### City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development Special Service Area (SSA) Program

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SSA Name and number: Chinatown SSA73

SSA Provider Name: Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce

Submission Date: MAY 2 2022

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<sup>\*</sup>required if findings exist

### **Special Service Area 73**

(a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago)
Managed by Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce

Financial Statements
December 31, 2021 and 2020

### Special Service Area 73 Managed by Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce Financial Statements

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#### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Commissioners of Special Service Area 73 Managed by Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Special Service Area 73, (SSA73) (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) which comprise the SSA73 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 SSA73 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 SSA73 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 SSA73'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 SSA73'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 SSA73'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 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.

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Chicago, Illinois April 13, 2022

### Special Service Area 73 Managed by Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce Statements of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheets December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021					2020						
	Governmental Fund		Adjustments			ement of Position		ernmental Fund	Adjustments			ement of Position
ASSETS												
Cash and cash equivalents Property tax receivable, net allowance for	\$	35,519	\$	-	\$	35,519	\$	18,316	\$	-	\$	18,316
uncollectable taxes of \$0 and \$170		49,168		-		49,168		44,400		-		44,400
TIF rebate receivable		13,111		-		13,111		13,111		-		13,111
Prepaid expenses						-	-	2,400				2,400
Total Assets	\$	97,798	\$		\$	97,798	\$	78,227	\$	-	\$	78,227
LIABILITIES												
Acounts payable and accrued expenses		800		-		800		-		-		-
Due to Chicago Chinatown Chamber		833		-		833		-		-		-
Due to City of Chicago		566		-		566		-		-		-
Total Liabilities		2,199		-		2,199		-		-		-
DEFERRED INFLOWS												
Deferred property tax revenue		49,168		(49,168)				44,400		(44,400)		
Total Deferred Inflows		49,168		(49,168)		-		44,400		(44,400)		-
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION												
Unassigned		46,431		(46,431)				33,827		(33,827)		
Total Fund Balance		46,431		(46,431)				33,827		(33,827)		
Total Deferred Infows and Fund Balance	\$	97,798					\$	78,227				
Net Position - Unrestricted			\$	(95,599)	\$	95,599			\$	(78,227)	\$	78,227
Net i dalion - diffestrated			Ψ	(55,555)	Ψ	30,333			Ψ	(10,221)	Ψ	10,221
Amounts reported for government activities in th	e stater	ment of net	osition	are differen	t beca	use:						
Total fund balance - governmental funds					\$	46,431					\$	33,827
Property tax revenue is recognized in the prayailable." A portion of the property tax is					n							
government funds.	, doloit	54 45 K IS II	, avaii	25.0 111 010		49,168						44,400
Total net position - governmental activities	i				\$	95,599					\$	78,227

### Special Service Area 73 Managed by Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce

### Statements of Activities and Governmental Fund,

### Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

#### For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021					2020						
	Gov	rernmental Fund	Adj	ustments		tement of ctivities		ernmental Fund	Adjustments			tement of ctivities
REVENUES												
Property taxes - net of allowance TIF rebate revenue	\$	43,643	\$	4,768	\$	48,411 <u>-</u>	\$	24,595 9,530	\$	19,400 -	\$	43,995 9,530
Total Revenues		43,643		4,768		48,411		34,125		19,400		53,525
EXPENDITURES												
Customer attraction		5,000		_		5,000		_		_		_
Public way aesthetics		14,050		_		14,050		10,440		_		10,440
SSA management		11,989				11,989		7,500				7,500
Total Expenditures		31,039				31,039		17,940				17,940
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures		12,604		4,768		17,372		16,185		19,400		35,585
Change in Net Position		12,604		4,768		17,372		16,185		19,400		35,585
Fund Balance/Net Position												
Beginning of the Year		33,827		44,400		78,227		17,642		25,000		42,642
End of the Year	\$	46,431	\$	49,168	\$	95,599	\$	33,827	\$	44,400	\$	78,227
Amounts reported for governmental activities i	n the st	atement of a	activitie	s is differen	t becau	ıse:						
Net change in Fund balance - governmental fu	ınds				\$	12,604					\$	16,185
Property tax is recognized in the year it is levie for governmental funds	ed rathe	er than when	it is a	/ailable		4,768						19,400
Change in Net Position					\$	17,372					\$	35,585

