Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD) Special Service Area (SSA) Program Audit Report Package Transmittal Checklist

This checklist must be completed by the SSA's auditing firm as part of a single PDF audit report package. On the checklist, enter the starting page number within the PDF for each of the audit report package components listed below. Each required component on the checklist must have a numeric page number, unless otherwise noted.

The SSA Service Provider must upload the PDF package and corresponding budget workplan file to DPD's SharePoint by May 1st. Audit packages submitted <u>via e-mail are not acceptable</u>. Audit packages will be deemed "not submitted" unless uploaded to DPD's SharePoint platform.

SSA Name and Number: Greater Ravenswood SSA 31

SSA Provider Name: Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce

Submission Date: May 15 2020

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(Uploaded Separately)	Final Modified or Amended SSA Budget Workplan (Excel file) Date approved by Commission: 11/13/2019
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^{*}required if findings exist

Special Service Area 31 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce

Financial Statements
December 31, 2019 and 2018

Special Service Area 31 Managed by Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Commissioners of Special Service Area 31 Managed by Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area 31, 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 31 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 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 audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Special Service Area 31 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and its statements of activities and governmental fund/revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance 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 10 and 11 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.

EILTS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

E. N. a associates, Inc.

Chicago, Illinois April 29, 2020

Special Service Area 31 Managed by Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce Statements of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheets December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019					2018						
	Governmental	۸.	t		Statement of Net Position		Governmental		Adjustments		tement of	
ASSETS	Fund	AC	ljustments	Ne	Position		Fund	_Ad	ijusimenis		t Position	
Cash and cash equivalents Property tax receivable, net of allowance TIF rebates receivable	\$ 75,734 482,633 433,208	\$	-	\$	75,734 482,633 433,208	\$	64,377 448,343 346,442	\$	-	\$	64,377 448,343 346,442	
Total Assets	\$ 991,575	\$	_	\$	991,575	\$	859,162	\$		\$	859,162	
LIABILITIES												
Acounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 44,743	\$		_\$_	44,743	_\$_	26,014	_\$		\$	26,014	
Total Liabilities	44,743		_		44,743		26,014		-		26,014	
DEFERRED INFLOWS												
Deferred property tax revenue	485,883		(485,883)				450,656		(450,656)		<u>-</u>	
Total Deferred Inflows	485,883		(485,883)		-		450,656		(450,656)		-	
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION												
Unassigned	460,949	-	(460,949)	-			382,492		(382,492)		<u>-</u>	
Total Fund balance	460,949	-	(460,949)				382,492		(382,492)			
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	\$ 991,575					\$	859,162					
Net Position - Unrestricted		\$	946,832	\$	946,832			\$	833,148	\$	833,148	
Amounts reported for government activities in the statement of net position are different because:												
Total fund balance - governmental t	funds			\$	460,949					\$	382,492	
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levied rather th "available." A portion of the property tax is deferred as it is not available i government funds.					en 485,883						450,656	
-												
Total net position - governmental ad	ctivities			\$	946,832					\$	833,148	

Special Service Area 31

Managed by Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce Statements of Activities and Governmental Fund /

Revenues, Expenditures

and Changes in Fund Balance

For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019						2018					
		ernmental Fund	Adj	ustments		tement of ctivities	of Governments Fund		Adj	ustments		tement of ctivities
REVENUES												
Property taxes and interest TIF rebates	\$	443,633 117,385	\$	35,227	\$	478,860 117,385	\$	358,688 369,229	\$	77,761 	\$	436,449 369,229
Total Revenues		561,018		35,227		596,245		727,917		77,761		805,678
EXPENDITURES												
Customer attraction Public way aesthetics Sustainability and public places Economic business development SSA management Personnel		114,454 226,750 1,106 10,994 25,649 103,608		- - - - -		114,454 226,750 1,106 10,994 25,649 103,608		92,363 227,298 3,666 7,484 24,698 99,307		- - - - -		92,363 227,298 3,666 7,484 24,698 99,307
Total Expenditures		482,561			*	482,561		454,816				454,816
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures		78,457	1	35,227		113,684	<u></u>	273,101		77,761		350,862
Change in Net Position		78,457		35,227		113,684		273,101		77,761		350,862
Fund Balance/Net Position												
Beginning of the Year	1	382,492		450,656	1	833,148		109,391		372,895		482,286
End of the Year	\$	460,949	\$	485,883	\$	946,832	\$	382,492	\$	450,656	\$	833,148
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:												
Net change in Fund balance - governmental funds					\$	78,457					\$	273,101
Property tax is recognized in the year it is levied ra for governmental funds	ther tha	an when it is	availa	ble		35,227					-	77,761
Change in Net Position					\$	113,684						350,862

NOTE 1 - Nature of Activities and Reporting Entity

Special Service Area 31 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 Greater Ravenswood commercial district. The SSA is funded by property taxes levied on properties within the SSA boundaries, which are collected by the Cook County Treasurer, and then distributed by the City of Chicago to the SSA.

