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Ohio/Wabash Redevelopment Project Area



Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)

JUNE 30, 2001

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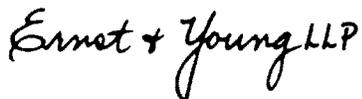
Ms. Alicia Mazur Berg
Commissioner
Department of Planning and Development
121 N. LaSalle St.
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed is the annual report for the Ohio/Wabash Redevelopment Project Area, which we compiled at the direction of the Department of Planning and Development pursuant to Section 5(d) of the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et seq.), as amended. The contents are based on information provided to us by Chicago Departments of Planning and Development, Finance, and Law. We have not audited, verified, or applied agreed upon accounting and testing procedures to the data contained in this report. Therefore, we express no opinion on its accuracy or completeness.

It has been a pleasure to work with representatives from the Department of Planning and Development and other City Departments.

Very truly yours,



Ernst & Young LLP

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June 30, 2001

The Honorable Daniel Hynes
Comptroller
State of Illinois
Office of the Comptroller
201 Capitol
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Comptroller Hynes:

We have compiled the attached information for the Ohio/Wabash Redevelopment Project Area (Report) pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d).

Sincerely,

Alicia Mazur Berg
Commissioner



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(1) DATE OF DESIGNATION AND TERMINATION - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(1.5)

The Project Area was designated on June 7, 2000. The Project Area may be terminated no later than June 7, 2023.

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(2) AUDITED FINANCIALS - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(2)

During 2000, no financial activity or cumulative deposits over \$100,000 occurred in the Project Area. Therefore, no audited statements were prepared pertaining to the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Project Area.

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(3) MAYOR'S CERTIFICATION - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(3)

Please see attached.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATION

TO:

Daniel W. Hynes
Comptroller of the State of Illinois
James R. Thompson Center
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I, RICHARD M. DALEY, in connection with the annual report (the "Report") of information required by Section 11-74.4-5(d) of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS5/11-74.4-1 et seq, (the "Act") with regard to the Ohio/Wabash Redevelopment Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project Area"), do hereby certify as follows:

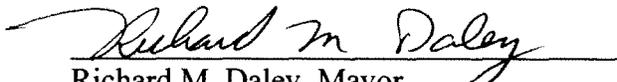
1. I am the duly qualified and acting Mayor of the City of Chicago, Illinois (the "City") and, as such, I am the City's Chief Executive Officer. This Certification is being given by me in such capacity.

2. During the preceding fiscal year of the City, being January 1 through December 31, 2000, the City complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Act, as applicable from time to time, regarding the Redevelopment Project Area.

3. In giving this Certification, I have relied on the opinion of the Corporation Counsel of the City furnished in connection with the Report.

4. This Certification may be relied upon only by the addressees hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature as of this 30th day of June, 2001.


Richard M. Daley, Mayor
City of Chicago, Illinois

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(4) OPINION OF LEGAL COUNSEL - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(4)

Please see attached.



June 30, 2001

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Re: Ohio/Wabash
Redevelopment Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project Area")

Dear Addressees:

I am Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago, Illinois (the "City"). In such capacity, I am providing the opinion required by Section 11-74.4-5(d)(4) of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 *et seq.* (the "Act"), in connection with the submission of the report (the "Report") in accordance with, and containing the information required by, Section 11-74.4-5(d) of the Act for the Redevelopment Project Area.



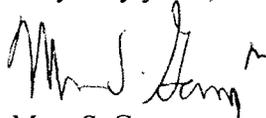
Attorneys, past and present, in the Law Department of the City familiar with the requirements of the Act have had general involvement in the proceedings affecting the Redevelopment Project Area, including the preparation of ordinances adopted by the City Council of the City with respect to the following matters: approval of the redevelopment plan and project for the Redevelopment Project Area, designation of the Redevelopment Project Area as a redevelopment project area and adoption of tax increment allocation financing for the Redevelopment Project Area, all in accordance with the then applicable provisions of the Act. Various departments of the City, including, if applicable, the Law Department, Department of Planning and Development, Department of Housing, Department of Finance and Office of Budget and Management, have personnel responsible for and familiar with the activities in the Redevelopment Project Area affecting such Department(s) and with the requirements of the Act in connection therewith. Such personnel are encouraged to seek and obtain, and do seek and obtain, the legal guidance of the Law Department with respect to issues that may arise from time to time regarding the requirements of, and compliance with, the Act.

