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Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance

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## Special Service Area 18 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance

Financial Statements
December 31, 2019 and 2018

## Special Service Area 18 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance

### **December 31, 2019 and 2018**

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### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Commissioners of Special Service Area 18 Managed by Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area 18, (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Special Service Area 18 basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial positions of Special Service Area 18 as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and its statements of activities and governmental fund, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Other Matters

### Required Supplementary Information

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

### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of revenues and expenditures - budget and actual on page 11 and 12, are presented for comparison and analysis purposes only. The supplementary information is not a required part of the basic financial statements. We have not performed any auditing procedures on the budget amounts and therefore, express no opinion on them.

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Chicago, Illinois April 29, 2020

### Special Service Area 18 Managed by Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance Statements of Net Position and

### Governmental Fund Balance Sheets December 31, 2019 and 2018

				2019						2018	
•	Gov	vernmental Fund	۸۵	djustments		atement of et Position	Gov	ernmental Fund	٨٥	ljustments	tement of t Position
ASSETS	-	T unu		ajustinents_		et Position		T UIIU		<u>justinents</u>	 t Position
Cash and cash equivalents Property tax receivable, net allowance	\$	604	\$	-	\$	604	\$	20,021	\$	-	\$ 20,021
of uncollectable \$10,000 & \$10,000		474,548		-		474,548		474,480		-	474,480
Other receivable Prepaid expenses		114,079 3,115		-		114,079 3,115		-		-	-
Торын охроново		0,110	-			0,110					 
Total Assets	\$	592,346			\$	592,346	\$	494,501	\$		\$ 494,501
LIABILITIES											
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Due to City of Chicago	\$	66,208	\$	-	\$	66,208	\$	6,126 663	\$	-	\$ 6,126 663
Total Liabilities		66,208		-		66,208		6,789		-	6,789
DEFERRED INFLOWS											
Deferred property tax revenue		474,548		(474,548)	ę.	-		474,480		(474,480)	 
Total Deferred Inflows		474,548		(474,548)		=		474,480		(474,480)	=
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION											
Committed Streetscape elements								1,300		(1,300)	
Streetscape elements		-		-		-					
Unassigned	-	51,590		(51,590)				11,932		(11,932)	 -
Total Fund balance		51,590		(51,590)	1			13,232	-	(13,232)	 
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	\$	592,346					_\$_	494,501			
Net Position - Unrestricted			\$	(526,138)	\$	526,138				(487,712)	\$ 487,712
Amounts reported for government activities in	the st	atement of n	et po	sition are diffe	erent	because:					
Total fund balance - governmental funds	5				\$	51,590					\$ 13,232
Property tax revenue is recognized in the											
"available." A portion of the property tax government funds.	is def	ferred as it is	not a	available in th	ie	474,548					474,480
					<i>1</i>						 
Total net position - governmental activiti	es				\$	526,138					\$ 487,712

## Special Service Area 18 Managed by Northalsted Area Merchants Assoc d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance Statements of Activities and Governmental Fund, Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

### and Changes in Fund Balances December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019			2018							
	Governmen Fund		Adjustments_		atement of Activities	Governmental Fund		ental Adjustments			tement of activities
REVENUES											
Property taxes and interest	\$ 499,9	7 _\$	(1,232)	_\$_	498,685	_\$_	487,928	_\$_	2,286	_\$_	490,214
Total Revenues	499,9	7	(1,232)		498,685		487,928		2,286		490,214
EXPENDITURES											
Customer attraction	136,36	9	-		136,369		140,975		-		140,975
Public way aesthetics	218,1	28	=		218,128		243,165		-		243,165
Sustainability & public places	10,00	00	_		10,000		_		-		-
Econ/business development	5,00	00	=		5,000		6,505		=		6,505
Safety programs	_		-		-		125		-		125
SSA management	30,76		=		30,762		32,868		-		32,868
Personnel	60,00	00			60,000	-	60,000				60,000
Total Expenditures	460,2	<u> </u>			460,259		483,638				483,638
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	39,68	i8	(1,232)		38,426		4,290		2,286		6,576
Change in Net Position	39,68	i8	(1,232)		38,426		4,290		2,286		6,576
Fund Balance/Net Position											
Beginning of the Year	11,93	32 _	475,780		487,712		7,642		473,494		481,136
End of the Year	\$ 51,59	00 \$	474,548	\$	526,138	\$	11,932	\$	475,780	\$	487,712
Amounts reported for governmental activities in	the statemen	of activ	vities is differer	nt bec	ause:						
Net change in Fund balance - governmental fun	ds			\$	39,658					\$	4,290
Property tax is recognized in the year it is levied for governmental funds	rather than w	nen it is	available		(1,232)						2,286
Change in Net Position				\$	38,426					_\$_	6,576

