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0	-	2

**Project 3: Chaville Condo (Project Completed)**

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)	\$ 7,521,372	-	\$ -
Public Investment Undertaken	\$ 625,454	-	\$ -
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	12 1/39	-	-

**Project 4: TIFWorks - Lincoln Ave\*\* (Project is Ongoing\*\*\*)**

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)	0	-	\$ -
Public Investment Undertaken	0	-	\$ 175,000
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0	-	-

**Project 5: American Blues Theater (Project is Ongoing\*\*\*)**

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)	0	-	\$ 4,558,613
Public Investment Undertaken	\$ 2,500,000	-	\$ 2,500,000
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0	-	1 14/17

**Project 6:**

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)		-	\$ -
Public Investment Undertaken		-	\$ -
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0	-	-

## Section 5 Notes

**FY 2023**

**Name of Redevelopment Project Area**

**Lincoln Avenue**

### **General Notes**

(a) Each actual or estimated Public Investment reported here is, to the extent possible, comprised only of payments financed by tax increment revenue, and may include interest amounts paid to finance the Public Investment amount. In contrast, each actual or estimated Private Investment reported here is, to the extent possible, comprised of payments financed by revenues that are not tax increment revenues and, therefore, may include private equity, private lender financing, private grants, other public monies, or other local, state or federal grants or loans.

(b) Each amount reported here under Public Investment Undertaken, Total Estimated to Complete Project, is the maximum amount of payments financed by tax increment revenue that could be made pursuant to the corresponding Project's operating documents, but not including interest that may later be payable on developer notes, and may not necessarily reflect actual expenditures, if any, as reported in Section 3 herein. The total public investment amount ultimately made under each Project will depend upon the future occurrence of various conditions, including interest that may be payable on developer notes as set forth in the Project's operating documents.

### **Project/Program-Specific Notes**

\*\* Depending on the particular goals of this type of program, the City may: i) make an advance disbursement of the entire public investment amount to the City's program administrator, ii) disburse the amounts through an escrow account, or iii) pay the funds out piecemeal to the program administrator or to the ultimate grantee as each ultimate grantee's work is approved under the program.

\*\*\* As of the last date of the reporting fiscal year, the construction of this Project was ongoing; the Private Investment Undertaken and Ratio figures for this Project will be reported on the Annual Report for the fiscal year in which the construction of the Project is completed and the total Private Investment figure is available.

**SECTION 6** [Information requested in SECTION 6.1 is not required by law, but may be helpful in evaluating the performance of TIF in Illinois.

SECTIONS 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4 are required by law, if applicable. (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d))]

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Lincoln Avenue

**SECTION 6.1-For redevelopment projects beginning before FY 2022, complete the following information about job creation and retention.**

Number of Jobs Retained	Number of Jobs Created	Job Description and Type (Temporary or Permanent)	Total Salaries Paid
			\$ -

**SECTION 6.2-For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY 2022, complete the following information about projected job creation and actual job creation.**

Project Name	The number of jobs, if any, projected to be created at the time of approval of the redevelopment agreement*		The number of jobs, if any, created as a result of the development to date, for the reporting period, under the same guidelines and assumptions as was used for the projections used at the time of approval of the redevelopment agreement**	
	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent
American Blues Theater	6	10	TBD	TBD

\* see footnote on following page

\*\* see footnote on following page

**SECTION 6.3-For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY 2022, complete the following information about increment projected to be created and actual increment created.**

Project Name	The amount of increment projected to be created at the time of approval of the redevelopment agreement^	The amount of increment created as a result of the development to date, for the reporting period, using the same assumptions as was used for the projections used at the time of approval of the redevelopment agreement^^
American Blues Theater	\$101,477	\$0

^ see footnote on following page

^^ see footnote on following page

**SECTION 6.4-For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY 2022, provide the stated rate of return identified by the developer to the municipality and verified by an independent third party, IF ANY:**

Project Name	Stated Rate of Return
N/A	\$ N/A
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -

## Section 6 Notes

FY 2023

Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

Lincoln Avenue

### General Notes

#### Section 6.2:

\* All RDAs shown were entered into during or after FY 2022. "Permanent" jobs are defined as permanent, full-time, or full-time-equivalent jobs that are anticipated to be created or retained at some time during the term of the RDA. "Temporary" jobs are defined as part-time, construction, temporary or seasonal jobs that are anticipated to be created during construction of the project. RDAs with no jobs covenant are not shown. An RDA will be removed from this Section once the job covenant ends, or the RDA terminates. TIFWorks and similar job training programs are not shown.

\*\* "Permanent" jobs shown here are those that are affirmed by the Developer on the first anniversary date of the completion of the project and throughout the term of the RDA. "Temporary" jobs are shown here after project construction is completed and are based on total worker headcount.

#### Section 6.3:

^ All RDAs shown were entered into during or after FY 2022. The amount of increment reported is the cumulative amount projected for all PINs in the RDA over the term of the Redevelopment Project Area, assuming that the term of the Redevelopment Project Area is not later extended or truncated. [Please note that, in an effort to be more accurate, this projection has a different basis than the 2022 report.] An RDA will be removed from this Section once the RDA terminates. RDAs involving tax-exempt properties and those with no increment increase projected over the term of the Redevelopment Project Area, are not shown.

^^ The amount shown is the increase in cumulative PIN increment collected from the year the RDA was entered into through the Redevelopment Project Area expiration year, to the extent the information is available from tax records.



**SECTION 7** [Information in the following sections is not required by law, but may be helpful in evaluating the performance of TIF in Illinois.]

**FY 2023**

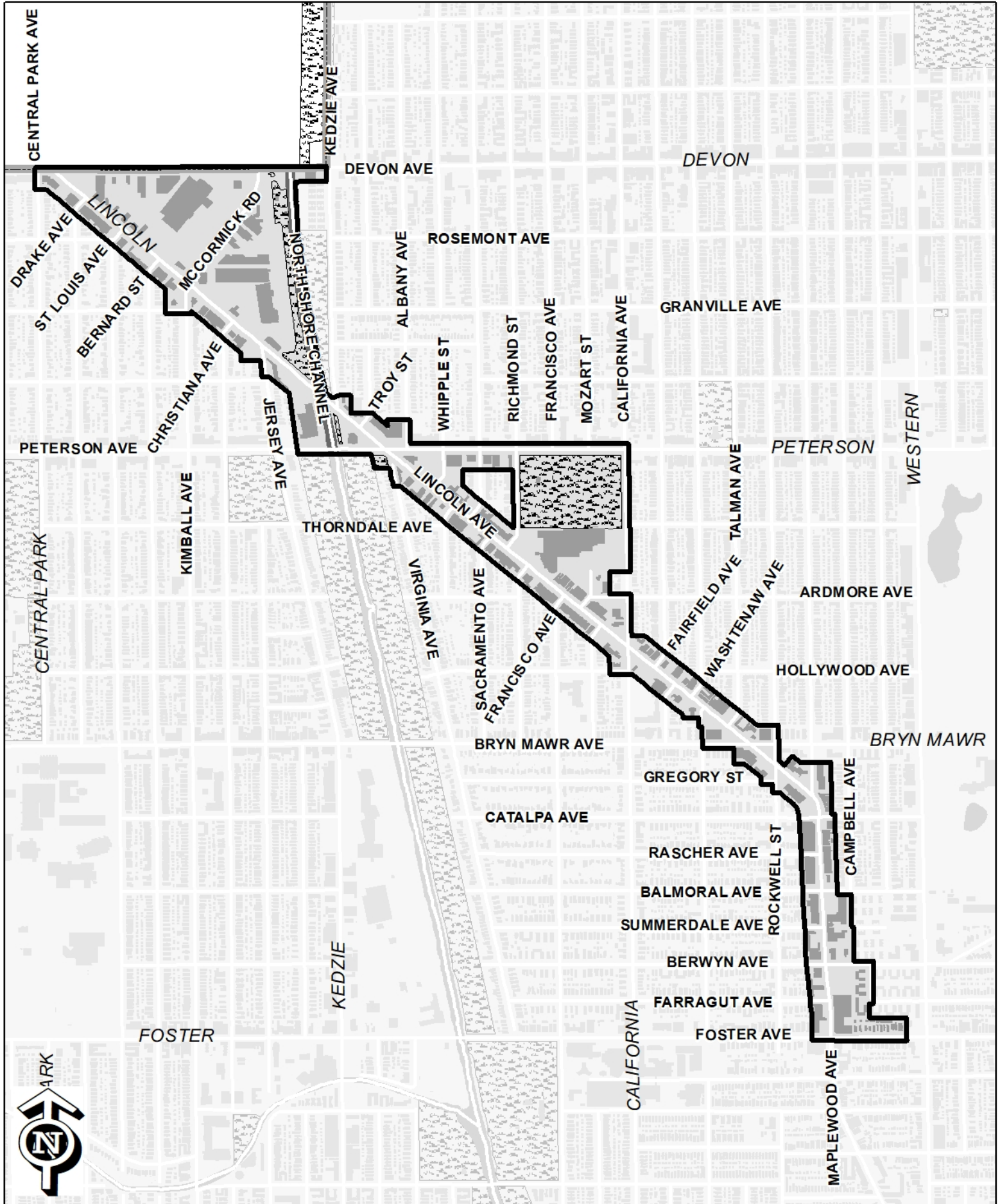
**Name of Redevelopment Project Area:**

Lincoln Avenue

**Provide a general description of the redevelopment project area using only major boundaries.**

Optional Documents	Enclosed
Legal description of redevelopment project area	
Map of District	X

# Lincoln Avenue TIF Annual Report



**SECTION 8** [Information in the following section is not required by law, but may be helpful in evaluating the performance of TIF in Illinois.]

**FY 2023**

**Name of Redevelopment Project Area:**  
Lincoln Avenue

Provide the base EAV (at the time of designation) and the EAV for the year reported for the redevelopment project area.

Year of designation	Base EAV	Reporting Fiscal Year EAV

List all overlapping tax districts in the redevelopment project area. If overlapping taxing district received a surplus, list the surplus.

Indicate an 'X' if the overlapping taxing districts did not receive a surplus.

Overlapping Taxing District	Surplus Distributed from redevelopment project area to overlapping districts
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -

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ATTACHMENT A



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON  
MAYOR

November 15, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Commissioner of Planning and Development, I transmit herewith ordinances authorizing minor amendments to the Greater Southwest Industrial East and Lincoln Avenue TIF districts.

Your favorable consideration of these ordinances will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "BJ", written over the printed name "Mayor".

Mayor

## ORDINANCE

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to ordinances adopted on November 3, 1999, and published in the Journal of Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Chicago (the "Journal") for such date at pages 13229 to 13333 and under the provisions of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4.1 et seq., as amended (the "Act"), the City Council (the "Corporate Authorities") of the City of Chicago (the "City"): (i) approved a redevelopment plan and project (the "Plan") for a portion of the City known as the "Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project Area" (the "Area") (the "Plan Ordinance"); (ii) designated the Area as a "redevelopment project area" within the requirements of the Act (the "Designation Ordinance"); and (iii) adopted tax increment financing for the Area (the "TIF Adoption Ordinance" and together with the Plan Ordinance and the Designation Ordinance, referred to herein collectively as the "TIF Ordinances"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan established the estimated dates of completion of the redevelopment project described in the Plan and of the retirement of obligations issued to finance redevelopment project costs to be December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois General Assembly adopted SB0696 (the "Bill") on November 9, 2023, which would amend the Act to, among other things, change the dates set forth in Section 11-74.4-3.5(c) of the Act by which redevelopment projects in the Area must be completed and obligations issued to finance redevelopment project costs must be retired to be no later than December 31 of the year in which the payment to a municipal treasurer as provided in Section 11-74.4-8(b) of the Act is to be made with respect to ad valorem taxes levied in the thirty-fifth calendar year after the year in which the ordinance approving a redevelopment project area was adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities desire to amend and supplement the Plan to conform to Section 11-74.4-3.5(c) of the Act, as amended by the Bill, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 11-74.4-3(n)(3) of the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

**SECTION 1.** Recitals. The above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 2.** Approval of Amendment Number 1 to the Plan. "Amendment No. 1 to the Lincoln Avenue Tax Increment Finance Area Redevelopment Plan and Project," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved.

**SECTION 3.** Finding. The Corporate Authorities hereby find that the estimated dates of completion of the redevelopment project described in the Plan and of the retirement of obligations issued to finance redevelopment project costs set forth in the Plan, as amended by Amendment No. 1, conform to the provisions of Section 11-74.4-3(n)(3) and Section 11-74.4-3.5(c) of the Act.

**SECTION 4.** Invalidity of Any Section. If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** Superseder. All ordinances (including, without limitation, the TIF Ordinances), resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflicts.

**SECTION 6.** Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon the later of (1) the Bill becoming law and (2) the passage and approval of this ordinance.

