

**95th STREET
SERVICE AREA #4
(95th Street Beverly Hills Business
Association, Contractor)**

Financial Statements

**For the Years Ended
December 31, 2018 and 2017**

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
95th Street Special Service Area #4
95th Street Beverly Hills Business Association, Contractor
Chicago, IL

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of 95th Street Special Service Area #4 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago), which comprise the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 and the related statements of activities and governmental funds, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance, and statement of revenues and expenditures – budget and actual, for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unmodified opinion for the year ending December 31, 2018 and 2017.

Unmodified Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of 95th Street Special Service Area #4 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balance for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Desmond & Ahern, Ltd

April 26, 2019
Chicago, IL

**95TH STREET SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #4
(95TH STREET BEVERLY HILLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CONTRACTOR)
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2018 and 2017**

	2018			2017		
	Governmental Funds	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position	Governmental Funds	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
Assets						
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,777	\$ -	\$ 17,777	\$ 26,872	\$ -	\$ 26,872
Property tax receivable	85,119	13,624	98,743	87,478	1,888	89,366
Total Assets	<u>\$ 102,896</u>	<u>\$ 13,624</u>	<u>\$ 116,520</u>	<u>\$ 114,350</u>	<u>\$ 1,888</u>	<u>\$ 116,238</u>
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$ 26,772		<u>\$ 26,772</u>	\$ 25,795	\$ -	<u>\$ 25,795</u>
Deferred Inflows						
Deferred property tax revenue	85,119	(85,119)	-	87,478	(87,478)	-
Fund Balance - unassigned	<u>(8,995)</u>	<u>8,995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,077</u>	<u>(1,077)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 102,896</u>			<u>\$ 114,350</u>		
Net position, unrestricted		<u>\$ 89,748</u>	<u>\$ 89,748</u>		<u>\$ 90,443</u>	<u>\$ 90,443</u>

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

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ (8,995)	\$ 1,077
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period it is levied rather than when "available." A portion of the property tax is deferred as it is not available in the governmental funds.	<u>98,743</u>	<u>89,366</u>
Total net position - governmental activities	<u>\$ 89,748</u>	<u>\$ 90,443</u>

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**95TH STREET SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #4
(95TH STREET BEVERLY HILLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CONTRACTOR)
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS, REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017**

	2018			2017		
	Governmental Funds	Adjustments	Statement of Activities	Governmental Funds	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
Revenues						
Property Taxes	\$ 75,950	\$ 9,377	\$ 85,327	\$ 99,299	\$ (11,821)	\$ 87,478
Interest income	27	-	27	39	-	39
Miscellaneous income (loss)	69	-	69	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>76,046</u>	<u>9,377</u>	<u>85,423</u>	<u>99,338</u>	<u>(11,821)</u>	<u>87,517</u>
Expenditures/Expenses						
Program Costs						
Customer attraction	7,645	-	7,645	20,299	-	20,299
Public way aesthetics	46,259	-	46,259	50,953	-	50,953
Economic/business development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total program expense	<u>53,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,904</u>	<u>71,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,252</u>
Administration						
Operational and administrative support	32,214	-	32,214	28,811	-	28,811
Total administration expense	<u>32,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,214</u>	<u>28,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,811</u>
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>86,118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,118</u>	<u>100,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,063</u>
Change in Fund Balance/Net Position	(10,072)	9,377	(695)	(725)	(11,821)	(12,546)
Fund Balance/Net Position						
Beginning of year, as restated	1,077	89,366	90,443	1,802	101,187	102,989
End of year	<u>\$ (8,995)</u>	<u>\$ 98,743</u>	<u>\$ 89,748</u>	<u>\$ 1,077</u>	<u>\$ 89,366</u>	<u>\$ 90,443</u>

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

Net change in fund balance - governmental funds	\$ (10,072)	\$ (725)
Property tax revenue is recognized in the year it is available rather than when it is levied for governmental funds	<u>9,377</u>	<u>(11,821)</u>
Net change in net position - governmental activities	<u>\$ (695)</u>	<u>\$ (12,546)</u>

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**95TH STREET SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #4
(95TH STREET BEVERLY HILLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CONTRACTOR)
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017**

