
2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Calumet River Redevelopment Project Area



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

JUNE 30, 2016

FY 2015
ANNUAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCE
REPORT



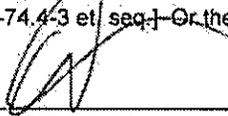
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Name of Municipality: City of Chicago Reporting Fiscal Year: **2015**
County: Cook Fiscal Year End: **12/31/2015**
Unit Code: 016/620/30

TIF Administrator Contact Information

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I attest to the best of my knowledge, this report of the redevelopment project areas in: City/Village of Chicago is complete and accurate at the end of this reporting Fiscal year under the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3 et. seq.] Or the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law [65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-10 et. seq.]


Written signature of TIF Administrator Date: June 28, 2016

Section 1 (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (1.5) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (1.5)*

FILL OUT ONE FOR EACH TIF DISTRICT

Name of Redevelopment Project Area	Date Designated	Date Terminated
24th/Michigan	7/21/1999	7/21/2022
26th and King Drive	1/11/2006	12/31/2030
35th and Wallace	12/15/1999	12/31/2023
35th/Halsted	1/14/1997	12/31/2021
35th/State	1/14/2004	12/31/2028
43rd/Cottage Grove	7/8/1998	12/31/2022
47th/Ashland	3/27/2002	12/31/2026
47th/Halsted	5/29/2002	12/31/2026
47th/King Drive	3/27/2002	12/31/2026
47th/State	7/21/2004	12/31/2028
49th Street/St. Lawrence Avenue	1/10/1996	12/31/2020
51st/ Archer	5/17/2000	12/31/2024
51st/Lake Park	11/15/2012	12/31/2036
53rd Street	1/10/2001	12/31/2025
60th and Western	5/9/1996	5/9/2019
63rd/Ashland	3/29/2006	12/31/2030
63rd/Pulaski	5/17/2000	12/31/2024
67th/Cicero	10/2/2002	12/31/2026
67th/Wentworth	5/4/2011	12/31/2035
69th/Ashland	11/3/2004	12/31/2028
71st and Stony Island	10/7/1998	10/7/2021
73rd/University	9/13/2006	12/31/2030
79th and Cicero	6/8/2005	12/31/2029

*All statutory citations refer to one of two sections of the Illinois Municipal Code: the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3 et. seq.] or the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law [65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-10 et. seq.]

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79th Street Corridor	7/8/1998	7/8/2021
79th Street/Southwest Highway	10/3/2001	12/31/2025
79th/Vincennes	9/27/2007	12/31/2031
83rd/Stewart	3/31/2004	12/31/2028
87th/Cottage Grove	11/13/2002	12/31/2026
95th and Western	7/13/1995	12/31/2019
105th/Vincennes	10/3/2001	12/31/2025
107th Halsted	4/2/2014	12/31/2038
111th Street/Kedzie Avenue Business District	9/29/1999	9/29/2022
119th and Halsted	2/6/2002	12/31/2026
119th/I-57	11/6/2002	12/31/2026
126th and Torrence	12/21/1994	12/21/2017
Addison Corridor North	6/4/1997	6/4/2020
Addison South	5/9/2007	12/31/2031
Archer Courts	5/12/1999	12/31/2023
Archer/ Central	5/17/2000	12/31/2024
Archer/Western	2/11/2009	12/31/2033
Armitage/Pulaski	6/13/2007	12/31/2031
Austin Commercial	9/27/2007	12/31/2031
Avalon Park/South Shore	7/31/2002	12/31/2026
Avondale	7/29/2009	12/31/2033
Belmont/Central	1/12/2000	12/31/2024
Belmont/Cicero	1/12/2000	12/31/2024
Bronzeville	11/4/1998	12/31/2022
Bryn Mawr/Broadway	12/11/1996	12/11/2019
Calumet Avenue/Cermak Road	7/29/1998	7/29/2021
Calumet River	3/10/2010	12/31/2034
Canal/Congress	11/12/1998	12/31/2022
Central West	2/16/2000	12/31/2024
Chicago/ Kingsbury	4/12/2000	12/31/2024
Chicago/Central Park	2/27/2002	12/31/2026
Chicago Lakeside Development – Phase 1 (USX)	5/12/2010	12/31/2034
Cicero/Archer	5/17/2000	12/31/2024
Clark Street and Ridge Avenue	9/29/1999	9/29/2022
Clark/Montrose	7/7/1999	7/7/2022
Commercial Avenue	11/13/2002	12/31/2026
Devon/Sheridan	3/31/2004	12/31/2028
Devon/Western	11/3/1999	12/31/2023
Diversey/Narragansett	2/5/2003	12/31/2027
Division/Homan	6/27/2001	12/31/2025
Drexel Boulevard	7/10/2002	12/31/2026
Edgewater/ Ashland	10/1/2003	12/31/2027

