2008 Annual Report

Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial Redevelopment Project Area



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

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Ms. Christine Raguso Acting Commissioner Department of Planning and Development 121 North LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60602 30 June 2009

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed is the annual report for the Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial 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 5/11-74.6-1 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, 2009

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 Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial Redevelopment Project Area (Report) pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d).

Sincerely,

Christine Raguso Acting Commissioner





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

The Project Area was designated on February 26, 1992. The Project Area may be terminated no later than February 26, 2015.

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

Please see attached.

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor Members of the City Council City of Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Chicago's management. 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 includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial Redevelopment Project and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City of Chicago, Illinois, as of December 31, 2008, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois, as of December 31, 2008, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 5 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of expenditures by statutory code on page 13, which is also the responsibility of the City of Chicago's management, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois. Such additional information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Bansley and Kiener, L.L.P.
Certified Public Accountants

June 19, 2009

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

As management of the Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area (Project), we offer the readers of the Project's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the Project's financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the Project's financial statements, which follow this section.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Project's basic financial statements. The Project's basic financial statements include three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) governmental fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information concerning the Project's expenditures by statutory code.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include two kinds of financial statements that present different views of the Project – the *Government-Wide Financial Statements* and the *Governmental Fund Financial Statements*. These financial statements also include the notes to the financial statements that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detail.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Project's financial status and use accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the project's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid. The two government-wide statements report the Project's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets – the difference between the Project's assets and liabilities – is one way to measure the Project's financial health, or position.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The governmental fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Project's significant funds – not the Project as a whole. Governmental funds focus on: 1) how cash and other financial assets can readily be converted to cash flows and 2) the year-end balances that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Project. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the statements to explain the relationship (or differences) between them.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow the basic financial statements.

Other Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents a schedule of expenditures by statutory code. This supplementary information follows the notes to the financial statements.

Condensed Comparative Financial Statements

The condensed comparative financial statements are presented on the following page.

Analysis of Overall Financial Position and Results of Operations

Property tax revenue for the Project was \$2,088,610 for the year. This was an increase of 29 percent over the prior year. The change in net assets produced an increase in net assets of \$1,801,178. The Project's net assets increased by 40 percent from the prior year making available \$6,273,882 of funding to be provided for purposes of future redevelopment in the Project's designated area. Expenses decreased this year due to the Project's formulation of a redevelopment plan or necessary funding was not substantially complete or available.

Debt Administration

Tax Increment Allocation Bonds outstanding at December 31, 2008 amounted to \$3,110,000. More detailed information about the Project's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 2 of the financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Concluded)

Government-Wide

	2008	2007	Change	% Change
Total assets	\$ 9,425,925	\$ 16,690,362	\$ (7,264,437)	-44%
Total liabilities	3,152,043	12,217,658	(9,065,615)	-74%
Total net assets	\$ 6,273,882	\$ 4,472,704	\$ 1,801,178	40%
Total revenues	\$ 2,179,157	\$ 1,946,142	\$ 233,015	12%
Total expenses	377,979	1,701,171	(1,323,192)	-78%
Operating transfers in	-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-100%
Changes in net assets	1,801,178	2,244,971	(443,793)	-20%
Ending net assets	\$6,273,882	\$ 4,472,704	\$ 1,801,178	40%

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2008

A S S E T S	Governmental Funds	Adjustments	Statement of Net Assets
Cash and investments	\$ 7,429,098	\$ -	\$ 7,429,098
Property taxes receivable	1,981,000	-	1,981,000
Accrued interest receivable	15,827	-	15,827
Total assets	\$ 9,425,925	\$ -	\$ 9,425,925
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Vouchers payable	\$ 3,700	\$ -	\$ 3,700
Due to other City funds	33,686	-	33,686
Accrued interest payable	4,657	-	4,657
Deferred revenue	1,683,611	(1,683,611)	-
Bonds payable (Note 2): Due within one year Due after one year	- -	430,000 2,680,000	430,000 2,680,000
Total liabilities	1,725,654	1,426,389	3,152,043
FUND BALANCE/NET ASSETS			
Fund balance: Reserved for debt service Designated for future redevelopment	3,198,942	(3,198,942)	-
project costs	4,501,329	(4,501,329)	ba.
Total fund balance	7,700,271	(7,700,271)	•
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 9,425,925		
Net assets: Restricted for debt service Restricted for future redevelopment		3,732,694	3,732,694
project costs		2,541,188	2,541,188
Total net assets		\$ 6,273,882	\$ 6,273,882
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net asse	ets are different b	ecause:	
Total fund balance - governmental funds			\$ 7,700,271
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levied rather "available". A portion of the deferred property tax revenue is not ava			1,683,611
Long-term liabilities applicable to the Project's governmental activities a payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fun long-term liabilities are reported in the statement of net assets.			(3,110,000)
Total net assets - governmental activities			\$ 6,273,882