	2018			2017		
	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance
Revenues						
Property Taxes	\$ 75,950	\$ 95,521	\$ (19,571)	\$ 99,299	\$ 89,158	\$ 10,141
Interest income	27	-	27	39	-	39
Miscellaneous income /loss	69	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>76,046</u>	<u>95,521</u>	<u>(19,544)</u>	<u>99,338</u>	<u>89,158</u>	<u>10,180</u>
Expenditures						
Programs						
1.00 Customer Attraction						
1.01 Website	1,836	1,583	253	280	1,000	(720)
1.02 Special events	-	2,778	(2,778)	-	1,500	(1,500)
1.05 Decorative banners	588	10,778	(10,190)	1,543	11,200	(9,657)
1.06 Holiday decorations	-	9,278	(9,278)	13,768	9,700	4,068
1.07 Print materials	292	2,344	(2,052)	1,222	1,200	22
1.08 Display advertising	2,176	4,778	(2,602)	319	4,200	(3,881)
1.09 PR/Media relations	2,531	2,928	(397)	2,945	-	2,945
1.10 4th of July flags	222	-	222	222	1,350	(1,128)
Total	<u>7,645</u>	<u>34,467</u>	<u>(26,822)</u>	<u>20,299</u>	<u>30,150</u>	<u>(9,851)</u>
2.00 Public Way Aesthetics						
2.02 Landscaping	5,157	3,878	1,279	1,910	2,300	(390)
2.04 Way finding/signage	-	1,528	(1,528)	-	950	(950)
2.05 Streetscape elements	-	928	(928)	1,052	1,350	(298)
2.07 Sidewalk maintenance	40,252	29,942	10,310	42,831	27,930	14,901
2.09 Snow removal	850	-	850	5,160	-	5,160
Total	<u>46,259</u>	<u>36,276</u>	<u>9,983</u>	<u>50,953</u>	<u>32,530</u>	<u>18,423</u>
4.00 Economic/Business Development						
4.01 Site marketing	-	-	-	-	1,700	(1,700)
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>

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**95TH STREET SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #4
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONT.)
For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017**

	2018			2017		
	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance
Expenditures (cont.)						
Administration						
6.00 SSA Management						
6.02 SSA audit	\$ 3,870	\$ 4,000	\$ (130)	\$ 3,745	\$ 4,000	\$ (255)
6.03 Bookkeeping	1,685	750	935	1,180	750	430
6.04 Office rent	3,000	2,100	900	2,700	2,100	600
6.05 Office utilities	2,170	1,400	770	1,006	1,400	(394)
6.06 Office supplies	2,642	691	1,951	2,496	691	1,805
6.07 Office equipment lease/maintenance	3,838	200	3,638	2,309	200	2,109
6.08 Office printing	-	200	(200)	-	200	(200)
6.09 Postage	-	400	(400)	258	400	(142)
6.10 Meeting expenses	66	700	(634)	755	700	55
6.11 Subscriptions/dues	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.17 Liability/property insurance	1,056	450	606	475	450	25
Total	<u>18,327</u>	<u>10,891</u>	<u>7,436</u>	<u>14,924</u>	<u>10,891</u>	<u>4,033</u>
7.00 Personnel						
7.01 Erin Ross, Executive Director	13,887	13,887	-	13,887	13,887	-
Total	<u>13,887</u>	<u>13,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,887</u>	<u>13,887</u>	<u>-</u>
8.00 Loss Collection						
8.01 Loss collection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>86,118</u>	<u>95,521</u>	<u>(9,403)</u>	<u>100,063</u>	<u>89,158</u>	<u>10,905</u>
Excess (deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ (10,072)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (10,141)</u>	<u>\$ (725)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (725)</u>

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**95th STREET SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #4
(95th STREET BEVERLY HILLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CONTRACTOR)
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2018 and 2017**

Note 1 – Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

The 95th Street Special Service Area #4 (Organization) is a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago located in Chicago, Illinois. Its scope of services is to fund various activities to improve and enhance the 95th Street Special Service Area #4 commercial district. The SSA is funded by property taxes levied on properties with the SSA boundaries, which are collected the Cook County Treasurer, and then distributed by the City of Chicago to the SSA.

Special Service Area #4 is governed by a Commission whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago. The City of Chicago contracted with 95th Street Beverly Hills Business Association to perform administrative duties as the service provider for this SSA during the reporting period. 95th Street Beverly Hills Business Association an Illinois not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements of the SSA have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units, hereinafter referred to as GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles). The accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles is GASB (the Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

Government-Wide financial statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting for all of the SSA's activities. The Fund Financial Statements, which focus on the SSA's governmental fund's current financial resources measurement, are prepared on the modified accrual basis.