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Elston/Armstrong Industrial Corridor	7/19/2007	12/31/2031
Englewood Mall	11/29/1989	12/31/2025
Englewood Neighborhood	6/27/2001	12/31/2025
Ewing Avenue	3/10/2010	12/31/2034
Forty-first Street and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive	7/13/1994	12/31/2018
Foster California	4/2/2014	12/31/2038
Fullerton/ Milwaukee	2/16/2000	12/31/2024
Galewood/Armitage Industrial	7/7/1999	12/31/2023
Goose Island	7/10/1996	7/10/2019
Greater Southwest Industrial Corridor (East)	3/10/1999	12/31/2023
Greater Southwest Industrial Corridor (West)	4/12/2000	12/31/2024
Harlem Industrial Park Conservation Area	3/14/2007	12/31/2031
Harrison/Central	7/26/2006	12/31/2030
Hollywood/Sheridan	11/7/2007	12/31/2031
Homan-Arthington	2/5/1998	2/5/2021
Humboldt Park Commercial	6/27/2001	12/31/2025
Irving Park/Elston	5/13/2009	12/31/2033
Irving/Cicero	6/10/1996	12/31/2020
Jefferson Park Business District	9/9/1998	9/9/2021
Jefferson/ Roosevelt	8/30/2000	12/31/2024
Kennedy/Kimball	3/12/2008	12/31/2032
Kinzie Industrial Corridor	6/10/1998	12/31/2022
Lake Calumet Area Industrial	12/13/2000	12/31/2024
Lakefront	3/27/2002	12/31/2026
LaSalle Central	11/15/2006	12/31/2030
Lawrence/ Kedzie	2/16/2000	12/31/2024
Lawrence/Broadway	6/27/2001	12/31/2025
Lawrence/Pulaski	2/27/2002	12/31/2026
Lincoln Avenue	11/3/1999	12/31/2023
Lincoln-Belmont-Ashland	11/2/1994	12/31/2018
Little Village East	4/22/2009	12/31/2033
Little Village Industrial Corridor	6/13/2007	12/31/2031
Madden/Wells	11/6/2002	12/31/2026
Madison/Austin Corridor	9/29/1999	12/31/2023
Michigan/Cermak	9/13/1989	12/31/2025
Midway Industrial Corridor	2/16/2000	12/31/2024
Midwest	5/17/2000	12/31/2036
Montclare	8/30/2000	12/31/2024
Montrose/Clarendon	6/30/2010	12/31/2034
Near North	7/30/1997	7/30/2020
North Branch (North)	7/2/1997	12/31/2021
North Branch (South)	2/5/1998	2/5/2021
North Pullman	6/30/2009	12/31/2033
North-Cicero	7/30/1997	7/30/2020

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Northwest Industrial Corridor	12/2/1998	12/31/2022
Ogden/Pulaski	4/9/2008	12/31/2032
Ohio/Wabash	6/7/2000	12/31/2024
Pershing/King	9/5/2007	12/31/2031
Peterson/Cicero	2/16/2000	12/31/2024
Peterson/Pulaski	2/16/2000	12/31/2024
Pilsen Industrial Corridor	6/10/1998	12/31/2022
Portage Park	9/9/1998	9/9/2021
Pratt/Ridge Industrial Park Conservation Area	6/23/2004	12/31/2028
Pulaski Corridor	6/9/1999	12/31/2023
Randolph and Wells	6/9/2010	12/31/2034
Ravenswood Corridor	3/9/2005	12/31/2029
Read-Dunning	1/11/1991	12/31/2027
River South	7/30/1997	7/30/2020
River West	1/10/2001	12/31/2025
Roosevelt/Canal	3/19/1997	12/31/2015
Roosevelt/Cicero	2/5/1998	2/5/2021
Roosevelt/Racine	11/4/1998	12/31/2034
Roosevelt/Union	5/12/1999	5/12/2022
Roseland/Michigan	1/16/2002	12/31/2026
Sanitary Drainage and Ship Canal	7/24/1991	12/31/2027
South Chicago	4/12/2000	12/31/2024
South Works Industrial	11/3/1999	12/31/2023
Stevenson/Brighton	4/11/2007	12/31/2031
Stockyards Annex	12/11/1996	12/31/2020
Stockyards Southeast Quadrant Industrial	2/26/1992	12/31/2016
Stony Island Avenue Commercial and Burnside Industrial Corridors	6/10/1998	12/31/2034
Touhy/Western	9/13/2006	12/31/2030
Washington Park	10/8/2014	12/31/2038
Weed/Fremont	1/8/2008	12/31/2032
West Irving Park	1/12/2000	12/31/2024
West Woodlawn	5/12/2010	12/31/2034
Western Avenue North	1/12/2000	12/31/2024
Western Avenue Rock Island	2/8/2006	12/31/2030
Western Avenue South	1/12/2000	12/31/2024
Western/Ogden	2/5/1998	2/5/2021
Wilson Yard	6/27/2001	12/31/2025
Woodlawn	1/20/1999	1/20/2022