#### NOTE 1 - Nature of Activities and Reporting Entity

Special Service Area 73 ("SSA 73") is a taxing district authorized by City of Chicago located in Chicago, Illinois. Its scope of services is to fund various activities to support the economic well-being and tourism appeal of the district through programs, services and promotional events. The Chinatown SSA makes Chicago's Chinatown a welcoming destination for visitors, residents, and businesses alike. 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. SSA 73 was established as of January 1, 2018.

Special Service Area 73 is governed by a Commission whose members are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago. The City of Chicago contracted with the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce (CCCC) to perform administrative duties as the service provider for this SSA during the reporting period. Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, exempt from federal taxes under Section501c(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Special Service Area 73 is roughly bounded by LaSalle Street from 24<sup>th</sup> place north to Cullerton Street, and Cullerton Street east to LaSalle Street to west to Stewart Avenue. Special Services authorized an Establishment Ordinance include but are not limited to: public way maintenance and beautification; district marketing and advertising; business retention/attraction, special events and promotional activities; auto and bike transit; security; façade improvements; and other commercial and economic development initiatives.

#### NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

The financial statements of SSA 73 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 accounted principals). The accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles is GASB (the Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

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

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

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 government 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. 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 reporting period. Accordingly, 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 acquisitions.

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

#### Receivables

All property tax receivables are shown net of allowances. As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, the allowance is estimated to be less than 1% of the outstanding property taxes.

#### 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 the resolutions. Assigned fund balance is a limitation imposed by a designee of the SSA 73 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 used 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.

#### NOTE 3 – Cash and cash equivalents

The SSA defines cash and cash equivalents as short-term 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., of which 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

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. 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 SSA 73.

#### NOTE 5 – TIF Rebate Receivable

As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, a TIF rebate receivable of \$13,111 and \$13,111, respectively, was identified and reported to the SSA, by the City of Chicago. TIF rebates will be received by the SSA over the term of this SSA.

#### NOTE 6 – Accounts Payable

Accounts payable balance at December 31, 2021 and 2020 is \$800 and \$0, respectively. These balances consist of expenses incurred during the respective year related to vendors for public way aesthetics.

#### NOTE 7 – Due to City of Chicago

Amount due to City of Chicago, results from property tax refunds not yet deducted from future property taxes to be received by SSA73, at December 31, 2021 and 2020 is \$566 and \$0, respectively.

#### NOTE 8 – Deferred Inflows of Revenue

A deferred inflow of 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 revenue until that future time.

NOTE 9 – Related Party Transactions and Due to Chicago Chinatown Chamber

SSA 73 is affiliated with Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, which provides certain administrative services of the SSA. During the years ending December 31, 2021 and 2020, Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce billed SSA73 \$10,000 and \$7,500, respectively, for shared administrative costs.

As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, there was a due to Chicago Chinatown Chamber (related party) balance of \$833 and \$0, respectively. The balance in due to related party, resulted from the time lag that 1) goods and services were provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, 2) transactions were recorded in the accounting system and 3) payments were being made. SSA 73 has no employees of their own, but reimburses Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce for shared payroll and related costs, as well as a portion of its shared operating expenses.