The SSA accounts for its activities in one fund, its general fund.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

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

The governmental fund financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, with only current assets and liabilities included on the balance sheet. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property taxes are susceptible to accrual and recognized as a receivable in the year levied.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 – Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

Revenue recognition is deferred unless the taxes are received within 60 days subsequent to year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

Fund Equity/Net Position

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. Non-spendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by enabling legislation or an outside party. Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the SSA board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balances is a limitation imposed by a designee of the SSA board. Unassigned fund balance is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the SSA's policy to use restricted fund balances first, then unrestricted fund balances. Furthermore, committed fund balance is reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

For the government-wide financial statements, net position is reported as invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted or unrestricted. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt, if applicable, is comprised of the net capital asset balance less any related debt. Restricted net position is when restrictions are placed on net assets from 1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The remaining net position is classified as unrestricted.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents is defined as short-term liquid investments such as cash in banks, money markets and other financial instruments that can be reduced to cash in thirty days or less. The Organization maintains its cash in bank accounts, which, at times, may exceed the federally insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents. The Organization has established a separate checking account at Suburban Bank & Trust in Elmhurst, Illinois and all tax revenue funds are automatically deposited into this checking account.

Property Taxes

Property taxes become an enforceable lien on real property on January 1 of the year it is levied. Taxes are payable in two installments in the subsequent year. The first installment is an estimate based on the prior year billed levy (55%) and is due in March. The second installment is due on August 1, or 30 days from the mailing of the tax bills if issued later than July 1.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 – Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

The second installment is based on the remaining amount of the levy on file with the County. Bills are issued and collected by Cook County, who remits the SSA #4's share to the City who then remits the monies to the SSA #4.

Related Party Transactions

95th Street Special Service Area #4 shares office space, equipment and employees through its affiliation with 95th Street Beverly Hills Business Association.

95th Street Special Service Area #4 has no employees of its own but reimburses the Association for payroll and related costs of the individuals who may work on the program. It also reimburses the Association for a portion of its applicable operating expenses when incurred.

At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Organization owes \$26,769 and \$25,795, respectively, to the Association for expenses incurred as the Contractor.

Use of Accounting Estimates

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

Special Service Area Agreement

The City of Chicago has established a special service area known and designated as "95th Street Special Service Area #4" to provide special services in addition to those services generally provided by the City. The Association has been designated as "Contractor" under terms of the agreement. The City has authorized a levy not to exceed 1.0% of the equalized assessed value of all property within the area to produce sufficient revenues to provide those special services.

The maximum amount to be paid to the Organization is the lesser of \$85,119 or the amount of service tax funds collected during 2018 and 2017. For each subsequent period of the agreement, the maximum amount to be paid is the lesser of the budget for that year or the amount of service tax funds actually collected for the preceding tax year.

Note 2 – Subsequent Events

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the Organization has evaluated subsequent events through April 26, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events have been identified that are required to be disclosed at that date.

**95th STREET SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #4
(95th STREET BEVERLY HILLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CONTRACTOR)
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
December 31, 2018 and 2017**

Findings

We have read and understand the necessary audit requirements contained in the Service Provider Agreement.

The following exception was noted during the year ending December 31, 2018 and 2017 audits.

Finding 2018-1 and 2017-1

Criteria and Condition

Sub-Contractor agreements entered into by the Contractor, lacked the requirements outlined in the City contract. The Sub-Contractor agreements were missing the following required provisions:

- Section 6.07(b) requires that contractors must include a provision in all subcontractor agreements requiring its subcontractors to pay the Base Wage to Covered Employees.
- Section 3.04 (b) requires contractor must incorporate all of Section 3.04 by reference in all agreements entered into which covers all nondiscrimination laws under Federal, State and City statutes.

Auditor's Recommendation

We Recommend that the Contractor complete contracts and develop policies and procedures to adhere to the Service Provider Agreement. Contracts should include all required aspects from the Agreement and be signed by both the Contractor and Subcontractor. Additionally, we recommend documenting oversight and progress of all sub-contractors to ensure all work is being performed as contracted.

Contractor's Response

Management will review subcontractors' agreements and will incorporate required provisions in future proposal requests per requirements in the Service Provider Agreement.