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Governmental Funds	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
Revenues: Property tax Interest	\$ 1,798,639 90,547	\$ 289,971	\$ 2,088,610 90,547
Total revenues	1,889,186	289,971	2,179,157
Expenditures/expenses: Economic development projects	104,761	-	104,761
Debt service: Principal retirement Interest	375,000 273,218	(375,000)	273,218
Total expenditures/expenses	752,979	(375,000)	377,979
Excess of revenues over expenditures	1,136,207	(1,136,207)	-
Change in net assets	-	1,801,178	1,801,178
Fund balance/net assets: Beginning of year	6,564,064	(2,091,360)	4,472,704
End of year	\$ 7,700,271	\$ (1,426,389)	\$ 6,273,882
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of	activities are diffe	rent because:	
Net change in fund balance - governmental funds			\$ 1,136,207
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which levie "available". A portion of the deferred property tax revenue is		n	289,971
Repayment of bond principal is reported as an expenditure in g and, thus, has the effect of reducing fund balance because of resources have been used. For governmental activities, how payments reduce the liabilities in the statement of net assets in an expense in the statement of activities.	current financial vever, the principa	ſ	375,000
Change in net assets - governmental activities			\$ 1,801,178

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Reporting Entity

In February 1992, the City of Chicago (City) established the Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area (Project). The area has been established to finance improvements, leverage private investment and create and retain jobs. The Project is accounted for within the capital projects, debt service and special revenue funds of the City.

(b) Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements of the Project have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). In June 1999, the GASB unanimously approved Statement No. 34 (as amended by Statement No. 37), Basic Financial Statements - Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments and at a later date, Statement No. 38 Certain Financial Statements Disclosures, and include the following:

- A Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Project's overall financial position and results of operations.
- Government-wide financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the *accrual basis of accounting* for all the Project's activities.
- Fund financial statements, which focus on the Project's governmental funds *current* financial resources measurement focus.

(c) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statements 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 for 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, i.e., both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collectible 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.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The City has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources, as they are needed.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Concluded)

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally 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 expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates.

(d) Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets

Cash and Investments

Cash belonging to the City is generally deposited with the City Treasurer as required by the Municipal Code of Chicago. The City Comptroller issues warrants for authorized City expenditures which represent a claim for payment when presented to the City Treasurer. Payment for all City warrants clearing is made by checks drawn on the City's various operating bank accounts.

The City Treasurer and City Comptroller share responsibility for investing in authorized investments. Interest earned on pooled investments is allocated to participating funds based upon their average combined cash and investment balances.

The City values its investments at fair value or amortized cost. U.S. Government securities purchased at a price other than par with a maturity of less than one year are reported at amortized cost.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are not capitalized in the governmental funds but, instead, are charged as current expenditures when purchased. The Government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) of the City includes the capital assets and related depreciation, if any, of the Project in which ownership of the capital asset will remain with the City (i.e. infrastructure, or municipal building). All other construction will be expensed in both the government-wide financial statements and the governmental funds as the City nor Project will retain the right of ownership.

(e) Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Allocation Act Compliance

The Project's expenditures include reimbursements for various eligible costs as described in subsection (q) of Section 11-74.4-3 of the Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Allocation Act and the Redevelopment Agreement relating specifically to the Project. Eligible costs include but are not limited to survey, property assembly, rehabilitation, public infrastructure, financing and relocation costs.

Reimbursements

Reimbursements, if any, are made to the developer for project costs, as public improvements are completed and pass City inspection. The semi-annual principal and interest payments are made solely from incremental real property taxes, which are paid in the redevelopment district.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Note 2 - Bonds Payable

In January 1997, the City entered into a short-term promissory note for the purpose of retiring the Tax Increment Allocation Revenue Bonds, Series 1994B (\$9,900,000). Also in January 1997, the City sold Tax Increment Allocation Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 1996B (\$20,000,000). The bonds have an initial interest rate of 3.6 percent through February 3, 1997 and have maturity dates ranging from December 1, 1999 through December 1, 2014. Certain proceeds and cash on hand will be used to repay the short-term promissory note, pay project costs, fund required accounts and meet initial debt service requirements. After the expiration of the initial interest rate period, the bonds will bear interest at a weekly, daily, commercial paper or adjustable rates, as defined, at the discretion of the City. Remarketing and letter of credit fees are included in interest expense.