#### NOTE 10 – 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.



# Special Service Area 73 Managed by Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2021

	Budget		 Actual	 ′ariance
REVENUE				
Property revenues and interest - current year TIF rebate revenue	\$	45,791 3,581	\$ 43,643	\$ 2,148 3,581
Total revenues		49,372	43,643	5,729
EXPENDITURES				
Customer attraction		400	5,000	(4,600)
Public way aesthetics		37,341	14,050	23,291
Sustainability and public places		2,300	-	2,300
Economic/business development		2,081	-	2,081
Safety programs		1,100	-	1,100
SSA management		12,400	11,989	 411
Total expenditures		55,622	 31,039	 24,583
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	\$	(6,250)	\$ 12,604	\$ (18,854)

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(12,604)

**CARRYOVER** 

Net revenues in excess(deficit) of expenses

# Special Service Area 73 Managed by Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual December 31, 2020

	Budget		Actual		 /ariance
REVENUE					
Property revenues and interest - current year TIF rebate revenue	\$	25,626 -	\$	24,595 9,530	\$ 1,031 (9,530)
Total revenues		25,626		34,125	(8,499)
EXPENDITURES					
Customer attraction		10,000		-	10,000
Public way aesthetics		22,626		10,440	12,186
Sustainability and public places		1,000		-	1,000
Economic/business development		6,000		-	6,000
Safety programs		3,500		-	3,500
SSA management		7,500		7,500	 -
Total expenditures		50,626		17,940	 32,686
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	\$	(25,000)	\$	16,185	\$ (41,185)
CARRYOVER		25,000		<u>-</u>	 25,000
Net revenues in excess(deficit) of expenses	\$	-	\$	16,185	\$ (16,185)

## Special Service Area 73 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) Managed by Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce Summary Schedule of Findings For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

As part of our audit and request by the Special Service Area Annual Audited Financial Statement Guidelines 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 73 between the City of Chicago and Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce. After conducting the audit, we determined the below findings.

#### **CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS:**

State of Illinois Statue limits the carryover of unspent funds into the following year to 25% of the previous year's budget. SSA 73 will be carrying over in excess of 25% of the year 2021 budget into 2022.

The actual expended funds from the budget category Customer Attraction exceeded the 2021 approved budget amount.

#### **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS:**

The Commission of Special Service Area 73 will pay particularly close attention when creating, approving and modifying future annual budgets as well as monitoring actual annual spending so as not to exceed annual budget and to spend any excess carryover.

#### **PRIOR YEAR FINDING:**

State of Illinois Statue limits the carryover of unspent funds into the following year to 25% of the previous year's budget. SSA 73 will be carrying over in excess of 25% of the year 2020 budget into 2021.

#### **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – UPDATED:**

The Commission of Special Service Area 73 will pay particularly close attention when creating, approving and modifying future annual budgets as well as monitoring actual annual spending to spend any excess carryover.

# Special Service Area 73 Managed by Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce State of Illinois Professional CPA License December 31, 2021



### Special Service Area 73 Managed by Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce Budget December 31, 2021

Special Service Area #	73

SSA Name: Chinatown

#### **2021 BUDGET SUMMARY**

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

		2020	Levy				
(Funded Cate	EGORY gories Comprise f Services)	Collectable Levy	Estimated Loss Collection	Carryover Funds	TIF Rebate Fund #	Estimated Late Collections and Interest	Total All Sources
1.00 Custor Attraction	ner	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400
2.00 Public Aesthetics	Way	\$30,751	\$170	\$4,250	\$2,000	\$170	\$37,341
3.00 Sustain Public Plac		\$300	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,300
4.00 Econo Business D	mic/ evelopment	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$581	\$0	\$2,081
5.00 Safety	Programs	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,100
6.00 SSA M	anagement	\$12,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,400
7.00 Persor	nnel	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sub-total	\$45,451	\$170				
GRAND TOTALS	Levy Total	\$45,	621	\$6,250	\$3,581	\$170	\$55,622

LEVY ANALYSIS	
Estimated 2020 EAV:	\$42,214
Authorized Tax Rate Cap:	0.800%
Maximum Potential Levy limited by Rate Cap:	\$338
Requested 2020 Levy Amount:	\$45,621
Estimated Tax Rate to Generate 2020 Levy:	108.0703%