EXHIBIT A

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE LINCOLN AVENUE TAX INCREMENT  
FINANCE AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT

1. In Section V entitled "Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project", sub-section E entitled "Issuance of Obligations", the first sentence in the second paragraph shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

"The redevelopment project shall be completed, and all obligations issued to finance redevelopment costs shall be retired, no later than December 31, 2035."

2. In Section V entitled "Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project", sub-section N entitled "Phasing and Scheduling of Redevelopment," the existing paragraph is deleted and replaced with the following:

"A phased implementation strategy will be used to achieve a timely and orderly redevelopment of the Redevelopment Project Area. It is expected that during the time that this Plan is in effect, numerous public/private improvements and developments can be expected to take place. City expenditures for Redevelopment Project Costs will be carefully staged on a reasonable and proportional basis to coincide with expenditures in redevelopment by private developers. The Redevelopment Project shall be completed, and all obligations issued to finance redevelopment costs shall be retired, no later than December 31, 2035."

**Attachment B**

STATE OF ILLINOIS )

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COUNTY OF COOK )

**CERTIFICATION**

TO:

Susana Mendoza  
Comptroller of the State of Illinois  
555 W. Monroe Street, 1400S-A  
Chicago, Illinois 60661  
Attention: Rosanna Barbaro-Flores,  
Director of Local Government

Jolenna Nanalig, AVC Finance & Treasurer  
City Colleges of Chicago  
180 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 200  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Xochitl Flores, Bureau Chief  
Cook County Bureau of Economic Dev.  
69 West Washington Street, Suite 2900  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Damon Howell, CFO  
Forest Preserve District of Cook County  
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42 West Madison Street  
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100 East Erie Street, Room 243  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Lamarr Miller, President  
South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District  
15500 Dixie Highway  
P.O. Box 1030  
Harvey, Illinois 60426

Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent & CEO  
Chicago Park District  
4830 S. Western Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60609

I, Brandon Johnson, in connection with the annual report (the "Report") of information required by Section 11-74.4-5(d) of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS5/11-74.4-1 et seq. (the "Act"), with regard to the Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project Area"), do hereby certify as follows:

1. I am the duly qualified and acting Mayor of the City of Chicago, Illinois (the "City") and, as such, I am the City's Chief Executive Officer. This Certification is being given by me in such capacity.

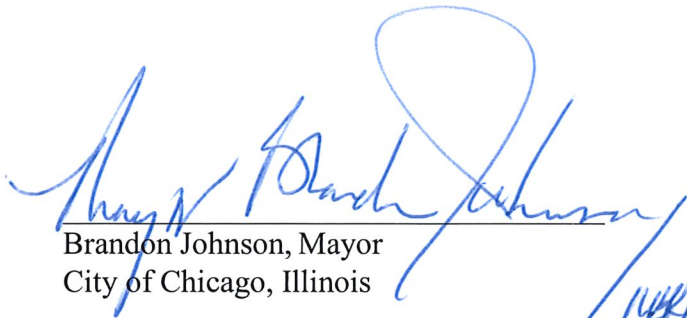


2. During the preceding fiscal year of the City, being January 1 through December 31, 2023, the City complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Act, as applicable from time to time, regarding the Redevelopment Project Area.

3. In giving this Certification, I have relied on the opinion of the Corporation Counsel of the City furnished in connection with the Report.

4. This Certification may be relied upon only by the addressees hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature as of this June 28, 2024.



Brandon Johnson, Mayor  
City of Chicago, Illinois

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

CITY OF CHICAGO

June 28, 2024

Susana Mendoza  
Comptroller of the State of Illinois  
555 W. Monroe Street, 1400S-A  
Chicago, Illinois 60661  
Attention: Rosanna Barbaro-Flores,  
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Re: Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project Area  
(the "Redevelopment Project Area")

Dear Addressees:

I am the Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago, Illinois (the "City") and, in such capacity, I am the head of the City's Law Department. In such capacity, I am providing the opinion required by Section 11-74.4-5(d)(4) of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et seq. (the "Act"), in connection with the submission of the report (the "Report") in accordance with, and containing the information required by, Section 11-74.4-5(d) of the Act for the Redevelopment Project Area.

Attorneys, past and present, in the Law Department of the City and familiar with the requirements of the Act, have had general involvement in the proceedings affecting the Redevelopment Project Area, including the preparation of ordinances adopted by the City Council of the City with respect to the following matters: approval of the redevelopment plan and project for the Redevelopment Project Area, designation of the Redevelopment Project Area as a redevelopment project area, and adoption of tax increment allocation financing for the Redevelopment Project Area, all in accordance with the then applicable provisions of the Act. Various departments of the City, including, if applicable, the Law Department, Department of Planning and Development, Department of Finance and Office of Budget and Management (collectively, the "City Departments"), have personnel responsible for and familiar with the activities in the Redevelopment Project Area affecting such City Departments and with the requirements of the Act in connection therewith. Such personnel are encouraged to seek and obtain, and do seek and obtain, the legal guidance of the Law Department with respect to issues that may arise from time to time regarding the requirements of, and compliance with, the Act.

In my capacity as Corporation Counsel, I have relied on the factual certification of the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development attached hereto as Schedule 1, along with the general knowledge and actions of the appropriately designated and trained staff of the Law Department and other applicable City Departments involved with the activities affecting the Redevelopment Project Area. In addition, I have caused to be examined or reviewed by members of the Law Department of the City the certified audit report, to the extent required to be obtained by Section 11-74.4-5(d)(9) of the Act and submitted as part of the Report, which is required to review compliance with the Act in certain respects, to determine if such audit report contains information that might affect my opinion. I have also caused to be examined or reviewed such other documents and records as were deemed necessary to enable me to render this opinion. Nothing has come to my attention that would result in my need to qualify the opinion hereinafter expressed.

Based on the foregoing, it is my opinion that, in all material respects, the City is in compliance with the provisions and requirements of the Act in effect and then applicable at the time actions were taken from time to time with respect to the Redevelopment Project Area.

This opinion is given in an official capacity and not personally and no personal liability shall derive herefrom. Furthermore, the only opinion that is expressed is the opinion specifically set forth herein, and no opinion is implied or should be inferred as to any other matter. Further, this opinion may be relied upon only by the addressees hereof and the Mayor of the City in providing his required certification in connection with the Report, and not by any other party.

Very truly yours,



Mary Richardson-Lowry  
Corporation Counsel

## SCHEDULE 1

June 28, 2024

### CERTIFICATION

Commissioner  
Department of Planning and Development  
City of Chicago

I, Ciere Boatright, am the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development ("DPD") of the City of Chicago, Illinois (the "City") and, in such capacity, I am the head of DPD. I am also the TIF Administrator for the City for purposes of the Report (defined below). In such capacity, I am providing this Certification for the Corporation Counsel of the City to rely upon in connection with the opinion required by either Section 11-74.4-5(d)(4) of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et seq. (the "Act"), or by Section 11-74.6-22(d)(4) of the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-1 et seq. (the "Law"), as the case may be, in connection with the submission of an annual report for calendar year 2023 (the "Report") containing the information required by Section 11-74.4-5(d) of the Act or Section 11-74.6-22(d) of the Law for each of the Redevelopment Project Areas listed in Section 1 of the Report and hereby incorporated into this Certification (the "Redevelopment Project Areas").

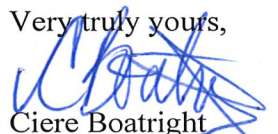
I hereby certify the following to the Corporation Counsel of the City:

1. DPD has overall responsibility for and is familiar with the activities in each of the Redevelopment Project Areas. DPD personnel are familiar with the requirements of the Act and the Law and are encouraged to seek and obtain, and do seek and obtain, the legal guidance of the City's Department of Law with respect to legal issues that may arise from time to time regarding the requirements of, and compliance with, the Act and the Law.
2. DPD personnel have monitored compliance with the requirements of the Act and the Law during the previous fiscal year under my supervision and to my reasonable satisfaction in connection with each of the Redevelopment Project Areas.

Based on the foregoing, I hereby certify to the Corporation Counsel of the City that, in all material respects, DPD has taken the appropriate actions to ensure that the City is in compliance with the provisions and requirements of the Act and the Law in effect and then applicable at the time actions were taken from time to time with respect to each of the Redevelopment Project Areas.

This Certification is given in an official capacity and not personally and no personal liability shall derive herefrom. Further, this Certification may be relied upon only by the Corporation Counsel of the City in providing the required legal opinion in connection with the Report, and not by any other party.

Very truly yours,



Ciere Boatright  
Commissioner  
Department of Planning and Development

FY 2023

Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

Lincoln Avenue

Projects that were implemented during the preceding fiscal year are set forth below:

<b>Name of Project</b>
American Blues Theater



Doc# 2320222044 Fee \$88.00

RHSP FEE:\$18.00 RPRF FEE: \$1.00

KAREN A. YARBROUGH

COOK COUNTY CLERK

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This agreement was prepared by and after recording return to:  
 Keith A. May, Esq.  
 City of Chicago Department of Law  
 121 North LaSalle Street, Room 600  
 Chicago, IL 60602

**AMERICAN BLUES THEATER REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
 (Chicago Recovery Plan Community Development Grant)**

This American Blues Theater Redevelopment Agreement (this "Agreement") is made as of the Agreement Date by and between the City of Chicago, an Illinois municipal corporation (the "City"), through its Department of Planning and Development ("DPD"), and Developer. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given in the table headed "Project Information" or in Section 2, as applicable.

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**PROJECT INFORMATION**

<b>Term (Agreement Section where first used)</b>	<b>Definition</b>												
Agreement Date (preamble)	July 21, 2023												
Developer (preamble)	American Blues Theater NFP, an Illinois not for profit corporation												
Project (Recitals)	The Developer plans to redevelop a vacant storefront at 5627 N. Lincoln Ave. into a theater facility to be used by the American Blues Theater. This will primarily result in the construction and development of an approximately 137-seat proscenium and a rehearsal studio. Additional components will also result in the construction of back-of-the house operations space, office space for the organization, a bar and concessions sales, restrooms, and a box office.												
Ordinance Date (Recitals)	February 1, 2023												
TIF Area (Recitals)	Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project Area												
City Grant (Definitions)	\$2,500,000												
Commencement Date (3.01)	180 days after the Ordinance Date												
Completion Date (3.01)	December 31, 2023												
Estimated Project Cost (4.01)	\$7,058,613												
Funding Sources (4.01)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Funding Source</b></th> <th><b>Amount</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Equity</td> <td>\$2,188,552</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lender Financing</td> <td>\$1,800,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fundraising</td> <td>\$570,061</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City Grant</td> <td>\$2,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td><b>\$7,058,613</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	Equity	\$2,188,552	Lender Financing	\$1,800,000	Fundraising	\$570,061	City Grant	\$2,500,000	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,058,613</b>
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Trade Names (5.05)	None												
Certificate Deadline (6.05)	November 30, 2024												
Permitted Liens (12)	Those matters set forth as Schedule B title exceptions in the Title Policy, but only so long as applicable title endorsements issued in conjunction therewith on the date hereof, if any, continue to remain in full force and effect.												
Notice Addresses (13.14)	<p>If to the Developer:</p> <p>American Blues Theater NFP            4809 N. Ravenswood Avenue, Suite 221            Chicago, IL 60640</p>												

	<p>Attention: Wendy Whiteside</p> <p><u>If to the City:</u> City of Chicago, Department of Planning and Development 121 North LaSalle Street, Room 1000 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Attention: Commissioner</p>
	<p>With a copy to: City of Chicago, Department of Law 121 North LaSalle Street, Room 600 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Attention: Finance and Economic Development Division</p>

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**Signature page to Redevelopment Agreement**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Redevelopment Agreement to be executed on or as of the Agreement Date.

American Blues Theater NFP

By:   
Keith Karlson, President

CITY OF CHICAGO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maurice D. Cox, Commissioner  
Department of Planning and Development

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CITY OF CHICAGO

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Maurice D. Cox, Commissioner  
Department of Planning and Development

Handwritten signatures of Keith Karlson and Maurice D. Cox. The signature of Keith Karlson is on the left, and the signature of Maurice D. Cox is on the right.

COOK COUNTY CLERK OFFICE  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Lyndsay Felten, a notary public in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Keith Karlson, personally known to me to be the President of American Blues Theater NFP, an Illinois not-for-profit ("Developer"), and personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed, and delivered said instrument, pursuant to the authority given to him/her by Developer, as his/her free and voluntary act and as the free and voluntary act of Developer, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023.

Lyndsay Felten  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 2/6/27



STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF COOK )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a notary public in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Maurice D. Cox, personally known to me to be the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development of the City of Chicago (the "City"), and personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed, and delivered said instrument, pursuant to the authority given to him/her by City, as his/her free and voluntary act and as the free and voluntary act of City, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF COOK )

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GIVEN under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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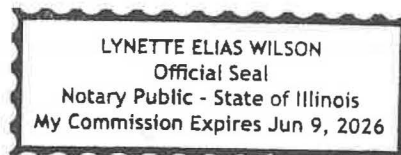
I, LYNETTE ELIAS WILSON, a notary public in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Maurice D. Cox, personally known to me to be the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development of the City of Chicago (the "City"), and personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed, and delivered said instrument, pursuant to the authority given to him/her by City, as his/her free and voluntary act and as the free and voluntary act of City, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this 20 day of July, 2023.