**SECTION 2 [Sections 2 through 5 must be completed for each redevelopment project area listed in Section 1.]
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Name of Redevelopment Project Area: Calumet River Redevelopment Project Area
Primary Use of Redevelopment Project Area*: Combination/Mixed
If "Combination/Mixed" List Component Types: Commercial/Industrial/Public Facilities
Under which section of the Illinois Municipal Code was Redevelopment Project Area designated? (check one): Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial Jobs Recovery Law <input type="checkbox"/>

	No	Yes
Were there any amendments to the redevelopment plan, the redevelopment project area, or the State Sales Tax Boundary? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (1) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (1)] If yes, please enclose the amendment labeled Attachment A	X	
Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of the municipality that the municipality has complied with all of the requirements of the Act during the preceding fiscal year. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (3) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (3)] Please enclose the CEO Certification labeled Attachment B		X
Opinion of legal counsel that municipality is in compliance with the Act. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (4) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (4)] Please enclose the Legal Counsel Opinion labeled Attachment C		X
Were there any activities undertaken in furtherance of the objectives of the redevelopment plan, including any project implemented in the preceding fiscal year and a description of the activities undertaken? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (A and B) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (A and B)] If yes, please enclose the Activities Statement labeled Attachment D	X	
Were any agreements entered into by the municipality with regard to the disposition or redevelopment of any property within the redevelopment project area or the area within the State Sales Tax Boundary? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (C) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (C)] If yes, please enclose the Agreement(s) labeled Attachment E	X	
Is there additional information on the use of all funds received under this Division and steps taken by the municipality to achieve the objectives of the redevelopment plan? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (D) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (D)] If yes, please enclose the Additional Information labeled Attachment F	X	
Did the municipality's TIF advisors or consultants enter into contracts with entities or persons that have received or are receiving payments financed by tax increment revenues produced by the same TIF? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (E) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (E)] If yes, please enclose the contract(s) or description of the contract(s) labeled Attachment G	X	
Were there any reports or meeting minutes submitted to the municipality by the joint review board? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (F) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (F)] If yes, please enclose the Joint Review Board Report labeled Attachment H	X	
Were any obligations issued by municipality? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (8) (A) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (8) (A)] If yes, please enclose the Official Statement labeled Attachment I	X	
Was analysis prepared by a financial advisor or underwriter setting forth the nature and term of obligation and projected debt service including required reserves and debt coverage? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (8) (B) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (8) (B)] If yes, please enclose the Analysis labeled Attachment J	X	
Cumulatively, have deposits equal or greater than \$100,000 been made into the special tax allocation fund? 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (2) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (2) If yes, please enclose Audited financial statements of the special tax allocation fund labeled Attachment K	X	
Cumulatively, have deposits of incremental revenue equal to or greater than \$100,000 been made into the special tax allocation fund? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (9) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (9)] If yes, please enclose a certified letter statement reviewing compliance with the Act labeled Attachment L	X	
A list of all intergovernmental agreements in effect in FY 2015, to which the municipality is a part, and an accounting of any money transferred or received by the municipality during that fiscal year pursuant to those intergovernmental agreements. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (10)] If yes, please enclose list only of the intergovernmental agreements labeled Attachment M	X	

* Types include: Central Business District, Retail, Other Commercial, Industrial, Residential, and Combination/Mixed.

SECTION 3.1 - (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (5) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (5))
Provide an analysis of the special tax allocation fund.