In my capacity as Corporation Counsel, I have relied on the general knowledge and actions of the appropriately designated and trained staff of the Law Department and other applicable City Departments involved with the activities affecting the Redevelopment Project Area. In addition, I have caused to be examined or reviewed by members of the Law Department of the City the certified audit report, to the extent required to be obtained by Section 11-74.4-5(d)(9) of the Act and submitted as part of the Report, which is required to review compliance with the Act in certain respects, to determine if such audit report contains information that might affect my opinion. I have also caused to be examined or reviewed such other documents and records as were deemed necessary to enable me to render this opinion. Nothing has come to my attention that would result in my need to qualify the opinion hereinafter expressed, subject to the limitations hereinafter set forth, unless and except to the extent set forth in an Exception Schedule attached hereto as Schedule 1.

Based on the foregoing, I am of the opinion that, in all material respects, the City is in compliance with the provisions and requirements of the Act in effect and then applicable at the time actions were taken from time to time with respect to the Redevelopment Project Area.

This opinion is given in an official capacity and not personally and no personal liability shall derive herefrom. Furthermore, the only opinion that is expressed is the opinion specifically set forth herein, and no opinion is implied or should be inferred as to any other matter. Further, this opinion may be relied upon only by the addressees hereof and the Mayor of the City in providing his required certification in connection with the Report, and not by any other party.

Very truly yours,



Mara S. Georges
Corporation Counsel

SCHEDULE 1

(Exception Schedule)

No Exceptions

Note the following Exceptions:

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(5) ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(5)

During 2000, there was no financial activity in the Special Tax Allocation Fund.

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(6) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(6)

During 2000, the City did not purchase any property in the Project Area.

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(7) STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)

- (A)** Projects implemented in the preceding fiscal year.
- (B)** A description of the redevelopment activities undertaken.
- (C)** Agreements entered into by the City with regard to disposition or redevelopment of any property within the Project Area.
- (D)** Additional information on the use of all Funds received by the Project Area and steps taken by the City to achieve the objectives of the Redevelopment Plan.
- (E)** Information on contracts that the City's consultants have entered into with parties that have received, or are receiving, payments financed by tax increment revenues produced by the Project Area.
- (F)** Joint Review Board reports submitted to the City.
- (G)** Project-by-project review of public and private investment undertaken from 11/1/99 to 12/31/00, and of such investments expected to be undertaken in Year 2001; also, a project-by-project ratio of private investment to public investment from 11/1/99 to 12/31/00, and an estimated ratio of such investments as of the completion of each project and as estimated to the completion of the redevelopment project.

SEE TABLES AND/OR DISCUSSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

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(7)(A) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(A)

During 2000, no projects were implemented.

(7)(B) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(B)

Redevelopment activities undertaken within this Project Area during the year 2000, if any, have been made pursuant to i) the Redevelopment Plan for that Project Area, and ii) the one or more Redevelopment Agreements, if any, affecting the Project Area, and are set forth on Table 5 herein by TIF-eligible expenditure category.

(7)(C) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(C)

During 2000, no agreements were entered into with regard to the disposition or redevelopment of any property within the Project Area.

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(7)(D) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(D)

The Project Area has not yet received any increment.

(7)(E) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(E)

During 2000, no contracts were entered into by the City's tax increment advisors or consultants with entities or persons that have received, or are receiving, payments financed by tax increment revenues produced by the Project Area.

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(7)(F) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(F)

Joint Review Board reports submitted to the City. Please see attached.

(7)(G) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(G)

TABLE 7(G)
PROJECT BY PROJECT REVIEW OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT
AND RATIO OF PRIVATE TO PUBLIC INVESTMENT *

Projects Estimated to be Undertaken in 2001	Private Investment Undertaken		Public Investment Undertaken		Ratio Of Private/Public Investment	
	11/1/1999 to End of Reporting FY	Amount Estimated to Complete the Project	11/1/1999 to End of Reporting FY	Amount Estimated to Complete the Project	11/1/1999 to End of Reporting FY	Ratio Estimated as of Project Completion
Project 1: Medinah Temple/Tree Studios	n/a	\$59,118,800	n/a	\$12,700,000	n/a	5:1

* Each Public Investment amount reported below is the maximum public investment amount that could be made under the provisions of the corresponding Project/Redevelopment Agreement and may not necessarily reflect actual expenditures, if any, as reported under Sections 2 or 5 herein. (The total public investment ultimately made under the Project/Redevelopment Agreement will depend upon the future occurrence of various conditions set forth in that agreement.)