Lynette Elias Wilson  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 9, 2026

(SEAL)



## SECTION 1. RECITALS

A. Constitutional Authority. As a home rule unit of government under Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois (the "State"), the City has the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare of its inhabitants, and pursuant thereto, has the power to encourage private development in order to enhance the local tax base, create employment opportunities and to enter into contractual agreements with private parties in order to achieve these goals.

B. Statutory Authority. The City is authorized under the provisions of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et seq., as amended from time to time (the "Act"), to finance projects that eradicate blighted conditions and conservation area factors through the use of tax increment allocation financing for redevelopment projects.

C. City Council Authority. On the Ordinance Date, the City Council of the City (the "City Council") adopted an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of DPD to enter into this Agreement to fund a portion of the costs of the Project.

D. TIF Area. The Project is located in the TIF Area. Under ordinances adopted on November 3, 1999 and published in the Journal of Proceedings of the City Council of the City for such date, the City Council: (i) approved a redevelopment plan and project (the "Redevelopment Plan") for the TIF Area; (ii) designated the TIF Area as a "redevelopment project area" within the requirements of the TIF Act; and (iii) adopted tax increment financing for the TIF Area. Item (i) was amended by ordinance adopted on May 17, 2000 (the "Amendment". Items (i)-(iii) above, as amended by the Amendment, are collectively referred to herein as the "TIF Ordinances".

E. City Funds. The City agrees to use, in the amounts set forth in Section 4.02 hereof, Incremental Taxes (as defined below)(the "City Funds") to pay for or reimburse the Developer for the costs of TIF-Funded Improvements (as defined below) pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

## SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Agreement, in addition to the terms defined in the table headed "Project Information", the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Affiliate" shall mean any person or entity directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Developer.

"Annual Compliance Report" shall mean a signed report from Developer to the City in substantially the form attached as Exhibit E to this Agreement.

"Certificate" shall mean the Certificate of Completion of Construction or Rehabilitation.

"City Council" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof.

"City Funds" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof.

"City Grant" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof.

"Closing Date" shall mean the date of execution and delivery of this Agreement by all parties hereto, which shall be deemed to be the date appearing in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

"Compliance Period" shall mean that period beginning on the date of the issuance of the Certificate until the third anniversary of such date.

"Corporation Counsel" shall mean the City's Department of Law.

"EDS" shall mean the City's Economic Disclosure Statement and Affidavit, on the City's then-current form.

"Environmental Laws" shall mean any Federal, state, or local law, statute, ordinance, code, rule, permit, plan, regulation, license, authorization, order, or injunction which pertains to health, safety, any Hazardous Substance or Other Regulated Material, or the environment (including, but not limited to, ground, air, water or noise pollution or contamination, and underground or above-ground tanks) and shall include, without limitation, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11001 et seq.; the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.; the Hazardous Material Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. § 1801 et seq.; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq., as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. ("CERCLA"), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"); the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. § 651 et seq.; the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.; the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.; the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/1 et seq.; the Gasoline Storage Act, 430 ILCS 15/0.01 et seq.; the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago ("MWRD"); the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago; and any other local, state, or federal environmental statutes, and all rules, regulations, orders, and decrees now or hereafter promulgated under any of the foregoing, as any of the foregoing now exist or may be changed or amended or come into effect in the future.

"Equity" shall mean funds of Developer (other than funds derived from Lender Financing) irrevocably available for the Project, in the amount set forth in the Funding Sources.

"Escrow" shall mean, if applicable, the construction escrow established pursuant to the Escrow Agreement.

"Escrow Agreement" shall mean, if applicable, the Escrow Agreement establishing a construction escrow, to be entered into as of the date hereof by the City, the Title Company (or an affiliate of the Title Company), Developer and Developer's lender(s), substantially in the form of Exhibit G attached hereto.

“Event of Default” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11 hereof.

“Final Project Cost” shall mean the total actual cost of the construction of the Project, as certified to and acceptable to DPD under Section 6.01 hereof.

“IEPA” shall mean the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

“Incremental Taxes” shall mean such ad valorem taxes which, pursuant to the TIF Ordinance and Section 5/11-74.4-8(b) of the Act, are allocated to and when collected are paid to the Treasurer of the City of Chicago for deposit by the Treasurer into the TIF Fund established to pay redevelopment project costs and obligations incurred in the payment thereof.

“Lender Financing” shall mean funds borrowed by Developer from lenders and irrevocably available to pay for Costs of the Project, in the amounts set forth in the Funding Sources.

“Letter of Credit” shall mean the initial irrevocable, direct pay Letter of Credit naming the City as the sole beneficiary for the Letter of Credit Amount delivered to the City pursuant to Section 4.05 hereof, and, unless the context or use indicates another or different meaning or intent, any substitute Letter of Credit delivered to the City, in form and substance satisfactory to the City in its sole and absolute discretion, and any extensions thereof.

“Letter of Credit Amount” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.05 hereof.

“Letter of Credit Notice” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.05 hereof.

“MBE(s)” shall mean a business identified in the Directory of Certified Minority Business Enterprises published by the City's Department of Procurement Services, or otherwise certified by the City's Department of Procurement Services as a minority-owned business enterprise, related to the Procurement Program or the Construction Program, as applicable.

“MBE/WBE Budget” shall mean the budget attached hereto as Exhibit B.

“MBE/WBE Program” shall have the meaning set forth in Exhibit F hereof.

“Municipal Code” shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“NFR Letter” shall mean a “no further remediation” letter issued by IEPA pursuant to the Site Remediation Program.

“Occupancy Covenant” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.05 hereof.

“Operations Covenant” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.04 hereof.

“Project Budget” shall mean the budget attached hereto as Exhibit B, showing the total cost of the Project by line item, furnished by Developer to DPD, in accordance with Section 4.01 hereof.

“Property” shall mean the real property described on Exhibit A.

“Redevelopment Plan” shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof.

“Redevelopment Project Costs” shall mean redevelopment project costs as defined in Section 5/11-74.4-3(q) of the Act that are included in the budget set forth in the Redevelopment Plan or otherwise referenced in the Redevelopment Plan.

“Requisition Form” shall mean the document, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D, to be delivered by Developer to DPD pursuant to Section 4.06 of this Agreement.

“Scope Drawings, Plans and Specifications” shall mean final construction documents containing a site plan and working drawings and specifications for the Project, as submitted to the City as the basis for obtaining building permits for the Project.

“Site Remediation Program” shall mean the program for the environmental remediation of the Property undertaken by the Developer and overseen by the IEPA, upon completion of which (to the satisfaction of the IEPA) the IEPA shall issue an NFR Letter with respect to the Property to the Developer.

“Survey” shall mean a plat of survey in the most recently revised form of ALTA/ACSM land title survey of the Property, meeting the 2016 Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys, effective February 23, 2016, dated within 75 days prior to the Closing Date, acceptable in form and content to the City and the Title Company, prepared by a surveyor registered in the State of Illinois, certified to the City and the Title Company, and indicating whether the Property is in a flood hazard area as identified by the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (and updates thereof to reflect improvements to the Property in connection with the construction of the Facility and related improvements as required by the City or lender(s) providing Lender Financing).

“Sustainable Development Policy” shall mean the Chicago Sustainable Development Policy for the Project in effect as of the date of Developer’s initial application for the City Grant.

“Term of the Agreement” shall mean the period of time commencing on the Closing Date and ending at the fifth anniversary of the date the Certificate is issued.

“TIF” shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“TIF Fund” shall mean the special tax allocation fund created by the City in connection with the TIF Area into which the Incremental Taxes will be deposited.

“TIF-Funded Improvements” shall mean those improvements of the Project which (i) qualify as Redevelopment Project Costs, (ii) are eligible costs under the Redevelopment Plan and (iii) the City has agreed to pay for out of the City Funds, subject to the terms of this Agreement. Exhibit B lists the TIF-Funded Improvements for the Project.

“TIF Ordinances” shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof.



"Title Company" shall mean [Name of Title Company].

"Title Policy" shall mean a title insurance policy in the most recently revised ALTA or equivalent form, showing the Developer as the insured, noting the recording of this Agreement as an encumbrance against the Property, and a subordination agreement in favor of the City with respect to previously recorded liens against the Property related to Lender Financing, if any, issued by the Title Company.

"WARN Act" shall mean the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (29 U.S.C. Section 2101 et seq.).

"WBE(s)" shall mean a business identified in the Directory of Certified Women Business Enterprises published by the City's Department of Procurement Services, or otherwise certified by the City's Department of Procurement Services as a women-owned business enterprise, related to the Procurement Program or the Construction Program, as applicable.

### **SECTION 3. THE PROJECT**

3.01 Project Completion. With respect to the rehabilitation and construction of the Project, Developer shall: (i) commence construction no later than the Commencement Date, and (ii) unless the City accepts a Letter of Credit from Developer in accordance with Section 4.05, complete construction and conduct operations therein no later than the Completion Date. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, Developer acknowledges that the TIF Area expires on December 31, 2023 (the "TIF Expiration Date") and agrees that, unless the City accepts a Letter of Credit from Developer in accordance with Section 4.05, its failure to (1) complete the Project pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, (2) obtain a Certificate pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and (3) submit requisition forms for payment, all at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the TIF Expiration Date, shall result in an absolute and unrecoverable forfeiture of any unpaid City Grant funds.

3.02 Project Budget; Funding Sources. Developer has furnished to DPD, and DPD has approved, a Project Budget showing total costs for the Project in an amount not less than the Estimated Project Cost. The Developer hereby certifies to the City that (a) the Funding Sources shall be sufficient to complete the Project, and (b) the Project Budget and Funding Sources are true, correct and complete in all material respects.

3.03 Scope Drawings, Plans and Specifications. Developer has delivered the Scope Drawings, Plans and Specifications to DPD and DPD has approved same. After such initial approval, subsequent proposed changes to the Scope Drawings, Plans and Specifications shall be submitted to DPD as a Change Order pursuant to Section 3.06 hereof. The Scope Drawings, Plans and Specifications shall at all times conform to all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations. Developer shall submit all necessary documents to the City's Building Department, Department of Transportation and such other City departments or governmental authorities as may be necessary to acquire building permits and other required approvals for the Project.

3.04 DPD Approval. Any approval granted by DPD of the Scope Drawings, Plans and Specifications and the Change Orders is for the purposes of this Agreement only and does not affect or constitute any approval required by any other City department or pursuant to any City ordinance, code, regulation or any other governmental approval, nor does any approval by DPD pursuant to this Agreement constitute approval of the quality, structural soundness or safety of the Property or the Project.

3.05 Other Approvals. Any DPD approval under this Agreement shall have no effect upon, nor shall it operate as a waiver of, Developer's obligations to comply with the provisions of Section 5.02 (Other Governmental Approvals) hereof. Developer shall not commence construction of the Project until Developer has obtained all necessary permits and approvals (including but not limited to DPD's approval of the Scope Drawings and Plans and Specifications) and proof of the General Contractor's and each subcontractor's bonding as required hereunder.

3.06 Change Orders. Except as provided below in this Section 3.06, all Change Orders (and documentation substantiating the need and identifying the source of funding therefor) relating to changes to the Project must be submitted by Developer to DPD as necessary; provided, that any Change Order relating to any of the following must be submitted by Developer to DPD for DPD's prior written approval: (a) a reduction in the gross or net square footage of Developer Space by five percent (5%) or more (either individually or cumulatively); (b) a change in the use of Developer Space to a use other than the Project; (c) a delay in the completion of the Project by six (6) months or more; or (d) Change Orders resulting in an aggregate increase to the Project Budget of ten percent (10%) or more. Developer shall not authorize or permit the performance of any work relating to any Change Order or the furnishing of materials in connection therewith prior to the receipt by Developer of DPD's written approval (to the extent said City prior approval is required pursuant to the terms of this Agreement).

3.07 Survey Updates. On the Completion Date, the Developer shall provide an updated Survey if the Project added new improvements to the Property.

3.08 Signs and Public Relations. Developer shall erect a sign of size and style approved by the City in a conspicuous location on the Property during the Project, indicating that financing has been provided by the City. The City reserves the right to include the name, photograph, artistic rendering of the Project and other pertinent information regarding Developer, the Property and the Project in the City's promotional literature and communications.

#### **SECTION 4. PROJECT FINANCING**

4.01 Estimated Project Cost and Sources of Funds. The cost of the Project is estimated to be \$7,058,613, to be applied in the manner set forth in the Project Budget.

4.02 City Grant. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the City hereby agrees to provide up to the amount of the City Grant to reimburse the cost of TIF-Funded Improvements and allocated by the City for that purpose only so long as the amount of Incremental Taxes deposited into the TIF Fund shall be sufficient to pay for such costs.

