

# City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development

## Special Service Area (SSA) Program

### Audit Report Package Transmittal Checklist

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SSA Name and number: **Northalsted SSA 18**

SSA Provider Name: **Northalsted Area Merchants Association**

**d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance**

Submission Date: **May 2, 2022**

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*\*required if findings exist*

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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

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area 18, (SSA18) (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) which comprise the SSA18 basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements. In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SSA18 as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its fund balance/net position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis of 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 SSA18 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.

### ***Responsibilities of Management 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. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about SSA18's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities 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, including omissions, 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 SSA18'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.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about SSA18's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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.

#### ***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 schedules 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.

EILTS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

*Eilts & Associates, Inc.*

Chicago, Illinois  
April 13, 2022

**Special Service Area 18**  
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**Statements of Net Position and**  
**Governmental Fund Balance Sheets**  
**December 31, 2021 and 2020**

	2021			2020		
	Governmental Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position	Governmental Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 210,159	\$ -	\$ 210,159	\$ 37,222	\$ -	\$ 37,222
Property tax receivable, net allowance of uncollectable \$0 & \$10,000	497,013	-	497,013	487,170	-	487,170
Due from City of Chicago Comptroller	25,149	-	25,149	25,149	-	25,149
Other receivable	-	-	-	19,000	-	19,000
Prepaid expenses	147	-	147	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 732,468</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 732,468</u>	<u>\$ 568,541</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 568,541</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ 52,464	\$ -	\$ 52,464	\$ 45,442	\$ -	\$ 45,442
Due to related party NBA	76,926	-	76,926	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	129,390	-	129,390	45,442	-	45,442
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS</b>						
Deferred property tax revenue	497,013	(497,013)	-	487,170	(487,170)	-
Total Deferred Inflows	497,013	(497,013)	-	487,170	(487,170)	-
<b>FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION</b>						
Committed						
Public Way Aesthetics - signage	30,000	(30,000)	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	76,065	(76,065)	-	35,929	(35,929)	-
Total Fund balance	106,065	(106,065)	-	35,929	(35,929)	-
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 732,468</u>			<u>\$ 568,541</u>		
Net Position - Unrestricted		<u>\$ (603,078)</u>	<u>\$ 603,078</u>		<u>\$ (523,099)</u>	<u>\$ 523,099</u>

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

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 106,065	\$ 35,929
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levied rather than when "available." A portion of the property tax is deferred as it is not available in the governmental funds.	<u>497,013</u>	<u>487,170</u>
Total net position - governmental activities	<u>\$ 603,078</u>	<u>\$ 523,099</u>

See notes to the financial statements and independent auditor's report

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**Statements of Activities and Governmental Fund,**  
**Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Years Ending December 31, 2021 and 2020**

	2021			2020		
	Governmental Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities	Governmental Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Property taxes and interest	\$ 525,051	\$ 39,843	\$ 564,894	\$ 487,140	\$ 12,622	\$ 499,762
Total Revenues	525,051	39,843	564,894	487,140	12,622	499,762
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Customer attraction	99,228	-	99,228	72,454	-	72,454
Public way aesthetics	237,311	-	237,311	224,343	-	224,343
Sustainability & public places	-	-	-	20,831	-	20,831
Econ/business development	900	-	900	-	-	-
Safety programs	5,584	-	5,584	100,497	-	100,497
SSA management	71,007	-	71,007	47,676	-	47,676
Personnel	51,885	-	51,885	37,000	-	37,000
Total Expenditures	465,915	-	465,915	502,801	-	502,801
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures, prior to extraordinary item	59,136	39,843	98,979	(15,661)	12,622	(3,039)
Extraordinary item	(19,000)	-	(19,000)	-	-	-
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures, after extraordinary item	40,136	39,843	79,979	(15,661)	12,622	(3,039)
Change in Net Position	40,136	39,843	79,979	(15,661)	12,622	(3,039)
<b>Fund Balance/Net Position</b>						
Beginning of the Year	35,929	487,170	523,099	51,590	474,548	526,138
End of the Year	<u>\$ 76,065</u>	<u>\$ 527,013</u>	<u>\$ 603,078</u>	<u>\$ 35,929</u>	<u>\$ 487,170</u>	<u>\$ 523,099</u>

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

Net change in Fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 40,136	\$ (15,661)
Property tax is recognized in the year it is levied rather than when it is available for governmental funds	39,843	12,622
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 79,979</u>	<u>\$ (3,039)</u>

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NOTE 1 – Nature of Activities and Reporting Entity

Special Service Area 18 (SSA18) 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 (NBA) 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.