Special Service Area 31 is governed by a Commission whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago. The City of Chicago contracted with Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce to perform administrative duties as the service provider for this SSA during the reporting period. Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)6 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The boundaries of this SSA are properties fronting along (excluding residential properties) Ravenswood tracks - Addison to Bryn Mawr, on Lawrence - Clark to Leavitt, on Montrose - Clark to Seeley, on Irving Park - Ravenswood to Ashland, on Clark - Ainslie to Montrose, on Damen - Wilson to Ainslie, and on Wilson - Damen to Hermitage.

Services provided by the SSA include cleaning and beautification activities, coordination of advertising and promotional events, attraction and recruitment of new quality businesses to the area, and technical assistance to existing and potential businesses.

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

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

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.

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

Receivables

All property tax receivables are shown net of allowances. As of December 31, 2019, and 2018, the allowance is estimated to be 2% of the outstanding property taxes, \$6,000 and \$6,000, respectively.

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 enabling legislation or an outside party. Committed fund balance is a limitation 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.

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

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 – Other Receivables

As of December 31, 2019, and 2018, a TIF rebate receivable of \$433,208 and \$346,442, respectively, was identified and reported to the SSA by the Cook County Treasurer. TIF rebates will be received by the SSA over the term of the SSA.

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.

NOTE 7 - Related Party Transactions

The SSA is affiliated with Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce which acts as its sole service provider. SSA 31 shares office space, supplies and employees through this affiliation. Special Service Area 31 has no employees of their own, but reimburses Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce for shared payroll and related costs of the individuals working on the programs. It also reimburses Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce for a portion of its operating expenses, and allocation of rent and utilities.

NOTE 8 – Accounts Payable

Accounts payable balance at December 31, 2019 and 2018, is \$44,743 and \$26,015, respectively. This balance consists of expenses / services incurred during the respective year related to holiday décor, snow plowing, community place marker, bike racks, and shared personnel and management costs. As of December 31, 2019, and 2018, the balance in accounts payable to Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce (Related party) was \$29,434 and \$7,000, respectively.



Special Service Area 31 Managed by Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce Schedule of Revenues and

Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2019

	 Budget	Actual	Variance		
REVENUE					
Property revenues and interest TIF rebates	\$ 456,656 30,619	\$ 443,633 117,385	\$	13,023 (86,766)	
Total Revenues	487,275	561,018		(73,743)	
EXPENDITURES					
Customer attraction Public way aesthetics Sustainability and public places Economic business development Safety program SSA management Personnel	130,000 279,000 6,500 13,500 500 26,000 103,775	114,454 226,750 1,106 10,994 - 25,649 103,608		15,546 52,250 5,394 2,506 500 351 167	
Total Expenditures	559,275	482,561		76,714	
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (72,000)	\$ 78,457	\$	(150,457)	
CARRYOVER	 72,000	 -	_\$_	72,000	
Net revenues in excess of expenditures	\$ 	\$ 78,457	\$	(78,457)	

Special Service Area 31 Managed by Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual

December 31, 2018

	E	Budget	 Actual	Variance		
REVENUE						
Property revenues and interest Late collections TIF rebates	\$	427,507 2,059 23,452	\$ 358,688 - 369,229	\$	68,819 2,059 (345,777)	
Total Revenues		453,018	727,917		(274,899)	
EXPENDITURES						
Customer attraction Public way aesthetics Sustainability and public places Economic business development Safety program SSA management Personnel		106,952 266,349 5,000 23,210 500 24,700 99,307	 92,363 227,298 3,666 7,484 - 24,698 99,307		14,589 39,051 1,334 15,726 500 2	
Total Expenditures		526,018	454,816		71,202	
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$	(73,000)	\$ 273,101	\$	(346,101)	
CARRYOVER		73,000	 -	\$	73,000	
Net revenues in excess of expenditures	\$		\$ 273,101	\$	(273,101)	

Special Service Area 31 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce Summary Schedule of 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 Service Provider Agreement between the City of Chicago and Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce.

The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Special Service Area 31 for the year ended December 31, 2019. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements.

After conducting the audit, we determined that no findings were determined.

Current Year Findings:

None found

Prior Year Findings:

None found

Special Service Area 31 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce For the Years Ended December 31, 2019



Special Service Area 31 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce For the Years Ended December 31, 2019

Budget

Special Service Area # 31

Service Provider Agency:

Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce

2019 BUDGET SUMMARY

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

		2018	Levy	,				
CATEGORY		Collectable Levy	Estimated Loss Collection	Carryover Funds	TIF Rebate Fund #	Estimated Late Collections and Interest	Total All Sources 2018 Budget	
1.00 Custon Attraction	ner	\$98,000	\$0	\$27,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$130,000	
2.00 Public Aesthetics	Way	\$216,381	\$0	\$37,000	\$25,619	\$0	\$279,000	
3.00 Sustain	_	\$6,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,500	
4.00 Econor Business D	mic/ evelopment	\$5,500	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$13,500	
5.00 Safety	Programs	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	
6.00 SSA M	anagement	\$26,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,000	
7.00 Person	inel	\$103,775	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$103,775	
	Sub-total	\$456,656	\$0					
GRAND TOTALS	Levy Total	\$456	,656	\$72,000	\$30,619	\$0	\$559,275	