4.03 Uses of City Grant. City Grant funds may only be used to pay directly or reimburse Developer for costs of TIF-Funded Improvements. Exhibit B sets forth, by line item, the Project Budget for the Project, and the maximum amount of costs that may be paid by or reimbursed from City Grant funds for each line item therein (subject to the conditions described in this Agreement), contingent upon receipt by the City of documentation satisfactory in form and substance to DPD evidencing such cost and its eligibility as a TIF- Funded Improvement.

4.04 Distribution of City Grant.

Escrow Agreement alternative: If the Grantee has elected to receive the City Grant via progress payments (escrow), then subject to the conditions described in Section 4.02 and Section 4.03, the City shall disburse the City Grant in installments as described in the Escrow Agreement.

No Escrow Agreement alternative: If the Grantee has not elected to receive the City Grant via progress payments (escrow), then subject to the conditions described in Section 4.02 and Section 4.03, the City shall pay 100% of the City Grant at the issuance of the Certificate.

4.05 Letter of Credit Option. If Developer fails to complete construction of the Project and obtain a Certificate by November 15, 2023, the Developer may submit a written notice to the City asking that the City accept a Letter of Credit from Developer as a condition of payment of City Grant funds (the "Letter of Credit Request"). The Letter of Credit Request shall be approved only if the following conditions are met to the City's satisfaction, in its sole discretion:

(i) construction of the Project according to the Plans and Specifications must be at least 75% complete by November 15, 2023, as measured by the progress reports provided by the inspecting agent or architect being used by the lender providing Lender Financing;

(ii) Developer must provide evidence, by no later than November 15, 2023, that it has incurred TIF-eligible costs in an amount at least equal to the amount of City Grant funds being requested;

(iii) Developer's Letter of Credit Request shall be subject in all respects to Section 4.07; and

(iv) the amount of the Letter of Credit (the "Letter of Credit Amount") must be no less than the amount of City Grant funds previously paid to Developer plus the amount of City Grant funds requested and approved by the City pursuant to this Section 4.05.

DPD shall respond to the Letter of Credit Request no later than December 15, 2023 by notifying the Developer that the City has either (a) approved the Letter of Credit Request and if so, the Letter of Credit Amount; or (b) rejected the Letter of Credit Request for Developer's failure to comply with Sections 4.05(i-iv). If City approves the Letter of Credit Request, then Developer shall provide a Letter of Credit within three (3) business days after the City approves the Letter of Credit Request. After the City receives the Letter of Credit it shall release the approved amount of City Grant funds to Developer. If DPD rejects a Letter of Credit Request, this shall result in an absolute and unrecoverable forfeiture of any unpaid City Grant funds.

If the City accepts a Letter of Credit from Developer in accordance with this Section 4.05, Developer must complete construction of the Project and request a Certificate of Completion no later than February 15, 2024. If Developer fails to complete construction and request a Certificate of

Completion by February 28, 2024, the City shall have the right to draw down on the Letter of Credit for the full amount of any City Grant funds paid to the Developer. The Letter of Credit shall be released only if a Certificate of Completion is issued by May 31, 2024. If a Certificate of Completion is not issued by May 31, 2024, the City shall have the right to draw down on the Letter of Credit for the full amount of any City Grant funds paid to the Developer. Except as specifically set forth herein, nothing in this Section 4.05 shall be deemed to limit the City's remedies for Developer's failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement.

4.06 Requisition Form. When Developer submits documentation to the City in connection with a request for the payment of the City Grant as described in Section 4.04, beginning on the first request for payment and continuing through the earlier of (i) the Term of the Agreement or (ii) the date that Developer has been reimbursed in full under this Agreement, Developer shall provide DPD with a Requisition Form, along with the documentation described therein. Developer shall meet with DPD at the request of DPD to discuss the Requisition Form(s) previously delivered.

4.07 Preconditions of Disbursement. Prior to disbursement of the City Grant hereunder, Developer shall submit documentation regarding the applicable expenditures to DPD, which shall be satisfactory to DPD in its sole discretion.

4.08 Cost Overruns. If the aggregate cost of TIF-Funded Improvements exceeds the City Grant funds available pursuant to Section 4.02 hereof, or if the cost of completing the Project exceeds the Estimated Project Cost, Developer shall be solely responsible for such excess cost, and shall hold the City harmless from any and all costs and expenses of completing the Project.

4.09 Conditional Grant. The City Grant funds being provided hereunder are being granted on a conditional basis, subject to the Developer's compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. The City Grant is subject to being reimbursed as provided in Section 11.02. The City Grant will be paid only so long as the amount of Incremental Taxes deposited into the TIF Fund shall be sufficient to pay for such grant.

## SECTION 5. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

The Developer must satisfy the following conditions before the City will execute and deliver this Agreement, unless such conditions are waived in writing by the City:

5.01 Project Budget. DPD must have approved the Project Budget.

5.02 Other Governmental Approvals. The Developer must have secured all other necessary approvals and permits required by any state, federal, or local statute, ordinance or regulation and has submitted evidence thereof to DPD. Such approvals shall include, without limitation, all building permits necessary for the Project; provided, however, that if the City agrees to close before construction commences, such building permits shall be secured prior to commencement of any such construction work.

5.03 Financing. The Developer must have furnished proof reasonably acceptable to the City that it has Equity and Lender Financing to complete the Project.

5.04 Acquisition and Title. The Developer must have furnished the City with a copy of the Title Policy for the Property, certified by the Title Company, showing the Developer as the named insured, along with copies of all Schedule B title exception documents. The Title Policy must be dated as of the Closing Date and contain only those title exceptions acceptable to the City in its sole discretion and evidence the recording of this Agreement. The Title Policy must contain such endorsements as may be required by Corporation Counsel, including but not limited to an owner's comprehensive endorsement and satisfactory endorsements regarding zoning (3.1 with parking), contiguity, location, access and survey. If the Project involves any acquisition of real property, the Developer must have provided DPD with documentation related to such acquisition acceptable to the City in its sole discretion.

5.05 Evidence of Clean Title. The Developer, at its own expense, must have provided the City with searches under its name and any Trade Names as follows:

Secretary of State	UCC search
Secretary of State	Federal tax search
Cook County Recorder	UCC/Fixture search
Cook County Recorder	Federal tax search
Cook County Recorder	State tax search
Cook County Recorder	Memoranda of judgments search
U.S. District Court	Pending suits and judgments
Clerk of Circuit Court, Cook County	Pending suits and judgments

5.06 Environmental. Developer has provided DPD with copies of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) completed with respect to the Property. Developer has provided the City with a letter from the environmental engineer(s) who completed such audit(s), authorizing the City to rely on such audit(s). The Phase I ESA did not identify any recognized environmental concerns (RECs), however the Department of Assets, Information and Services (AIS) does not agree and strongly recommends that a Phase II ESA be performed to investigate the previous use of the Property as a gas station, and the use of the adjacent property as a dry cleaner. If applicable, based on results of the Phase II ESA, it is recommended that the Developer provide the City with a final comprehensive NFR Letter with respect to the Property, signed by the IEPA upon issuance thereof.

5.07 Corporate Documents. Developer has provided a copy of its articles or certificate of incorporation or organization containing the original certification of the Secretary of State; certificates of good standing from the Secretary of State of its state of incorporation or organization and all other states in which Developer is qualified to do business; a secretary's certificate in such form and substance as the Corporation Counsel may require; bylaws or operating agreement; and such other organizational documentation as the City has requested.

5.08 Economic Disclosure Statement. Developer shall provide to the City an EDS, dated as of the Closing Date, which is incorporated by reference, and Developer further will provide any other affidavits or certifications as may be required by federal, state or local law in the award of public contracts, all of which affidavits or certifications are incorporated by reference.

5.09 Litigation. The Developer must have provided to Corporation Counsel and DPD, a description of all pending or threatened litigation or administrative proceedings involving the Developer and the Property.

5.10 Insurance. The Developer, at its own expense, must have insured the Property in accordance with Exhibit C hereto, or Accord Form 27 certificates evidencing the required coverages.

5.11 Construction Compliance Informational Conference. Developer shall provide to the City a copy of the informational conference letter signed by DPD's construction and compliance division.

5.12 Surveys. Developer shall provide the City with a copy of the Survey(s).

## **SECTION 6. COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION**

6.01 Certificate of Completion of Construction or Rehabilitation. Upon completion of the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and upon the Developer's written request, DPD shall issue to the Developer a Certificate of Completion of Construction or Rehabilitation (the "Certificate") in recordable form certifying that the Developer has fulfilled its obligation to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. If the Developer has not fulfilled its obligation, DPD will issue a written statement detailing the measures which must be taken in order to obtain them.

DPD may require a single inspection by an inspecting architect hired at the Developer's expense to confirm the completion of the Project. DPD shall make its best efforts to respond to Developer's written request for the Certificate within forty-five (45) days by issuing the Certificate or a written statement detailing the ways in which the Project does not conform to this Agreement or has not been satisfactorily completed, and the measures which must be taken by Developer in order to obtain the Certificate. Developer may resubmit a written request for the Certificate upon completion of such measures.

The Developer acknowledges and understands that the City will not issue the Certificate and pay out, as applicable, (a) the City Grant (if the Grantee has not elected to receive the City Grant via an Escrow Agreement), or (b) the final installment of the City Grant (if the Grantee has elected to receive the City Grant via an Escrow Agreement), until the following conditions have been met:

- Evidence certified to and acceptable to DPD of the Final Project Cost. As described in Section 4.02, the City Grant will be reduced on a pro rata basis if the Final Project Cost is less than the Estimated Project Cost;
- Evidence that the Developer has incurred costs of TIF-Funded Improvements in an equal amount to, or greater than, the City Grant;
- Receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy or other evidence acceptable to DPD that the developer has complied with building permit requirements for Project;
- Evidence acceptable to DPD that the Project is in compliance with the Operations Covenant and the Occupancy Covenant;
- Evidence acceptable to DPD the City that the Project has complied with the Sustainable Development Policy; if a default occurs under the Sustainable Development Policy requirement, the City Grant will reduced by \$250,000; and

- Evidence acceptable to DPD in the form of a closeout letter from the Department of Housing's Bureau of Construction and Compliance stating that the Developer is in complete compliance with all City Requirements (MBE/WBE, City Residency, and Prevailing Wage), as defined in Exhibit F.

6.02 Continuing Obligations. The Certificate relates only to the respective performance of the work associated with the Project improvements. After the issuance of the Certificate, however, all executory terms and conditions of this Agreement and all representations and covenants contained herein unrelated to such work will remain in effect throughout the Term of the Agreement as to the parties described in the following paragraph, and the issuance of the Certificate shall not be construed as a waiver by the City of any of its rights and remedies pursuant to such executory terms.

Those covenants specifically described at Sections 7.02, 7.04, and 7.05 as covenants that run with the land will bind any transferee of the Property (including an assignee as described in the following sentence) throughout the Term of the Agreement or such shorter period as may be explicitly provided for therein. The other executory terms of this Agreement shall be binding only upon the Developer or a permitted assignee under Section 7.01(i) of this Agreement.

6.03 Failure to Complete. If the Developer fails to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Certificate will not be issued, and the City will have the right to terminate this Agreement. If this occurs, no City Grant funds will be paid to the Developer.

6.04 Notice of Expiration of Term of Agreement. Upon the expiration of the Term of the Agreement, DPD shall provide the Developer, at the Developer's written request, with a written notice in recordable form stating that the Term of the Agreement has expired.

6.05 Failure to Obtain Certificate. If the Developer has not received the Certificate by the Certificate Deadline, the City shall have the right to terminate the Agreement and cancel any future payments.