March 21, 2000

Christopher R. Hill
Commissioner
Department of Planning and Development
City of Chicago
121 North LaSalle Street, Room 1000
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: Joint Review Board Review of the Proposed Ohio/Wabash Tax Increment Financing District

Dear Commissioner Hill:

The Joint Review Board met (the "Board") on February 25, 2000, continued its meeting to March 16, 2000 and again to March 21, 2000 to review planning documents and other information associated with the Ohio/Wabash tax increment financing (TIF) district (the "TIF Area") proposed by the City of Chicago, all to the extent contemplated in and required by the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (the "Act").

Together with the consultant, Trkla, Pettigrew, Allen & Payne, Inc. (the "Consultant"), and the staff of the Department of Planning and Development ("DPD"), the Board reviewed the eligibility factors required under the Act to qualify the TIF Area as a conservation area, and the Board concurs with the Consultant's report that: (i) all of the structures in the TIF Area have an age of 35 years or more (the Act requires 50 percent or more of the structures in a proposed conservation area to have an age of 35 years or more) (ii) nine of the thirteen eligibility factors are present to a meaningful extent, with that presence documented, so that the City may find that each factor is clearly present within the meaning of the Act (the Act requires a combination of three or more eligibility factors aside from age) and (iii) the factors are reasonably distributed throughout the TIF Area.

By reviewing information included in the Ohio/Wabash Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Area Project and Plan (the "Plan"), the Board was able to conclude that the Plan includes those matters required by the Act to be included.

The resident public member of the Board raised certain issues with respect to the Plan, including the manner in which the Tree Studios Building was described, the historical designations of the buildings in the TIF Area and their origins, any plans to preserve the interior features of the buildings as well as the exterior features, the number of existing studio units and whether they were originally used as dwelling units, questions as to the accuracy of the existing land use map, description of the courtyard and level of vacancies. In response to these issues and other written comments submitted by the resident public member, the Consultant and DPD staff did further research, reassessed the language in the Plan, expanded the description of the property and the background of the TIF Area

March 21, 2000

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and sought to clarify the information therein, especially with respect to the City's goals and objectives in preserving the interior and exterior features of the buildings. The issues raised by the resident public member were determined by a majority of the Board to be outside the focus of the Board's duties as set forth in the Act.

In addition, the Board concludes that the Plan provides a basis for revitalization of the TIF Area that would address various conservation factors and allow for a productive use of the facilities in the TIF Area in the future. Therefore, the Plan satisfies the objectives of the Act.

Based on the Board's review of the information presented at this meeting as reflected in the public record of this meeting, a majority of the members agreed that the proposed TIF Area, and Plan satisfy the plan requirements and eligibility criteria defined in the Act and the objectives of the Act.

Sincerely,



Gary Gordon
Chicago Park District
JRB Chairperson

cc: Ken Gotsch, JRB Designated Representative (Chicago Board of Education)
Dolores Javier, JRB Designated Representative (Chicago Community Colleges, Dist. 108)
Gwendolyn Clemons, JRB Designated Representative (Cook County)
John McCormick, JRB Designated Representative (City of Chicago)
MarySue Barrett, JRB Public Member
Joe Williams, Chairman, City of Chicago Community Development Commission

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**(8) DOCUMENTS RELATING TO OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY THE
MUNICIPALITY - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(8)(A)**

During 2000, there were no obligations issued for this Project Area.

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(9) ANALYSIS OF DEBT SERVICE - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(8)(B)

During 2000, there were no obligations issued for the Project Area.

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(10) CERTIFIED AUDIT REPORT - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(9)

During 2000, there were no tax increment expenditures or cumulative deposits over \$100,000 within the Project Area. Therefore, no compliance statement was prepared.

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(11) GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND MAP

The Ohio/Wabash Redevelopment Project Area is located on the north side of the City of Chicago, approximately one half mile north of the City's central business district, in the River North neighborhood of the Near North Side Community Area. The Area is generally bounded by Ontario Street on the north, Ohio Street on the south, Wabash Avenue on the east, and state street on the west. The map below illustrates the location and general boundaries of the Project Area. For precise boundaries, please consult the legal description in the Redevelopment Plan.