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TIF NAME: Calumet River Redevelopment Project Area

Fund Balance at Beginning of Reporting Period \$ -

Revenue/Cash Receipts Deposited in Fund During Reporting FY:	Reporting Year	Cumulative*	% of Total
Property Tax Increment			0%
State Sales Tax Increment			0%
Local Sales Tax Increment			0%
State Utility Tax Increment			0%
Local Utility Tax Increment			0%
Interest			0%
Land/Building Sale Proceeds			0%
Bond Proceeds			0%
Transfers from Municipal Sources			0%
Private Sources			0%
Other (identify source _____; if multiple other sources, attach schedule)			0%

*must be completed where 'Reporting Year' is populated

Total Amount Deposited in Special Tax Allocation Fund During Reporting Period -

Cumulative Total Revenues/Cash Receipts \$ - 0%

Total Expenditures/Cash Disbursements (Carried forward from Section 3.2) -

Distribution of Surplus -

Total Expenditures/Disbursements -

NET INCOME/CASH RECEIPTS OVER/(UNDER) CASH DISBURSEMENTS -

FUND BALANCE, END OF REPORTING PERIOD* \$ -

* if there is a positive fund balance at the end of the reporting period, you must complete Section 3.3

Total Amount Restricted (Carried forward from Section 3.3) \$ -

SECTION 3.2 A

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14. Costs of reimbursing private developers for interest expenses incurred on approved redevelopment projects. Subsection (q)(11)(A-E) and (o)(13)(A-E)		
		\$ -
15. Costs of construction of new housing units for low income and very low-income households. Subsection (q)(11)(F) - Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment TIFs ONLY		
		\$ -
16. Cost of day care services and operational costs of day care centers. Subsection (q) (11.5) - Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment TIFs ONLY		
		\$ -
TOTAL ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES		\$ -

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List all vendors, including other municipal funds, that were paid in excess of \$10,000 during the current reporting year.

 x **There were no vendors, including other municipal funds, paid in excess of \$10,000 during the current reporting period.**

SECTION 3.3 - (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (5) 65 ILCS 11-74.6-22 (d) (5))

Breakdown of the Balance in the Special Tax Allocation Fund At the End of the Reporting Period

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FUND BALANCE, END OF REPORTING PERIOD \$ -

	Amount of Original Issuance	Amount Restricted
1. Description of Debt Obligations		
Restricted for debt service	\$ -	\$ -

Total Amount Restricted for Obligations \$ - \$ -

2. Description of Project Costs to be Paid		
Restricted for future redevelopment project costs		\$ -

Total Amount Restricted for Project Costs \$ -

TOTAL AMOUNT RESTRICTED \$ -

SURPLUS*/(DEFICIT) \$ -

* NOTE: If a surplus is calculated, the municipality may be required to repay the amount to overlapping taxing districts (See instructions and statutes)

SECTION 4 [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (6) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (6)]

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TIF NAME: Calumet River Redevelopment Project Area

Provide a description of all property purchased by the municipality during the reporting fiscal year within the redevelopment project area.

 X **No property was acquired by the Municipality Within the Redevelopment Project Area**

SECTION 5 - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (G) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (G)

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TIF NAME: Calumet River Redevelopment Project Area

SECTION 5 PROVIDES PAGES 1-3 TO ACCOMMODATE UP TO 25 PROJECTS. PAGE 1 MUST BE INCLUDED WITH TIF REPORT. PAGES 2-3 SHOULD BE INCLUDED IF PROJECTS ARE LISTED ON THESE PAGES

Check here if NO projects were undertaken by the Municipality Within the Redevelopment Project Area: X

ENTER total number of projects undertaken by the Municipality Within the Redevelopment Project Area and list them in detail below*.

	11/1/99 to Date	Estimated Investment for Subsequent Fiscal Year	Total Estimated to Complete Project
TOTAL:			
Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Investment Undertaken	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 1:			
Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 2:			
Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