## **SECTION 7. COVENANTS/REPRESENTATIONS/WARRANTIES OF DEVELOPER**

7.01 General. Developer represents, warrants and covenants, as of the date of this Agreement and as of the date of each disbursement of the City Grant hereunder that:

(a) Developer is a corporation or limited liability company duly incorporated or organized, validly existing, qualified to do business in Illinois, and licensed to do business in any other state where, due to the nature of its activities or properties, such qualification or license is required;

(b) Developer has the right, power and authority to enter into, execute, deliver and perform this Agreement;

(c) the execution, delivery and performance by Developer of this Agreement has been duly authorized by all necessary action, and does not and will not violate its certificate or articles of incorporation or organization, bylaws or operating agreement as amended and supplemented, any

applicable provision of law, or constitute a breach of, default under or require any consent under any agreement, instrument or document to which Developer is now a party or by which Developer is now or may become bound;

(d) during the Term of the Agreement, the Developer will continue to own good, indefeasible and merchantable fee simple title to the Property (and all improvements thereon), or a leasehold interest therein, free and clear of all liens except for the Permitted Liens and such other matters as DPD may consent to in writing;

(e) Developer is now and for the Term of the Agreement shall remain solvent and able to pay its debts as they mature;

(f) there are no actions or proceedings by or before any court, governmental commission, board, bureau or any other administrative agency pending, threatened or affecting Developer which would impair its ability to perform under this Agreement;

(g) Developer has and shall maintain all government permits, certificates and consents necessary to conduct its business and to construct, complete and operate the Project;

(h) Developer is not in default with respect to any indenture, loan agreement, mortgage, deed, note or any other agreement or instrument related to the borrowing of money to which Developer is a party or by which Developer is bound;

(i) Developer shall not do any of the following without the prior written consent of DPD for the Term of the Agreement: (1) be a party to any merger, liquidation or consolidation; (2) sell, transfer, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets or any portion of the Property (including but not limited to any fixtures or equipment now or hereafter attached thereto) except in the ordinary course of business; (3) enter into any transaction outside the ordinary course of Developer's business; (4) assume, guarantee, endorse, or otherwise become liable in connection with the obligations of any other person or entity; or (5) enter into any transaction that would cause a material and detrimental change to Developer's financial condition;

(j) Developer has not incurred, and, prior to the issuance of a Certificate, shall not, without the prior written consent of the Commissioner of DPD, allow the existence of any liens against the Property (or improvements thereon) other than the Permitted Liens; or incur any indebtedness, secured or to be secured by the Property (or improvements thereon) or any fixtures now or hereafter attached thereto, except lender financing as disclosed to the City (expressly including the Lender Financing referenced herein which is anticipated to be with The Northern Trust Company); and

(k) has not made or caused to be made, directly or indirectly, any payment, gratuity or offer of employment in connection with the Agreement or any contract paid from the City treasury or pursuant to City ordinance, for services to any City agency ("City Contract") as an inducement for the City to enter into the Agreement or any City Contract with Developer in violation of Chapter 2-156-120 of the Municipal Code.



7.02 Covenant to Redevelop. Developer shall redevelop the Property in accordance with this Agreement and all Exhibits attached hereto and all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, executive orders and codes applicable to the Project, the Property and/or Developer. The covenants set forth in this Section shall run with the land and be binding upon any transferee, but shall be deemed satisfied upon issuance by the City of a Certificate with respect thereto.

7.03 Use of City Grant. City Grant funds disbursed to Developer shall be used by Developer solely to reimburse Developer for its payment for TIF-Funded Improvements as provided in this Agreement.

7.04 Operations Covenant. The Developer hereby covenants and agrees, throughout the Term of the Agreement, to maintain its operations at the Project and to conduct at least 80 performances per calendar year at the Project, including, without limitation, school events, previews, open dress rehearsals, benefits, readings, lectures, and studio performances by performing arts groups (the "Operations Covenant"). The covenants set forth in this Section shall run with the land and be binding upon any transferee. The Operations Covenant will be measured as an annual average of such performances over the course of the Term of this Agreement - for example, if Developer conducts 85 performances in Year 1 and 75 performances in Year 2, the Operations Covenant will be deemed satisfied as of the end of Year 2.

7.05 Occupancy Covenant. The Developer hereby covenants and agrees, throughout the Term of the Agreement, to maintain that the entire Project shall remain occupied, and otherwise open for business (the "Occupancy Covenant"). The covenants set forth in this Section shall run with the land and be binding upon any transferee.

7.06 Jobs Reporting Requirement. The Developer hereby covenants and agrees, throughout the Term of the Agreement, to report to DPD information about jobs maintained at the Project, in a form acceptable to DPD in its sole discretion. Developer intends to create 6 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in addition to retaining 4 FTE positions. In addition, Developer intends to create 6 temporary FTE construction related positions.

7.07 Annual Compliance Report. Following the issuance of the Certificate, each Year throughout the Term of the Agreement, the Developer shall submit to DPD by June 30<sup>th</sup> the Annual Compliance Report itemizing each of Developer's obligations under this Agreement during the preceding calendar year. If this report is not received within this timeframe, the City will notify Developer in writing of such deficiency. Thereafter, Developer shall have ten (10) days to file the Annual Compliance Report with DPD. Developer's failure to timely submit the report will constitute an event of default.

7.08 Arms-Length Transactions. Unless DPD has given its prior written consent with respect thereto, no Affiliate of Developer may receive any portion of the City Grant, directly or indirectly, in payment for work done, services provided or materials supplied in connection with any TIF-Funded Improvement or other Project Costs, as applicable. Developer shall provide information with respect to any entity to receive the City Grant directly or indirectly (whether through payment to the Affiliate by Developer and reimbursement to Developer for such costs using the City Grant, or otherwise), upon DPD's request, prior to any such disbursement.

7.09 Conflict of Interest. Developer represents, warrants and covenants that, to the best of its knowledge, no member, official, or employee of the City, or of any commission or committee exercising authority over the Project, the TIF program, or any consultant hired by the City or Developer with respect thereto, owns or controls, has owned or controlled or will own or control any interest, and no such person shall represent any person, as agent or otherwise, who owns or controls, has owned or controlled, or will own or control any interest, direct or indirect, in Developer's business, the Property or any other property in the Redevelopment Area.

7.10 Disclosure of Interest. Developer's counsel has no direct or indirect financial ownership interest in Developer, the Property or any other aspect of the Project.

7.11 Financial Statements. Developer shall obtain and provide to DPD Financial Statements for Developer's most recent fiscal year ended before the Agreement Date and each year thereafter for the Term of the Agreement. In addition, Developer shall submit unaudited financial statements as soon as reasonably practical following the close of each fiscal year and for such other periods as DPD may request.

7.12 Insurance. The Developer shall provide and maintain during the Term of the Agreement, and cause other applicable parties to provide and maintain, the insurance coverages specified in Exhibit C.

7.13 Compliance with Laws. To the best of Developer's knowledge, after diligent inquiry, the Property and the Project are and shall be in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, executive orders and codes pertaining to or affecting the Project and the Property. Upon the City's request, Developer shall provide evidence satisfactory to the City of such compliance.

7.14 Recording and Filing. The Developer shall cause this Agreement, certain exhibits (as specified by Corporation Counsel), all amendments and supplements hereto to be recorded and filed against the Property in the Recorder's Office of Cook County. If the Permitted Liens include any existing mortgages, such mortgagee must execute a subordination agreement acceptable to the City in its sole discretion.

7.15 Inspector General. It is the duty of Developer and the duty of any bidder, proposer, contractor, subcontractor, and every applicant for certification of eligibility for a City contract or program, and all of Developer's officers, directors, agents, partners, and employees and any such bidder, proposer, contractor, subcontractor or such applicant to cooperate with the Inspector General in any investigation or hearing undertaken pursuant to Chapter 2-56 of the Municipal Code. Developer represents that it understands and will abide by all provisions of Chapter 2-56 of the Municipal Code and that it will inform subcontractors of this provision and require their compliance.

7.16 Non-Governmental Charges. Except for the Permitted Liens, and subject to the next sentence, the Developer agrees to pay or cause to be paid when due any Non-Governmental Charges. The Developer has the right, before any delinquency occurs, to contest any Non-Governmental Charge by appropriate legal proceedings properly and diligently prosecuted, so long as such proceedings serve to prevent any sale or forfeiture of the Property.

7.17 Governmental Charges.

(a) Payment of Governmental Charges. Developer agrees to pay or cause to be paid when due all Governmental Charges (as defined below) which are assessed or imposed upon Developer, the Property or the Project, or become due and payable, and which create, may create, a lien upon Developer or all or any portion of the Property or the Project. "Governmental Charge" shall mean all federal, State, county, the City, or other governmental (or any instrumentality, division, agency, body, or department thereof) taxes, levies, assessments, charges, liens, claims or encumbrances (except for those assessed by foreign nations, states other than the State of Illinois, counties of the State other than Cook County, and municipalities other than the City) relating to Developer, the Property or the Project including but not limited to real estate taxes.

(b) Right to Contest. Developer has the right before any delinquency occurs to contest or object in good faith to the amount or validity of any Governmental Charge by appropriate legal proceedings properly and diligently instituted and prosecuted in such manner as shall stay the collection of the contested Governmental Charge and prevent the imposition of a lien or the sale or forfeiture of the Property. No such contest or objection shall be deemed or construed in any way as relieving, modifying or extending Developer's covenants to pay any such Governmental Charge at the time and in the manner provided in this Agreement unless Developer has given prior written notice to DPD of Developer's intent to contest or object to a Governmental Charge and, unless, at DPD's sole option:

(i) Developer shall demonstrate to DPD's satisfaction that legal proceedings instituted by Developer contesting or objecting to a Governmental Charge shall conclusively operate to prevent or remove a lien against, or the sale or forfeiture of, all or any part of the Property to satisfy such Governmental Charge prior to final determination of such proceedings; and/or

(ii) Developer shall furnish a good and sufficient bond or other security satisfactory to DPD in such form and amounts as DPD shall require, or a good and sufficient undertaking as may be required or permitted by law to accomplish a stay of any such sale or forfeiture of the Property during the pendency of such contest, adequate to pay fully any such contested Governmental Charge and all interest and penalties upon the adverse determination of such contest.

7.18 Developer's Failure to Pay Or Discharge Lien. If Developer fails to pay any Governmental Charge or to obtain discharge of the same, Developer shall advise DPD thereof in writing, at which time DPD may, but shall not be obligated to, and without waiving or releasing any obligation or liability of Developer under this Agreement, in DPD's sole discretion, make such payment, or any part thereof, or obtain such discharge and take any other action with respect thereto which DPD deems advisable. All sums so paid by DPD, if any, and any expenses, if any, including reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, expenses and other charges relating thereto, shall be promptly disbursed to DPD by Developer. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, this paragraph shall not be construed to obligate the City to pay any such Governmental Charge. Additionally, if Developer fails to pay any Governmental Charge, the City, in its sole discretion, may require Developer to submit to the City audited Financial Statements at Developer's own expense.

7.19 FOIA and Local Records Act Compliance.

(a) FOIA. The Developer acknowledges that the City is subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et. seq., as amended (“FOIA”). The FOIA requires the City to produce records (very broadly defined in FOIA) in response to a FOIA request in a very short period of time, unless the records requested are exempt under the FOIA. If the Developer receives a request from the City to produce records within the scope of FOIA, then the Developer covenants to comply with such request within 48 hours of the date of such request. Failure by the Developer to timely comply with such request shall be an Event of Default.

(b) Exempt Information. Documents that the Developer submits to the City with the Annual Compliance or otherwise during the Term of the Agreement that contain trade secrets and commercial or financial information may be exempt if disclosure would result in competitive harm. However, for documents submitted by the Developer to be treated as a trade secret or information that would cause competitive harm, FOIA requires that Developer mark any such documents as “proprietary, privileged or confidential.” If the Developer marks a document as “proprietary, privileged and confidential”, then DPD will evaluate whether such document may be withheld under the FOIA. DPD, in its discretion, will determine whether a document will be exempted from disclosure, and that determination is subject to review by the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and/or the courts.

(c) Local Records Act. The Developer acknowledges that the City is subject to the Local Records Act, 50 ILCS 205/1 et. seq, as amended (the “Local Records Act”). The Local Records Act provides that public records may only be disposed of as provided in the Local Records Act. If requested by the City, the Developer covenants to use its best efforts consistently applied to assist the City in its compliance with the Local Records Act.

7.20 Sale of Project. Except in connection with the financing related to the conversion of the Lender Financing to a permanent mortgage, in the event of a refinance, sale or transfer of the Project or any part thereof during the Term of the Agreement, the Developer agrees to pay and remit to the City an amount equal to 100% of City Grant funds paid to date.

## **SECTION 8. MAINTAINING RECORDS AND RIGHT TO INSPECT**

8.01 Books and Records. The Developer, the general contractor and each subcontractor shall keep and maintain books and records that fully disclose the total actual cost of the Project and the disposition of all funds from whatever source allocated thereto and as otherwise necessary to evidence the Developer’s compliance with its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, payroll records, general contractor’s and subcontractors’ sworn statements, general contracts, subcontracts, purchase orders, waivers of lien, paid receipts and invoices and the like. Such books and records shall be available at the applicable party’s offices for inspection, copying, audit and examination by an authorized representative of the City, at the Developer’s expense.

8.02 Inspection Rights. Upon three (3) business days’ notice, any authorized representative of the City has access to all portions of the Project and the Property during normal business hours for the Term of the Agreement.

## SECTION 9. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The Developer hereby represents and warrants to the City that it has conducted environmental studies sufficient to conclude that the Project may be constructed, completed and operated in accordance with the requirements of all Environmental Laws and this Agreement. The Developer agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless from and against any and all losses, liabilities, damages, injuries, costs, expenses or claims of any kind whatsoever including, without limitation, any losses, liabilities, damages, injuries, costs, expenses or claims asserted or arising under any Environmental Laws incurred, suffered by or asserted against the City and relating to the Project or the Property.