NOTE 1 – Nature of Activities and Reporting Entity

Special Service Area 18 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 North Halsted commercial district. The SSA is funded by property tax levied on properties within the SSA boundaries, which are collected by the Cook County Treasurer, and then distributed by the City of Chicago to the SSA.

Special Service Area 18 is governed by a Commission whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago. The City of Chicago contracted with Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance to perform administrative duties as the service provider for this SSA during the reporting period. Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from federal taxes under Section 501(c)6 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Services provided by the SSA include beautification, cleaning and maintenance of the streets and sidewalks; recruitment of new businesses to the Area and retention of existing ones; coordinated marketing and promotional activities; a façade and signage improvement program and maintaining a visible office with staff support to carry out promotional, educational and market research functions.

### NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### a. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

b. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

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

The governmental fund financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting with only current assets and liabilities included on the balance sheet. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period.

Available means collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property taxes as susceptible to accrual and recognized as a receivable in the year levied. Revenue recognition is deferred unless the taxes are received within 60 days subsequent to year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

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

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

c. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The SSA's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

### Receivables

All property tax receivables are shown net of allowances. As of December 31, 2019, and 2018, the allowance is estimated to be 2% and 2%, respectively, of the outstanding property taxes.

### Fund Equity/Net Positon

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by the SSA board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balance is a limitation imposed by a designee of the SSA 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 balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, committed fund balance is reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

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

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

### d. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through April 29, 2020, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

### NOTE 3 – Cash and Cash Equivalents

The SSA defines cash and cash equivalents as short-term liquid investments such as cash in banks, money markets, and other financial instruments that can be reduced to cash in thirty days or less. The SSA maintains its cash balance in a financial institution located in Chicago, IL. The balance is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. The SSA's cash balance did not exceed the insurance level as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

### NOTE 4 – Property Taxes

The SSA's principal source of revenue is from real estate taxes levied on certain property located in its boundaries. Property taxes become an enforceable lien on real property on January 1 of the year it is levied. Taxes are payable in two installments in the subsequent year. The first installment is an estimate based on the prior year billed levy (55%) and is due March. The second installment is due in August or 30 days from the mailing of the tax bills, if issued later than July 1. The second installment is based on the remaining amount of the levy on file with the County. Bills are issued and collected by Cook County who remits the SSA's share to the City who then remits the monies to the SSA.

### NOTE 5 – Accounts Payable and Due to City of Chicago

Accounts payable balance at December 31, 2019 and 2018 is \$66,208 and \$6,126, respectively. These balances consist of expenses incurred during the respective year related to reimbursement to Northalsted Area Merchant Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance for personnel and administrative non-personnel, and to other vendors for economic/business development and public way aesthetics. As of December 31, 2019, and 2018, there were amounts (due to)/due from City of Chicago for property taxes received but not yet distributed to SSA 18 of \$0 and (\$663), respectively.

### NOTE 6 - Deferred Inflows of Revenue/Deferred Property Tax Revenue

A deferred inflow of resources/property tax revenue represents an acquisition of fund balance that applies to a future period and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time. The balance in deferred property tax revenue at December 31, 2019 and 2018, reflective of the 2019 and 2018 levy, is \$474,548 and \$474,480, respectively.

### NOTE 7 – Fund Equity / Net Position

The SSA is required to present information regarding its financial position and activities according to the Agreement for Special Service Area 18 between the City of Chicago and Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance. As of December 31, 2019, and 2018, the SSA had an unassigned fund balance of \$51,590 and (\$11,232), and committed fund balance of \$0 and \$1,300 respectively. These funds will be utilized in this special service area in future years.