The City entered into an interest rate swap agreement in June 1997 to reduce its interest rate risk on the bonds. The swap was approved by the City Council and is effective from February 10, 1997 and terminates on December 1, 2014 with an initial notional amount of \$20,000,000. The counterparty's payments will be based on a variable rate of interest in exchange for an annual fixed rate of interest of payment made by the City.

The bonds have an effective interest rate of 5.375 percent.

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2008 was as follows:

Beginning balance	\$3,485,000
Additions Reductions	(375,000)
Ending balance	<u>\$3,110,000</u>
Amounts due within one year	<u>\$ 430,000</u>

The aggregate maturities of the bonds are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	<u>Principal</u>	Interest
2009	\$ 430,000	\$167,162
2010	460,000	144,050
2011	490,000	119,325
2012	520,000	92,988
2013	575,000	65,038
2014	635,000	34,131
Total	<u>\$3,110,000</u>	\$622,694

Derivatives - Pay-Fixed, Receive-Variable Interest Rate Swap

Objective of the swap. In order to protect against the potential of rising interest rates, the City has entered into a pay-fixed, receive-variable interest rate swap at a cost less than what the City would have paid to issue fixed-rate debt.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Note 2 - Bonds Payable (Continued)

Terms, fair value and credit risk. The terms, including the fair value and credit rating of the outstanding swap as of December 31, 2008, is as follows. The notional amount of the swap matches the principal amount of the associated debt. The City's swap agreement contains scheduled reductions to the outstanding notional amount that are expected to approximately follow scheduled or anticipated reductions in the associated bonds payable. Under the swap, the City pays the counterparty a fixed payment and receives a variable payment computed according to the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) and/or The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Municipal Swap Index (SIFMA):

Associated Bond Issue	Notional Amount	Effective Date	Fixed Rate Paid	Variable Rate Received	Fair Value	Swap Termi- nation Date	Counter- party Credit Rating
Tax Increment Allocation Bonds (Stockyards TIF, Series 1996B)	\$ 3,110,000	2/10/1997	5.375	SIFMA	\$ (309,000)	12/1/2014	Aa3/AA-
Total	\$ 3,110,000				\$ (309,000)		

Fair Value. As of December 31, 2008, the swap had a negative fair value of \$309,000. As per industry convention, the fair value of the City's outstanding swap was estimated using the zero-coupon method. This method calculates the future net settlement payments required by the swap, assuming that the forward rates implied by the yield curve correctly anticipate future spot rates. These payments are then discounted using the spot rates implied by the current yield curve for hypothetical zero-coupon bonds due on the date of each future net settlement on the swap. Because interest rates are below the Fixed Rate Paid, the City's swap had a negative value.

Credit Risk. The City is exposed to credit risk (counterparty risk) through the counterparties with which it enters into agreements. If minimum credit rating requirements are not maintained, the counterparty is required to post collateral to a third party. This protects the City by mitigating the credit risk, and therefore the ability to pay a termination payment, inherent in a swap. Collateral on all swaps is to be in the form of cash or Eligible Collateral held by a third-party custodian. Upon credit events, the swap also allow transfers, credit support and termination if the counterparty is unable to meet the said credit requirements.

Basis Risk. Basis risk refers to the mismatch between the variable rate payments received on a swap contract and the interest payment actually owed on the bonds. The two significant components driving this risk are credit and SIFMA/LIBOR ratios. Credit may create basis risk because the City's bonds may trade differently than the swap index as a result of a credit change in the City. SIFMA/LIBOR ratios (or spreads) may create basis risk. With percentage of LIBOR swaps, if the City's bonds trade at a higher percentage of LIBOR over the index received on the swap, basis risk is created. This can occur due to many factors including, without limitation, changes in marginal tax rates, tax-exempt status of bonds, and supply and demand for variable rate bonds. The City is exposed to basis risk on all swaps except those that are based on Cost of Funds, which provide cash flows that mirror those of the underlying bonds. For all other swaps, if the rate paid on the bonds is higher than the rate received, the City is liable for the difference. The difference would need to be available on the debt service payment date and it would add additional underlying cost to the transaction.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Concluded)

Note 2 – Bonds Payable (Concluded)

Tax Risk. The swap exposes the City to tax risk or a permanent mismatch (shortfall) between the floating rate received on the swap and the variable rate paid on the underlying variable-rate bonds due to tax law changes such that the federal or state tax exemption of municipal debt is eliminated or its value reduced. There have been no tax law changes since the execution of the City's swap transactions.