## SECTION 10. INDEMNIFICATION

Developer agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the City, its officers, officials, members, agents and employees harmless from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, liabilities, claims, suits, judgments, demands, actions, causes of action of every kind or nature and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs) arising out of or incidental to the failure of Developer to perform its obligations under this Agreement. Upon reasonable notice from the City of any claim which the City believes to be covered hereunder, Developer shall timely appear in and defend all suits brought upon such claim and shall pay all costs and expenses incidental thereto, but the City shall have the right, at its option and at its own expense, to participate in the defense of any suit, without relieving Developer of any of its obligations hereunder. The obligations set forth in this section shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

## SECTION 11. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

11.01 Events of Default. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events, subject to the provisions of Section 7 (Covenants, Representations, and Warranties of Developer), shall constitute an "Event of Default" by the Developer hereunder:

- (a) the failure of Developer to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
- (b) the failure of the Developer to comply with any covenant or obligation, or the breach by the Developer of any representation or warranty, under this Agreement or any related agreement;
- (c) the making or furnishing by Developer to the City of any representation, warranty, certificate, schedule, report or other communication within or in connection with this Agreement or any related agreement which is untrue or misleading in any material respect;
- (d) the commencement of any bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation or reorganization proceedings under any applicable state or federal law, or the commencement of any analogous statutory or non-statutory proceedings involving the Developer; provided, however, that if such commencement of proceedings is involuntary, such action shall not constitute an Event of Default unless such proceedings are not dismissed within sixty (60) days after the commencement of such proceedings;

(e) the appointment of a receiver or trustee for the Developer, for any substantial part of the Developer's assets or the institution of any proceedings for the dissolution, or the full or partial liquidation, or the merger or consolidation, of the Developer; provided, however, that if such appointment or commencement of proceedings is involuntary, such action shall not constitute an Event of Default unless such appointment is not revoked or such proceedings are not dismissed within sixty (60) days after the commencement thereof;

(f) the entry of any judgment or order against the Developer or the Property which remains unsatisfied or undischarged and in effect for sixty (60) days after such entry without a stay of enforcement or execution;

(g) the dissolution of the Developer or the death of any natural person who owns a 50% or more ownership interest in the Developer, unless, in the case of a death, the Developer establishes to the DPD's satisfaction that such death shall not impair the Developer's ability to perform its executory obligations under this Agreement; or

(h) in the event the Developer relocates the business without the prior written consent of the City during the Term of the Agreement.

11.02 Remedies. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the City may terminate this Agreement and all related agreements, may suspend disbursement of the City Grant and may seek reimbursement of the City Grant. The City may, in any court of competent jurisdiction by any action or proceeding at law or in equity, pursue and secure any available remedy.

11.03 Cure Period. In the event Developer shall fail to perform a covenant which Developer is required to perform under this Agreement, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, an Event of Default shall not be deemed to have occurred unless Developer has failed to perform such covenant within thirty (30) days of its receipt of a written notice from the City specifying that it has failed to perform such covenant.

## **SECTION 12. MORTGAGING OF THE PROJECT**

The Permitted Liens are the only mortgages or deeds of trust in place as of the date hereof with respect to the Property or any portion thereof. No mortgagee shall have the right to succeed to the Developer's rights under this Agreement unless the sale, assignment, or transfer receives the sole written consent of the City. This consent shall be in the City's sole discretion and which, if granted, may be conditioned upon, among other things, the assignee's assumption of all of the Developer's obligations under this Agreement.

Upon the request of a lender providing Lender Financing, the City shall agree to subordinate its interests under this Agreement to the mortgage of such lender pursuant to a written subordination agreement, the form of which shall be in a form reasonably acceptable to the City and Corporation Counsel.

## **SECTION 13. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

13.01 Amendment. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto may not be amended or modified without the prior written consent of the parties hereto. It is agreed that no material amendment or change to this Agreement shall be made or be effective unless ratified or authorized by an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council. The term "material" for the purpose of this Section 13.01 shall be defined as any deviation from the terms of the Agreement which operates to cancel or otherwise reduce any developmental or construction obligations of Developer by more than ten percent (10%) or materially changes the Project site or character of the Project or any activities undertaken by Developer affecting the Project site, the Project, or both, or increases any time agreed for performance by Developer by more than one-hundred and eighty (180) days.

13.02 Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including each Exhibit attached hereto, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference) constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties hereto and it supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations and discussions between the parties relative to the subject matter hereof.

13.03 Limitation of Liability. No member, official or employee of the City shall be personally liable to Developer or any successor in interest in the event of any default or breach by the City or for any amount which may become due to Developer from the City or any successor in interest or on any obligation under the terms of this Agreement.

13.04 Further Assurances. The Developer agrees to take such actions, including the execution and delivery of such documents, instruments, petitions and certifications as may become necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms, provisions and intent of this Agreement.

13.05 No Implied Waivers. No waiver by either Party of any breach of any provision of this Agreement will be a waiver of any continuing or succeeding breach of the breached provision, a waiver of the breached provision itself, or a waiver of any right, power or remedy under this Agreement. No notice to, or demand on, either Party in any case will, of itself, entitle that Party to any further notice or demand in similar or other circumstances.

13.06 Titles and Headings. Titles and headings to paragraphs contained in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not intended to limit, vary, define or expand the content of this Agreement.

13.07 Remedies Cumulative. The remedies of a party hereunder are cumulative and the exercise of any one or more of the remedies provided for herein shall not be construed as a waiver of any other remedies of such party unless specifically so provided herein.

13.08 Disclaimer. Nothing contained in this Agreement nor any act of the City shall be deemed or construed by any of the parties, or by any third person, to create or imply any relationship of third-party beneficiary, principal or agent, limited or general partnership or joint venture, or to create or imply any association or relationship involving the City.

13.09 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.

13.10 Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law thereof. If there is a lawsuit under this Agreement, each Party hereto agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of Cook County, the State of Illinois.

13.11 Approval. Wherever this Agreement provides for the approval or consent of the City, DPD or the Commissioner, or any matter is to be to the City's, DPD's or the Commissioner's satisfaction, unless specifically stated to the contrary, such approval, consent or satisfaction shall be made, given or determined by the City, DPD or the Commissioner in writing and in the reasonable discretion thereof. The Commissioner or other person designated by the Mayor of the City shall act for the City or DPD in making all approvals, consents and determinations of satisfaction, granting the Certificate or otherwise administering this Agreement for the City.

13.12 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon Developer, the City and their respective successors and permitted assigns (as provided herein) and shall inure to the benefit of Developer, the City and their respective successors and permitted assigns (as provided herein). Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement shall not run to the benefit of, or be enforceable by, any person or entity other than a party to this Agreement and its successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement should not be deemed to confer upon third parties any remedy, claim, right of reimbursement or other right.

13.13 Force Majeure. Neither the City nor the Developer nor any successor in interest to either of them shall be considered in breach of or in default of its obligations under this Agreement in the event of any delay caused by damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, strike, shortage of material, unusually adverse weather conditions such as, by way of illustration and not limitation, severe rain storms or below freezing temperatures of abnormal degree or for an abnormal duration, tornadoes or cyclones, and other events or conditions beyond the reasonable control of the party affected which in fact interferes with the ability of such party to discharge its obligations hereunder. The individual or entity relying on this section with respect to any such delay shall, upon the occurrence of the event causing such delay, immediately give written notice to the other parties to this Agreement. The individual or entity relying on this section with respect to any such delay may rely on this section only to the extent of the actual number of days of delay effected by any such events described above.

13.14. Notices. Unless otherwise specified, any notice, demand or request required hereunder shall be given in writing at the Notice Address, by any of the following means: (a) personal service; (b) overnight courier, or (c) registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.

13.15. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof, to any person, place or circumstance, shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unenforceable or void, the remainder of this Agreement and such provisions as applied to other persons, places and circumstances shall remain in full force and effect only if, after excluding the portion deemed to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall provide for the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby in substantially the same manner as originally set forth herein.

13.16. Survival of Agreements. All warranties, representations, covenants and agreements of this Agreement shall be true, accurate and complete at the time of the execution of this Agreement, and



shall survive the execution, delivery and acceptance hereof by the parties hereto and shall be in effect throughout the Term of the Agreement.

13.17. Exhibits. All of the exhibits attached to this Agreement are incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

13.18. Business Relationships. The Developer acknowledges (A) receipt of a copy of Section 2-156-030 (b) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, (B) that Developer has read such provision and understands that pursuant to such Section 2-156-030 (b), it is illegal for any elected official of the City, or any person acting at the direction of such official, to contact, either orally or in writing, any other City official or employee with respect to any matter involving any person with whom the elected City official or employee has a "Business Relationship" (as defined in Section 2-156-080 of the Municipal Code of Chicago), or to participate in any discussion in any City Council committee hearing or in any City Council meeting or to vote on any matter involving any person with whom the elected City official or employee has a "Business Relationship" (as defined in Section 2-156-080 of the Municipal Code of Chicago), or to participate in any discussion in any City Council committee hearing or in any City Council meeting or to vote on any matter involving the person with whom an elected official has a Business Relationship, and (C) that a violation of Section 2-156-030 (b) by an elected official, or any person acting at the direction of such official, with respect to any transaction contemplated by this Agreement shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. The Developer hereby represents and warrants that, to the best of its knowledge after due inquiry, no violation of Section 2-156-030 (b) has occurred with respect to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

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**Exhibit A**  
**Legal Description of the Property**

Property Address:  
5627 N. Lincoln Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60659

Property identification numbers (PINs):  
13-01-427-024-0000  
13-01-427-013-0000

**Legal Description:**

PARCEL 1:

LOTS 7, 8, 9, 10 AND 11 IN BLOCK 33 IN W. F. KAISER AND CO'S SECOND ADDITION TO ARCADIA TERRACE, A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT THAT PART OF SAID LOTS 7 THROUGH 11 LYING BETWEEN THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE AND A LINE 17 FEET NORTHEASTERLY OF MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES THERETO AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE TAKEN FOR WIDENING OF LINCOLN AVENUE), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2:

LOT 12 IN BLOCK 33 IN W. F. KAISER AND CO'S SECOND ADDITION TO ARCADIA TERRACE, A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT THAT PART OF THE LAND LYING BETWEEN THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE AND A LINE 17 FEET NORTHEASTERLY OF MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES THERETO AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE FOR WIDENING LINCOLN AVENUE), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

**Exhibit B  
Project Budget**

	PROJECT BUDGET	MBE/WBE BUDGET	TIF - ELIGIBLE BUDGET
Acquisition	\$1,983,443		\$1,983,443
Hard Costs			
Substructure	\$310,580	\$310,580	\$310,580
Building Exterior	\$161,487	\$161,487	\$161,487
Building Interior Finishes	\$577,013	\$577,013	\$577,013
Site Improvements	\$214,716	\$214,716	\$214,716
MEPI	\$1,331,037	\$1,331,037	\$1,331,037
Interior Structure	\$712,270	\$712,270	\$712,270
General Conditions, Insurance, Fee	\$393,742		\$393,742
Vertical Transportation	\$76,000		\$76,000
Cafe	\$12,500	\$12,500	
Audio Visual Theater Lighting	\$181,808		
Theater Rigging	\$90,000		
Seating & Other FF&E	\$40,932		
Hard Cost Contingency	\$158,843		
Total Hard Costs	\$4,260,928	\$3,319,603	\$3,776,845
Soft Costs			
Architecture & Engineering	\$390,000		
Permits/Expediting	\$12,400		
Builders Risk Insurance	\$7,907		
Interest and Other Financing Costs	\$50,000		
Advertising			
Testing			
Soft Cost Purchases	\$353,935		
Total Soft Costs	814,242	-0-	
Total	\$7,058,613	\$3,319,603	\$5,760,288

**MBE @ 26%  
WBE @ 6%**

**\$863,096.78 minimum  
\$199,176.18 minimum**

**Exhibit C**  
**Insurance Requirements**

Developer shall comply, and require its general contractor and subcontractors to comply, with the City's insurance requirements for the monitoring term. All Contractors and subcontractors are subject to the same insurance requirements of Developer unless otherwise specified in the Agreement.

Developer must furnish the Department of Planning and Development with the Certificates of Insurance, or such similar evidence, to be in force on the date of the Agreement, and Renewal Certificates of Insurance, or such similar evidence, if the coverages have an expiration or renewal date occurring during the term of the Agreement. Developer must submit evidence of insurance prior to closing. Developer shall advise all insurers of the Agreement provisions regarding insurance.

The insurance must provide for 60 days prior written notice to be given to the City in the event coverage is substantially changed, canceled, or non-renewed.

**COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE (PRIMARY AND UMBRELLA)**

Commercial General Liability Insurance or equivalent with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage liability.

Coverage must include the following: All premises and operations, products/completed operations, explosion, collapse, underground, separation of insured, defense, and contractual liability (with no limitation endorsement). The City of Chicago is to be named as an additional insured on a primary, non-contributory basis for any liability arising directly or indirectly from the work.

**WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY**

Workers Compensation Insurance, as prescribed by applicable law covering all employees who are to provide work under this Agreement and Employers Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$500,000 each accident, illness or disease.

**AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY (PRIMARY AND UMBRELLA)**

When any motor vehicles (owned, non-owned and hired) are used in connection with work to be performed, the Automobile Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. The City of Chicago is to be named as an additional insured on a primary, non-contributory basis.