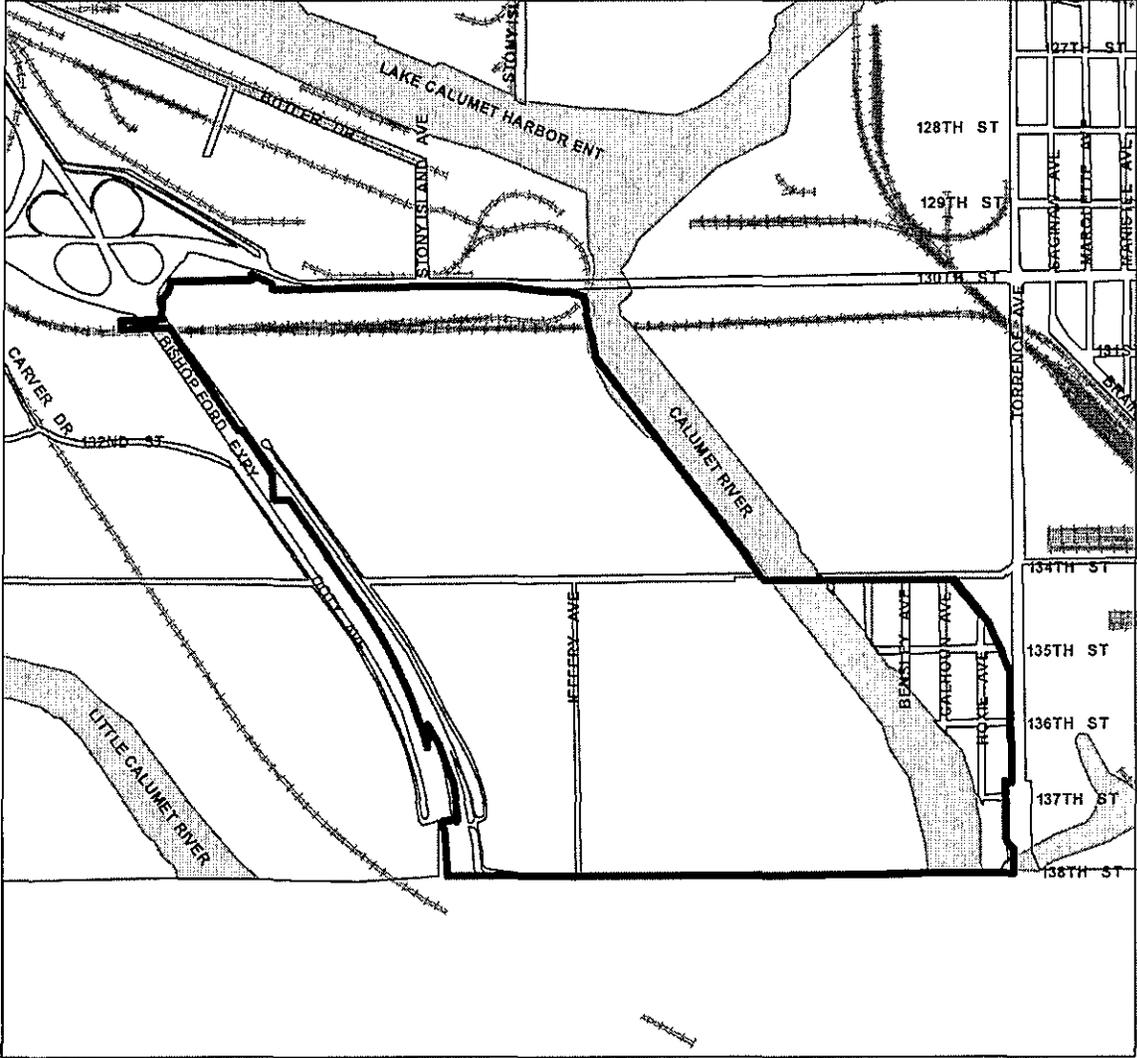
Project 3:			
Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 4:			
Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 5:			
Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 6:			
Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

Attachment B

CERTIFICATION

TO:

Leslie Geissler Munger
Comptroller of the State of Illinois
James R. Thompson Center
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Chicago, Illinois 60601
Attention: June Canello, Director of Local
Government

Forrest Claypool
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Forest Preserve District of Cook County
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Michael P. Kelly, General Superintendent &
CEO
Chicago Park District
541 North Fairbanks, 7th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60611

I, Rahm Emanuel, 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 Calumet River Redevelopment Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project Area"), do hereby certify as follows:

Attachment B

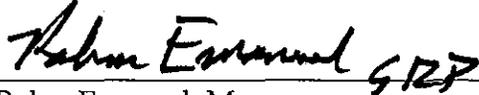
1. I am the duly qualified and acting Mayor of the City of Chicago, Illinois (the "City") and, as such, I am the City's Chief Executive Officer. This Certification is being given by me in such capacity.

2. During the preceding fiscal year of the City, being January 1 through December 31, 2015, 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, 2016.



Rahm Emanuel, Mayor
City of Chicago, Illinois



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

June 30, 2016

CITY OF CHICAGO

Attachment C

Leslie Geissler Munger
Comptroller of the State of Illinois
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Re: Calumet River
Redevelopment Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project Area")

Dear Addressees:

I am the Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago, Illinois (the "City") and, in such capacity, I am the head of the City's Law Department. 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 and 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 Finance and Office of Budget and Management (collectively, the "City Departments"), 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,



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