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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.

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.

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

c. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position – (continued)

Receivables

All property tax receivables are shown net of allowances. As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, the allowance is estimated to be \$0 and \$10,000, respectively.

Fund Equity/Net Position

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.

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 13, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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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, 2021 and 2020.

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 – Extraordinary Item

During the year ending December 31, 2019, SSA18 reported fraudulent transactions to their financial institution and filed two claims for reimbursement. All fraudulent transactions were caused by an outside unrelated party to SSA18. The initial claim was completed during 2020 and those funds were reimbursed by the financial institution in full. The second claim for \$19,000, relating to additional 2019 fraudulent transactions were identified during 2020. As of the issuance of these financial statements, the financial institution deemed the second claim of \$19,000, would not be reimbursed to SSA18. Per the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development, SSA18 was instructed to expense this \$19,000 in 2021 as an extraordinary item, since it was a nonrecurring item that is infrequent and unusual.

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NOTE 6 – Due from City of Chicago Comptroller

During the year ending December 31, 2020, the City of Chicago Comptroller held property tax funds of \$25,148 that were due to SSA18, as a result their bank account closure. These funds were not made available by the City of Chicago Comptroller office in 2021, but per follow up they will be deposited and available to SSA18 in 2022.

NOTE 7 – Accounts Payable

Accounts payable balance at December 31, 2021 and 2020 is \$52,464 and \$45,442, respectively. These balances consist of expenses incurred during the respective year related to vendors for customer attraction, safety programs, economic/business development and public way aesthetics.

NOTE 8 – 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, 2021 and 2020, reflective of the 2021 and 2020 levy, is \$497,013 and \$487,170, respectively.

NOTE 9 – 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, 2021, and 2020, the SSA had an unassigned fund balance of \$76,065 and \$35,929, respectively. These funds will be utilized in this special service area in future years.

NOTE 10 – Related Party Transactions and Due to Related Party NBA

The SSA is affiliated with Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance (“NBA”), which acts as its service provider. Special Service Area 18 shares office space, equipment, and employees through this affiliation. Special Service Area 18 has no employees of their

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NOTE 10 – Related Party Transactions and Due to Related Party NBA – (continued)

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 (NBA) for a portion of its operating expenses, and allocation of rent and utilities. SSA18 reimbursed Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance \$169,913 and \$150,486 during the years ending December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, due to related party (NBA) was \$ 76,926 and \$0, respectively.

NOTE 11 – 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 2021, SSA 18 entered into an agreement with E. Malone, LLC. for custom signage for an annual event for \$30,000. This amount is included in the committed fund balance at December 31, 2021.

NOTE 12 – Risks and Uncertainties

The COVID-19, a worldwide pandemic, has continued to present significant effects on global markets, supply chains, businesses, and communities. Specific to the SSA, COVID-19 may continue to impact various parts of its 2022 operations and financial results, including potential cancellations of future events and programing, and potential delays in receiving their respective property tax levies.

Management believes the SSA is taking appropriate actions to mitigate the negative impact. However, the full impact of COVID-19 outbreak continues as of the date the SSA's financial statements were issued. Given the uncertainty related to this pandemic, the SSA is not able to estimate the effects of this outbreak on its operations, financial condition and liquidity for the year ended December 31, 2022.