American Blues Theater NFP

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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**Exhibit E**  
**Annual Compliance Report**

**American Blues Theater NFP**  
**AMERICAN BLUES THEATER REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**  
**Dated as of [INSERT DATE]**  
**[INSERT YEAR] Annual Compliance Report**

Pursuant to Section 7.07 of the above referenced redevelopment agreement (“RDA”), American Blues Theater NFP (“Developer”) is committed to providing an annual compliance report.

Obligations under the Agreement during the [INSERT YEAR] calendar year:

- (a) Itemize each of Developer’s obligations under this Agreement during the preceding calendar year.
- Compliance with the Operations Covenant (Section 7.04) – Pursuant to Section 7.04 of the RDA, the Project is required to maintain its operations at the Project.
  - Compliance with the Occupancy Covenant (Section 7.05) – Pursuant to Section 7.05 of the RDA, the Project is required to have one hundred percent (100%) of the Project remain open, occupied, and otherwise open for business.
  - Compliance with the Jobs Reporting Requirement (Section 7.06).
  - Delivery of Financial Statements and unaudited financial statements (Section 7.11).
  - Delivery of updated insurance certificate (Section 7.12)
  - Provide evidence of payment of Non-Governmental Charges (Section 7.16)
  - Compliance with all executory provisions of the RDA.
- (b) Certify Developer’s compliance or noncompliance with such obligations.
- The Project is in operation.
  - The Property is [INSERT PERCENTAGE] occupied.
- (c) Attach evidence of such compliance or noncompliance.
- (d) Provide a report stating the number of jobs, if any, created as a result of the Project for this reporting period.
- (e) Certify that Developer is not in default beyond applicable notice and cure period with respect to any provision of the Agreement or any related agreements;
- Developer hereby certifies that the project is not in default with any provisions of the Agreement.

**Attachments**

**I certify that the Developer is not in default with respect to any provision of the Redevelopment Agreement, or any related agreements.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
American Blues Theater NFP

\_\_\_\_\_  
[INSERT DATE]

**Exhibit F**  
**Construction Compliance**

**AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTORS**

1. Bid Requirement for General Contractor and Subcontractors. Prior to entering into an agreement with a General Contractor or any subcontractor for construction of the Project, Developer shall solicit, or shall cause the General Contractor to solicit, bids from qualified contractors eligible to do business with, and having an office located in, the City of Chicago, and shall submit all bids received to DPD, if requested, for its inspection and written approval. (i) For the TIF-Funded Improvements, Developer shall select the General Contractor (or shall cause the General Contractor to select the subcontractor) submitting the lowest responsible bid who can complete the Project in a timely manner.
2. Construction Contract. Prior to the Closing Date, the Developer must provide DPD with a certified copy of the construction contract, together with any modifications, amendments or supplements thereto, and upon DPD's request, a copy of any subcontracts. Photocopies of all contracts or subcontracts entered or to be entered into in connection with the TIF-Funded Improvements shall be provided to DPD within five (5) business days of the execution thereof.
3. Performance and Payment Bonds. Prior to the commencement of any portion of the Project which includes work on the public way, the Developer must require the General Contractor to be bonded for its payment by sureties having an AA rating or better using a bond in a form acceptable to the City. The City shall be named as obligee or co-obligee on any such bonds.
4. Employment Profile. Upon DPD's request, the Developer, the General Contractor and all subcontractors must submit to DPD statements of their respective employment profiles. Developer shall contractually obligate and cause the General Contractor and each subcontractor to agree to the Construction Hiring Requirements.
5. Other Provisions. In addition to the requirements of Agreements with Contractors, the Construction Contract and each contract with any subcontractor shall contain provisions required pursuant to Section 3.05 (Change Orders), Exhibit F. Construction Hiring Requirements, and Section 9.01 (Books and Records) of the RDA.

**CONSTRUCTION HIRING REQUIREMENTS**

1. Employment Opportunity. The Developer shall contractually obligate its or their various contractors, subcontractors or any Affiliate of the Developer operating on the Property (collectively, with the Developer, the "Employers" and individually an "Employer") to agree, that for the Term of this Agreement with respect to Developer and during the period of any other party's provision of services in connection with the construction of the Project or occupation of the Property:

(a) No Employer shall discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment based upon race, religion, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, age, handicap or disability, sexual orientation,



military discharge status, marital status, parental status or source of income as defined in the City of Chicago Human Rights Ordinance, Chapter 2-160, Section 2-160-010 et seq., Municipal Code, except as otherwise provided by said ordinance and as amended from time to time (the "Human Rights Ordinance"). Each Employer shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are hired and employed without discrimination based upon race, religion, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, age, handicap or disability, sexual orientation, military discharge status, marital status, parental status or source of income and are treated in a non-discriminatory manner with regard to all job-related matters, including without limitation: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Each Employer agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the City setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. In addition, the Employers, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, shall state that all qualified applicants shall receive consideration for employment without discrimination based upon race, religion, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, age, handicap or disability, sexual orientation, military discharge status, marital status, parental status or source of income.

(b) To the greatest extent feasible, each Employer is required to present opportunities for training and employment of low- and moderate-income residents of the City and preferably of the Area; and to provide that contracts for work in connection with the construction of the Project be awarded to business concerns that are located in, or owned in substantial part by persons residing in, the City and preferably in the Area.

(c) Each Employer shall comply with all federal, state and local equal employment and affirmative action statutes, rules and regulations, including but not limited to the City's Human Rights Ordinance and the Illinois Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq. (1993), and any subsequent amendments and regulations promulgated thereto.

(d) Each Employer, in order to demonstrate compliance with the terms of this Paragraph, shall cooperate with and promptly and accurately respond to inquiries by the City, which has the responsibility to observe and report compliance with equal employment opportunity regulations of federal, state and municipal agencies.

(e) Each Employer shall include the foregoing provisions of subparagraphs (1) through (4) in every contract entered into in connection with the Project, and shall require inclusion of these provisions in every subcontract entered into by any subcontractors, and every agreement with any Affiliate operating on the Property, so that each such provision shall be binding upon each contractor, subcontractor or Affiliate, as the case may be.

(f) Failure to comply with the employment obligations described in this paragraph shall be a basis for the City to pursue its remedies under the Redevelopment Agreement.

2. Prevailing Wage. The Developer, the General Contractor and all subcontractors must pay the prevailing wage rate as ascertained by the Illinois Department of Labor (the "Department"), to all persons working on the Project. All such contracts shall list the specified rates to be paid to all laborers, workers and mechanics for each craft or type of worker or mechanic employed pursuant to such contract. If the Department revises such prevailing wage rates, the revised rates shall apply to all such contracts. Upon

the City's request, the Developer shall provide the City with copies of all such contracts entered into by the Developer or the General Contractor to evidence compliance with this Prevailing Wage.

3. City Resident Construction Worker Employment Requirement. The Developer agrees for itself and its successors and assigns, and shall contractually obligate its General Contractor and shall cause the General Contractor to contractually obligate its subcontractors, as applicable, to agree, that during the construction of the Project they shall comply with the minimum percentage of total worker hours performed by actual residents of the City as specified in Section 2-92-330 of the Municipal Code of Chicago (at least 50 percent of the total worker hours worked by persons on the site of the Project shall be performed by actual residents of the City); provided, however, that in addition to complying with this percentage, the Developer, its General Contractor and each subcontractor shall be required to make good faith efforts to utilize qualified residents of the City in both unskilled and skilled labor positions.

The Developer may request a reduction or waiver of this minimum percentage level of Chicagoans as provided for in Section 2-92-330 of the Municipal Code of Chicago in accordance with standards and procedures developed by the Chief Procurement Officer of the City.

"Actual residents of the City" shall mean persons domiciled within the City. The domicile is an individual's one and only true, fixed and permanent home and principal establishment.

The Developer, the General Contractor and each subcontractor shall provide for the maintenance of adequate employee residency records to show that actual Chicago residents are employed on the Project. Each Employer shall maintain copies of personal documents supportive of every Chicago employee's actual record of residence.

Weekly certified payroll reports (U.S. Department of Labor Form WH-347 or equivalent) shall be submitted to the Commissioner of DPD in triplicate, which shall identify clearly the actual residence of every employee on each submitted certified payroll. The first time that an employee's name appears on a payroll, the date that the Employer hired the employee should be written in after the employee's name.

The Developer, the General Contractor and each subcontractor shall provide full access to their employment records to the Chief Procurement Officer, the Commissioner of DPD, the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, the Inspector General or any duly authorized representative of any of them. The Developer, the General Contractor and each subcontractor shall maintain all relevant personnel data and records for a period of at least three (3) years after final acceptance of the work constituting the Project.

At the direction of DPD, affidavits and other supporting documentation will be required of the Developer, the General Contractor and each subcontractor to verify or clarify an employee's actual address when doubt or lack of clarity has arisen.

Good faith efforts on the part of the Developer, the General Contractor and each subcontractor to provide utilization of actual Chicago residents (but not sufficient for the granting of a waiver request as provided for in the standards and procedures developed by the Chief Procurement Officer) shall not suffice to replace the actual, verified achievement of the requirements of this Paragraph concerning the worker hours performed by actual Chicago residents.

When work at the Project is completed, in the event that the City has determined that the Developer has failed to ensure the fulfillment of the requirement of this Paragraph concerning the worker hours performed by actual Chicago residents or failed to report in the manner as indicated above, the City will thereby be damaged in the failure to provide the benefit of demonstrable employment to Chicagoans to the degree stipulated in this Paragraph. Therefore, in such a case of non-compliance, it is agreed that 1/20 of 1 percent (0.0005) of the aggregate hard construction costs set forth in the Project budget (the product of .0005 x such aggregate hard construction costs) (as the same shall be evidenced by approved contract value for the actual contracts) shall be surrendered by the Developer to the City in payment for each percentage of shortfall toward the stipulated residency requirement. Failure to report the residency of employees entirely and correctly shall result in the surrender of the entire liquidated damages as if no Chicago residents were employed in either of the categories. The willful falsification of statements and the certification of payroll data may subject the Developer, the General Contractor and/or the subcontractors to prosecution. Any retainage to cover contract performance that may become due to the Developer pursuant to Section 2-92-250 of the Municipal Code of Chicago may be withheld by the City pending the Chief Procurement Officer's determination as to whether the Developer must surrender damages as provided in this paragraph.

Nothing herein provided shall be construed to be a limitation upon the "Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity, Executive Order 11246" and "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity, Executive Order 11246," or other affirmative action required for equal opportunity under the provisions of this Agreement or related documents.

The Developer shall cause or require the provisions of this paragraph to be included in all construction contracts and subcontracts related to the Project.

4. MBE/WBE Commitment. The Developer agrees for itself and its successors and assigns, and, if necessary to meet the requirements set forth herein, shall contractually obligate the General Contractor to agree that, during the Project:

(a) Consistent with the findings which support the Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program (the "MBE/WBE" Program"), Section 2-92-420 et seq., Municipal Code of Chicago, and in reliance upon the provisions of the MBE/WBE Program to the extent contained in, and as qualified by, the provisions of this paragraph 4., during the course of the Project, at least the following percentages of the MBE/WBE Budget attached hereto as Exhibit B (as these budgeted amounts may be reduced to reflect decreased actual costs) shall be expended for contract participation by MBEs or WBEs:

- i. At least 26 percent by MBEs  
And
- ii. At least 6 percent by WBEs.

(b) For purposes of MBE/WBE Commitment only, the Developer (and any party to whom a contract is let by the Developer in connection with the Project) shall be deemed a "contractor" and this Agreement (and any contract let by the Developer in connection with the Project) shall be deemed a "contract" as such terms are defined in Section 2-92-420, Municipal Code of Chicago.

(c) Consistent with Section 2-92-440, Municipal Code of Chicago, the Developer's MBE/WBE commitment may be achieved in part by the Developer's status as an MBE or WBE (but only to the extent of any actual work performed on the Project by the Developer), or by a joint venture with one or more MBEs or WBEs (but only to the extent of the lesser of (i) the MBE or WBE participation in such joint venture or (ii) the amount of any actual work performed on the Project by the MBE or WBE), by the Developer utilizing a MBE or a WBE as a General Contractor (but only to the extent of any actual work performed on the Project by the General Contractor), by subcontracting or causing the General Contractor to subcontract a portion of the Project to one or more MBEs or WBEs, or by the purchase of materials used in the Project from one or more MBEs or WBEs, or by any combination of the foregoing. Those entities which constitute both a MBE and a WBE shall not be credited more than once with regard to the Developer's MBE/WBE commitment as described in this paragraph 4. The Developer or the General Contractor may meet all or part of this commitment through credits received pursuant to Section 2-92-530 of the Municipal Code of Chicago for the voluntary use of MBEs or WBEs in its activities and operations other than the Project.