### NOTE 8 – Related Party Transactions

The SSA is affiliated with Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance which acts as its sole service provider. Special Service Area 18 shares office space, equipment, and employees through this affiliation. Special Service Area 18 has no employees of their own, but reimburses Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance for payroll and related costs of the individuals working on the programs. It also reimburses Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance for a portion of its operating expenses, and allocation of rent and utilities.

### NOTE 9 - Committed Funds

Committed fund balance incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. During 2018, SSA 18 entered into an agreement with David Trent Contracting for fabricating planter iron railings for \$3,900, of which \$2,600 was paid during 2018 as a down payment, and the remaining \$1,300 was included in the committed fund balance at December 31, 2018.



### **Special Service Area 18 Managed by Northalsted Area Merchants Association** d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance Schedule of Revenues and **Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2019**

	*			
	 Budget	 Actual	V	/ariance
REVENUE				
roperty revenues - current year	\$ 488,480	\$ 499,917	\$	(11,437)
Total revenues	400 400	400 047		(44.407)

REVENUE				
Property revenues - current year	\$ 488,480	\$ 499,917	_\$_	(11,437)
Total revenues	488,480	499,917		(11,437)
EXPENDITURES				
Customer attraction Public way aesthetics Sustainability & public places Econ/business development Safety programs SSA management Personnel	137,700 233,000 14,500 6,500 3,000 34,780 60,000	136,369 218,128 10,000 5,000 - 30,762 60,000		1,331 14,872 4,500 1,500 3,000 4,018
Total expenditures	 489,480	460,259		29,221
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ (1,000)	\$ 39,658	\$	(40,658)
CARRYOVER	1,000	 		1,000
Net revenues in excess of expenses	\$ 	\$ 39,658	\$	(41,658)

### Special Service Area 18 Managed by Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance

### Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2018

	Budget		Actual		Variance	
REVENUE						
Property revenues - current year Late collections and interest thereon Loss Collection	\$	480,827 2,667 2,667	\$	487,928 - -	\$	(7,101) 2,667 2,667
Total revenues		486,161		487,928		(1,767)
EXPENDITURES						
Customer attraction Public way aesthetics Econ/business development Safety programs SSA management Personnel		147,434 245,375 6,987 1,125 35,240 60,000		140,975 243,165 6,505 125 32,868 60,000		6,459 2,210 482 1,000 2,372
Total expenditures		496,161		483,638		12,523
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$	(10,000)		4,290	\$	(14,290)
CARRYOVER		10,000				10,000
Net revenues in excess of expenses	\$		\$	4,290	\$	(24,290)

# Special Service Area 18 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance Summary Schedule of Findings and Update on Prior Year Findings For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

As part of our audit and request by the Special Service Area Annual Audited Financial and Accounting Guide, prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development, we have read and understand the requirements contained in the Agreement for Special Service Area 18, between the City of Chicago and Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance (The Sole Service Provider for the SSA 18). After conducting this audit, we determined that no exceptions were noted.

### 2019 Findings:

Financial Statement Audit - None Found

Questioned Costs - None Found

Updated status of the 2018 Findings:

Financial Statement Audit - None Found

Questioned Costs - None Found



### Exhibit A Budget

Special Service Area # 18

Service Provider Agency:

Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a: Northalsted Business Alliance

### **2019 BUDGET SUMMARY**

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

	v	2018	Levy				
САТЕ	EGORY	Collectable Levy	Estimated Loss Collection	Carryover Funds	TIF Rebate Fund #	Estimated Late Collections and Interest	Total All Sources
1.00 Custor Attraction	ner	\$137,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$137,700
2.00 Public Aesthetics	Way	\$233,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$233,000
3.00 Sustair Public Place	•	\$13,500	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$14,500
4.00 Econor Business D	mic/ evelopment	\$6,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,500
5.00 Safety	Programs	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
6.00 SSA M	anagement	\$34,780	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,780
7.00 Person	inel	\$60,000	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$60,000
	Sub-total	\$488,480	\$0				
GRAND TOTALS	Levy Total	\$488	,480	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$489,480

LEVY ANALYSIS					
Estimated 2018 EAV:	\$92,198,359				
Authorized Tax Rate Cap:	0.550%				
Maximum Potential Levy limited by Rate Cap:	\$507,091				
Requested 2018 Levy Amount:	\$488,480				
Estimated Tax Rate to Generate 2017 Levy:	0.5298%				