Termination Risk. The risk that the swap could be terminated as a result of certain events including a ratings downgrade for the issuer or swap counterparty, covenant violation, bankruptcy, payment default or other defined events of default. Termination of a swap may result in a payment made by the issuer or to the issuer depending upon the market at the time of termination.

Swap payments and associated debt. Bonds maturing and interest payable January 1, 2009 have been excluded because funds for their payment have been provided for. As of December 31, 2008, debt service requirements of the City's outstanding variable-rate debt and net swap payments, assuming current interest rates remain the same, for their term are as follows:

		Va riable-R	a te l	Bonds	ļ	Inte rest Rate	
Year Ending	ı	Principal	1	nterest	S	wap, Net	Total
December 31,							
2009	\$	430,000	\$	27,679	\$	167,163	\$ 624,842
2010		460,000		23,852		144,050	627,902
2011		490,000		19,758		119,325	629,083
2012		520,000		15,397		92,988	628,385
2013		575,000		10,769		65,038	650,807
2014		635,000		5,652		34,131	 674,783
	\$	3,110,000	\$	103,107	\$	622,695	\$ 3,835,802



SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES BY STATUTORY CODE

Code Description

Costs of studies, surveys, development of plans and specifications, implementation and administration of the redevelopment plan including but not limited to staff and professional service costs for architectural, engineering, legal, marketing

\$ 49,891

Costs of property assembly, including but not limited to acquisition of land and other property, real or personal, or rights or interests therein, demolition of buildings, and the clearing and grading of land

41,713

Costs of the construction of public works or improvements

13,157

Costs of financing, including but not limited to all necessary and incidental expenses related to the issuance of obligations and which may include payment of interest on any obligations issued hereunder accruing during the estimated period of construction of any redevelopment project for which such obligations are issued and for not exceeding 36 months thereafter and including reasonable reserves related thereto

648,218

\$752,979

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

Please see attached.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATION

TO:

Daniel W. Hynes Comptroller of the State of Illinois James R. Thompson Center 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 15-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601 Attention: June Canello, Director of Local Government

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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 Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial 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, 2008, 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, 2009.

Richard M. Daley, Mayor City of Chicago, Illinois

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

Please see attached.



City of Chicago Richard M. Daley, Mayor

Department of Law

Mara S. Georges Corporation Counsel

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Re: Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial 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)

- (X) No Exceptions
- () Note the following Exceptions:

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

Please see attached.

STOCKYARDS SOUTHEAST QUADRANT INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

		2008
Revenues		
Property tax	\$	1,798,639
Sales tax		-
Interest		90,547
Total revenues		1,889,186
Expenditures		
Costs of studies, admin., and professional services. (q)(1)		49,891
Marketing costs. (q)(1.6)		-
Property assembly, demolition, site preparation and environmental		
site improvement costs. $(q)(2)$		41,713
Costs of rehabilitation, reconstruction, repair or remodeling and of existing buildings. (q)(3)		<u>.</u>
Costs of construction of public works and improvements. (q)(4)		13,157
Cost of job training and retraining. (q)(5)		
Financing costs. $(q)(6)$		648,218
Approved capital costs of overlapping taxing districts. (q)(7)		, <u>-</u>
Cost of reimbursing school district for their increase costs caused		
by TIF assisted housing projects (q)(7.5)		-
Relocation costs. (q)(8)		-
Payments in lieu of taxes. (q)(9)		-
Costs of job training, retraining advanced vocational or career		
education provided by other taxing bodies. (q)(10)		-
Costs of reimbursing private developers for interest expenses		
incurred on approved redevelopment projects. (q)(11)(A-E)		-
Costs of construction of new housing units for low income and very		
low income households. (q)(11)(F)		-
Cost of day care services and operational costs of day care centers.		
(q)(11.5)		-
Total expenditures		752,979
Revenues over expenditures		1,136,207
Fund balance, beginning of year		6,564,064
Fund balance, end of year	\$	7,700,271
Fund balance		
Reserved for debt service	\$	3,198,942
Reserved for encumbrances	•	
Designated for future redevelopment project costs		4,501,329
		
Total fund balance	\$	7,700,271

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

Below is listed all vendors, including other municipal funds, that were paid in excess of \$5,000 during the current reporting year.*

Name	Service	Amount	
City Staff Costs ¹	Administration	\$28,812	
Teng & Associates Inc.	Professional Service	\$6,409	
Tecnica Environmental Services	Remediation	\$41,713	
Chicago Department of Transportation	Public Improvement	\$13,157	
Cole Taylor Bank	Financing	\$648,218	

¹ Costs relate directly to the salaries and fringe benefits of employees working solely on tax increment financing districts.