(d) Prior to the City's issuance of a Final Certificate, the Developer shall provide to DPD a final report describing its efforts to achieve compliance with this MBE/WBE commitment. Such report shall include inter alia the name and business address of each MBE and WBE solicited by the Developer or the General Contractor to work on the Project, and the responses received from such solicitation, the name and business address of each MBE or WBE actually involved in the Project, a description of the work performed or products or services supplied, the date and amount of such work, product or service, and such other information as may assist DPD in determining the Developer's compliance with this MBE/WBE commitment. DPD has access to the Developer's books and records, including, without limitation, payroll records, books of account and tax returns, and records and books of account in accordance with the Redevelopment Agreement, on five (5) business days' notice, to allow the City to review the Developer's compliance with its commitment to MBE/WBE participation and the status of any MBE or WBE performing any portion of the Project.

(e) Upon the disqualification of any MBE or WBE General Contractor or subcontractor, if such status was misrepresented by the disqualified party, the Developer shall be obligated to discharge or cause to be discharged the disqualified General Contractor or subcontractor and, if possible, identify and engage a qualified MBE or WBE as a replacement. For purposes of this Subsection (e), the disqualification procedures are further described in Section 2-92-540, Municipal Code of Chicago.

(f) Any reduction or waiver of the Developer's MBE/WBE commitment as described in this paragraph 4 shall be undertaken in accordance with Section 2-92-450, Municipal Code of Chicago.

(g) Prior to the commencement of the Project, the Developer, the General Contractor and all major subcontractors shall be required to meet with the monitoring staff of DPD with regard to the Developer's compliance with its obligations under this Section 7.04. During this meeting, the Developer shall demonstrate to DPD its plan to achieve its obligations under this Section 7.04, the sufficiency of which shall be approved by DPD. During the Project, the Developer shall, upon the request of the monitoring staff of DPD, such interim reports as the monitoring staff may require. Failure to submit such documentation on a timely basis, or a determination by DPD, upon analysis of the documentation, that

the Developer is not complying with its obligations hereunder shall, upon the delivery of written notice to the Developer, be deemed an Event of Default hereunder.

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**Exhibit G**  
**Escrow Agreement, if applicable**

(see attached)

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LINCOLN AVENUE  
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023

CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
LINCOLN AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Brandon Johnson, Mayor  
Members of the City Council  
City of Chicago, Illinois

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Project's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Chicago, Illinois, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As described in Note 1, the financial statements of the Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project, City of Chicago, Illinois, are intended to present the financial position and the changes in financial position, of only that portion of the special revenue funds of the City of Chicago, Illinois that is attributable to the transactions of the Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project. They do not purport to, and do not, present the financial position of the City of Chicago, Illinois, as of December 31, 2023 and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery,

intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Chicago's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

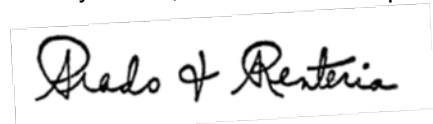
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures by Statutory Code is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, such information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



June 27, 2024

CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
LINCOLN AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
(UNAUDITED)

As management of the Lincoln Avenue Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area (Project), we offer the readers of the Project's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the Project's financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the Project's financial statements, which follow this section.

*Overview of the Financial Statements*

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Project's basic financial statements. The Project's basic financial statements include three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) governmental fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information concerning the Project's expenditures by statutory code.

*Basic Financial Statements*

The basic financial statements include two kinds of financial statements that present different views of the Project – the *Government-Wide Financial Statements* and the *Governmental Fund Financial Statements*. These financial statements also include the notes to the financial statements that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detail.

*Government-Wide Financial Statements*

The government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Project's financial status and use accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the project's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid. The two government-wide statements report the Project's net position and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the Project's assets and liabilities – is one way to measure the Project's financial health, or position.

*Governmental Fund Financial Statements*

The governmental fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Project's significant funds – not the Project as a whole. Governmental funds focus on: 1) how cash and other financial assets can readily be converted to cash flows and 2) the year-end balances that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Project. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the statements to explain the relationship (or differences) between them.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
(UNAUDITED)  
(Continued)

*Notes to the Financial Statements*

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow the basic financial statements.

*Other Supplementary Information*

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents a schedule of expenditures by statutory code. This supplementary information follows the notes to the financial statements.

*Condensed Comparative Financial Statements*

The condensed comparative financial statements are presented on the following page.

*Analysis of Overall Financial Position and Results of Operations*

Property tax revenue for the Project was \$5,513,836 for the year. This was an increase of 72 percent over the prior year. The change in net position (including other financing uses) produced an increase in net position of \$164,038. The Project's net position increased by 1 percent from the prior year making available \$14,651,950 (net of surplus distribution) of funding to be provided for purposes of future redevelopment in the Project's designated area. Revenues increased this year due to the Project's economic growth and accordingly increasing the total equalized assessed value of parcels and subsequent tax increment and related collections. Expenses increased this year due to the Project's formulation of a redevelopment plan or necessary funding was substantially complete and available.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
(UNAUDITED)  
(Concluded)

Government-Wide

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total assets	\$ 17,692,984	\$ 15,637,760	\$ 2,055,224	13%
Total liabilities	<u>2,598,228</u>	<u>707,042</u>	<u>1,891,186</u>	267%
Total net position	<u>\$ 15,094,756</u>	<u>\$ 14,930,718</u>	<u>\$ 164,038</u>	1%
Total revenues	\$ 6,063,329	\$ 2,806,671	\$ 3,256,658	116%
Total expenses	<u>5,874,291</u>	<u>915,181</u>	<u>4,959,110</u>	542%
Other financing uses	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	100%
Changes in net position	<u>164,038</u>	<u>1,891,490</u>	<u>(1,727,452)</u>	-91%
Ending net position	<u>\$ 15,094,756</u>	<u>\$ 14,930,718</u>	<u>\$ 164,038</u>	1%

CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
LINCOLN AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND  
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>A S S E T S</u>	<u>Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 13,382,808	\$ -	\$ 13,382,808
Property taxes receivable	4,263,215	-	4,263,215
Accrued interest receivable	46,961	-	46,961
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,692,984</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 17,692,984</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS</u>			
Vouchers payable	\$ 2,542,851	\$ -	\$ 2,542,851
Due to other City funds	55,377	-	55,377
Total liabilities	<u>2,598,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,598,228</u>
Deferred inflows	3,799,601	(3,799,601)	-
<u>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION</u>			
Fund balance:			
Restricted for surplus distribution (Note 2)	442,806	(442,806)	-
Restricted for future redevelopment project costs	10,852,349	(10,852,349)	-
Total fund balance	<u>11,295,155</u>	<u>(11,295,155)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balance	<u>\$ 17,692,984</u>		
Net position:			
Restricted for surplus distribution (Note 2)		442,806	442,806
Restricted for future redevelopment project costs		14,651,950	14,651,950
Total net position		<u>\$ 15,094,756</u>	<u>\$ 15,094,756</u>

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total fund balance - governmental fund	\$ 11,295,155
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levied rather than when "available". A portion of the deferred property tax revenue is not available.	<u>3,799,601</u>
Total net position - governmental activities	<u>\$ 15,094,756</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
LINCOLN AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Revenues:			
Property tax	\$ 4,783,747	\$ 730,089	\$ 5,513,836
Interest	549,493	-	549,493
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Total revenues	5,333,240	730,089	6,063,329
Expenditures/expenses:			
Economic development projects	5,874,291	-	5,874,291
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Excess of expenditures over revenues	(541,051)	730,089	189,038
Other financing uses:			
Surplus distribution (Note 2)	(25,000)	-	(25,000)
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Excess of expenditures and other financing uses over revenues	(566,051)	566,051	-
Change in net position	-	164,038	164,038
Fund balance/net position:			
Beginning of year	11,861,206	3,069,512	14,930,718
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End of year	<u>\$ 11,295,155</u>	<u>\$ 3,799,601</u>	<u>\$ 15,094,756</u>

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

Net change in fund balance - governmental fund	\$ (566,051)
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levied rather than when "available". A portion of the deferred property tax revenue is not available.	<hr/> 730,089
Change in net position - governmental activities	<u>\$ 164,038</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
LINCOLN AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) *Reporting Entity*

In November 1999, the City of Chicago (City) established the Lincoln Avenue Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area (Project). The area has been established to finance improvements, leverage private investment and create and retain jobs. The Project is accounted for within the special revenue funds of the City.

The financial statements present only the activities of the Lincoln Avenue Tax Increment Redevelopment Project and do not purport to present the financial position and the changes in financial position of any other special revenue funds of the City of Chicago, Illinois, as of December 31, 2023 and for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

(b) *Accounting Policies*

The accounting policies of the Project are based upon accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

(c) *Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements*

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and the governmental fund financial statements (i.e., the balance sheet and the statement of governmental fund revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance) report information on the Project. See Note 1(a).

(d) *Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statements Presentation*

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting* with only current assets and liabilities included on the balance sheet. Under *the modified accrual basis of accounting*, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property taxes are susceptible to accrual and recognized as a receivable in the year levied. Revenue recognition is deferred unless the taxes are received within 60 days subsequent to year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.



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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(Continued)

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(d) *Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statements Presentation (Concluded)*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates.

(e) *Assets, Liabilities and Net Position*

*Cash and Investments*

Cash being held by the City is generally deposited with the City Treasurer as required by the Municipal Code of Chicago. The City Comptroller issues warrants for authorized City expenditures which represent a claim for payment when presented to the City Treasurer. Payment for all City warrants clearing is made by checks drawn on the City's various operating bank accounts.

The City Treasurer and City Comptroller share responsibility for investing in authorized investments. Interest earned and fair market value adjustments on pooled investments are allocated to participating funds based on their average combined cash and investment balances. Since investment income is derived from pooled investments, the fair value measurement and fair value hierarchy disclosures of GASB 72 will not be separately presented in a note disclosure.

The City values its investments at fair value or amortized cost. U.S. Government securities purchased at a price other than par with a maturity of less than one year are recognized at amortized cost.

*Deferred Inflows*

Deferred inflows represent deferred property tax revenue amounts to be recognized as revenue in future years in the governmental fund financial statements.

*Capital Assets*

Capital assets are not capitalized in the governmental funds but, instead, are charged as current expenditures when purchased. The Government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) of the City includes the capital assets and related depreciation, if any, of the Project in which ownership of the capital asset will remain with the City (i.e., infrastructure, or municipal building). All other construction will be expensed in both the government-wide financial statements and the governmental funds as the City nor Project will retain the right of ownership.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(Concluded)

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Concluded)

(f) *Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability*

*Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Allocation Act Compliance*

The Project's expenditures include reimbursements for various eligible costs as described in subsection (q) of Section 11-74.4-3 of the Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Allocation Act and the Redevelopment Agreement relating specifically to the Project. Eligible costs include but are not limited to survey, property assembly, rehabilitation, public infrastructure, financing and relocation costs.

The maximum reimbursable amount is set forth in each agreement. If the total project cost is lower than the project budget established in the agreement, the reimbursable amount will be prorated.

Note 2 – Surplus Distribution

In December 2022, the City declared a surplus within the fund balance of the Project in the amount of \$25,000. In March 2023, the surplus funds were sent to the Cook County Treasurer's Office to be redistributed to the various taxing agencies.

In December 2023, the City declared a surplus within the fund balance of the Project in the amount of \$442,806. In April 2024, the surplus funds were sent to the Cook County Treasurer's Office to be redistributed to the various taxing agencies.

Note 3 – Tax Abatement Agreement

GASB Statement No. 77, Tax Abatement Disclosures ("GASB 77"), requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose: (1) brief descriptive information concerning the agreement; (2) the gross dollar amount of taxes abated during the period; and (3) commitments made by government, other than to abate taxes, that are part of the tax abatement agreement.

The City uses tax increment financing to pay for (or reimburse) developers for the costs of the TIF-funded improvements pursuant to the terms and conditions of the redevelopment agreement entered into by the City and the developer.

Note 4 – Commitments

As of December 31, 2023, the Project has various outstanding service and construction projects with encumbrances for approximately \$3,976,159.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
LINCOLN AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES BY STATUTORY CODE

Code Description

Costs of studies, surveys, development of plans and specifications, implementation and administration of the redevelopment plan including but not limited to staff and professional service costs for architectural, engineering, legal, marketing	\$ 54,015
Costs of rehabilitation, reconstruction or repair or remodeling of existing public or private buildings and fixtures	2,930,060
Costs of the construction of public works or improvements	<u>2,890,216</u>
	<u>\$ 5,874,291</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

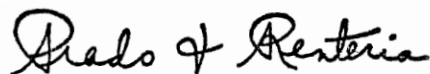
The Honorable Brandon Johnson, Mayor  
Members of the City Council  
City of Chicago, Illinois

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois, which comprise the statement of net position and governmental fund balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of activities and governmental fund revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and we have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2024.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Project failed to comply with the regulatory provisions in Subsection (q) of Section 11-74.4-3 of the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act and Subsection (o) of Section 11-74.6-10 of the Illinois Industrial Jobs Recovery Law as they relate to the eligibility for costs incurred incidental to the implementation of the Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois.

However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Project's noncompliance with the above referenced regulatory provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

This report is intended for the information of the City of Chicago's management. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.



June 27, 2024