## **Supplementary Information**

**Special Service Area 18**  
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**Schedule of Revenues and**  
**Expenditures - Budget and Actual**  
**December 31, 2021**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Property revenues - current year	\$ 485,506	\$ 525,051	\$ (39,545)
Total revenues	485,506	525,051	(39,545)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Customer attraction	115,400	99,228	16,172
Public way aesthetics	248,348	237,311	11,037
Sustainability & public places	1,500	-	1,500
Econ/business development	1,500	900	600
Safety programs	6,000	5,584	416
SSA management	71,800	71,007	793
Personnel	52,622	51,885	737
Total expenditures	497,170	465,915	31,255
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ (11,664)</u>	<u>\$ 59,136</u>	<u>\$ (70,800)</u>
<b>CARRYOVER</b>	<u>11,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,664</u>
Net revenues in excess of expenses prior to extraordinary item	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 59,136</u>	<u>\$ (59,136)</u>
Extraordinary item	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,000)</u>	<u>19,000</u>
Net revenues in excess (deficit) of expenses after extraordinary item	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 40,136</u>	<u>\$ (40,136)</u>

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**Schedule of Revenues and**  
**Expenditures - Budget and Actual**  
**December 31, 2020**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Property revenues - current year	\$ 474,548	\$ 487,140	\$ (12,592)
Total revenues	474,548	487,140	(12,592)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Customer attraction	111,000	72,454	38,546
Public way aesthetics	252,964	224,343	28,621
Sustainability & public places	17,164	20,831	(3,667)
Econ/business development	4,000	-	4,000
Safety programs	25,000	100,497	(75,497)
SSA management	54,480	47,676	6,804
Personnel	50,000	37,000	13,000
Total expenditures	514,608	502,801	11,807
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ (40,060)</u>	<u>\$ (15,661)</u>	<u>\$ (24,399)</u>
<b>CARRYOVER</b>	<u>40,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,060</u>
Net revenues in excess (deficit) of expenses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (15,661)</u>	<u>\$ 15,661</u>

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**For the Year Ended December 31, 2021**

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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 (Service Provider for SSA 18). Below are the findings per the above-mentioned guide.

Current Year Findings:

- No Findings

Prior Year Findings:

- We noted certain expenditures for which actual expenses exceeded budgeted amounts.

Management Response:

- Northalsted Area Merchants Association d/b/a Northalsted Business Alliance will pay closer attention to monthly financial statements and revise the annual budget as needed.

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**Special Service Area # 18**

**SSA Name: Northalsted**

**2021 BUDGET SUMMARY**

Budget and Services Period: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

CATEGORY (Funded Categories Comprise Scope of Services)	2020 Levy		Carryover Funds	TIF Rebate Fund #147	Estimated Late Collections and Interest	Total All Sources
	Collectable Levy	Estimated Loss Collection				
<b>1.00 Customer Attraction</b>	\$115,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$115,400
<b>2.00 Public Way Aesthetics</b>	\$236,684	\$0	\$11,664	\$0	\$0	\$248,348
<b>3.00 Sustainability and Public Places</b>	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
<b>4.00 Economic/ Business Development</b>	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
<b>5.00 Public Health and Safety Programs</b>	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
<b>6.00 SSA Management</b>	\$71,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71,800
<b>7.00 Personnel</b>	\$52,622	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$52,622
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$485,506				
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>Levy Total</b>	<b>\$485,506</b>	<b>\$11,664</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$497,170</b>

**LEVY ANALYSIS**

Estimated 2020 EAV:	<b>\$92,198,359</b>
Authorized Tax Rate Cap:	<b>0.550%</b>
Maximum Potential Levy limited by Rate Cap:	<b>\$507,091</b>
Requested 2020 Levy Amount:	<b>\$485,506</b>
Estimated Tax Rate to Generate 2020 Levy:	<b>0.5266%</b>

**LEVY CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR**

2019 Levy Total (in 2020 budget)	\$484,548
2020 Levy Total (in 2021 budget)	\$485,506
Percentage Change	0.20%
Community meeting required if levy amount increases greater than 5% from previous levy.	

**CARRYOVER CALCULATION**

2020 Budget Total	<b>\$489,548</b>
2021 Carryover	<b>\$11,664</b>
Percentage	<b>2.383%</b>
Must be less than 25%	