^{*} This table may include payments for Projects that were undertaken prior to 11/1/1999.

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

During 2008, the City did not purchase any property in the Project Area.

(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 12/31/08, and of such investments expected to be undertaken in year 2009; also, a project-by-project ratio of private investment to public investment from 11/1/99 to 12/31/08, 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.

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

During 2008, 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 2008, if any, have been made pursuant to i) the Redevelopment Plan for the Project Area, and ii) any Redevelopment Agreements 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 2008, no agreements were entered into with regard to the disposition or redevelopment of any property within the Project Area.

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

The Project Area has received \$23,091,291 of property tax and sales tax (if applicable) increment since the creation of the Project Area. These amounts have been used to pay for project costs within the Project Area and for debt service (if applicable). The Project Area's fund balance as shown on Table 5 represents (on a modified accrual basis) financial resources (including increment) that have not been expended.

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

During 2008, 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.

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

During 2008, no reports were submitted to the City by the Joint Review Board.

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

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

A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O	Ratio Of Private/Public	Investment	11/1/1999 to Ratio Estimated	as of Project	ng Completion		\$ 20.0:1	
	Ra		11/1/19	End of	Reporting	FY	* * *	-
	Public Investment Undertaken		Amount	Estimated to	Complete the	Project	\$1,000,000	
	Public Investm		11/1/1999 to End	of Reporting FY			\$1,000,000	
	Private Investment Undertaken		Amount Estimated to	Complete the Project			\$20,000,000	
			11/1/1999 to	End of	Reporting FY		* *	
	Projects Undertaken in This	Redevelopment Project Area					Project 1: Aramark Uniform &	Career Apparel. Inc.

Each actual or estimated Public Investment reported here is, to the extent possible, comprised only of payments financed by tax increment revenues. In contrast, each actual or estimated Private Investment reported here is, to the extent possible, comprised of payments financed by revenues that are not tax increment revenues and, therefore, may include private equity, private lender financing, private grants, other public monies, or other local, state or federal grants or loans.

reflect actual expenditures, if any, as reported in Sections 2 or 5 herein. The total public investment amount ultimately made under each Project will depend upon the future occurrence of Each amount reported here under Public Investment Undertaken, Amount Estimated to Complete the Project, is the maximum amount of payments financed by tax increment revenues that could be made pursuant to the corresponding Project's operating documents, but not including interest that may later be payable on developer notes, and may not necessarily various conditions including interest that may be payable on developer notes set forth in the Project's operating documents.

Each amount reported here under Public Investment Undertaken, 11/1/1999 to End of Reporting FY, is cumulative from the date of execution of the corresponding Project to the end of the reporting year, and may include interest amounts paid to finance the Public Investment amount. Projects undertaken prior to 11/1/1999 are not reported on this table.

As of the End of the Reporting FY, the construction of this Project was ongoing; the Private Investment Undertaken and Ratio figures for this Project will be reported on the Annual Report for the FY in which the construction of the Project is completed and the total Private Investment figure is available

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

During 2008, there were no obligations issued for the Project Area.

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

During 2008, there were no obligations issued for the Project Area.

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

Please see attached.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor Members of the City Council City of Chicago, Illinois

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the statement of net assets and governmental funds balance sheet of Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois as of December 31, 2008, and the related statement of activities and governmental funds revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, and have issued our report thereon dated June 19, 2009.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Project failed to comply with the regulatory provisions in Subsection (q) of Section 11-74.4-3 of the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act and Subsection (o) of Section 11-74.6-10 of the Illinois Industrial Jobs Recovery Law as they relate to the eligibility for costs incurred incidental to the implementation of the Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois.

This report is intended for the information of the City of Chicago's management. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Certified Public Accountants

Baneley and Kiener, C.C.P.

June 19, 2009



(11) GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND MAP

The Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial Redevelopment Project Area is generally bounded on the north by Exchange Avenue, on the east by Halsted Street, on the south by West 47th Street, and on the west by Packers Avenue. 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.

