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CERTIFICATE

I, Jennifer Rampke, the duly authorized, qualified and Executive Secretary of the Community Development Commission of the City of Chicago, and the custodian of the records thereof, do hereby certify that I have compared the attached copy of a Resolution adopted by the Community Development Commission of the City of Chicago at a Regular Meeting Held on the 13th Day of September 2005 with the original resolution adopted at said meeting and recorded in the minutes of the Commission, and do hereby certify that said copy is a true, correct and complete transcript of said Resolution.

Dated this 13th Day of September 2005

Jennifer Rampke

05-CDC-88

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

RESOLUTION NO. 05 - CDC - 88

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AND

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WHEREAS, Theus Property Holdings LLC (the "Developer"), has presented to the City's Department of Planning and Development ("DPD") a proposal for redevelopment of the Area or a portion thereof that is in compliance with the Plan, consisting of the construction of a full service salon and spa (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, DPD requests that the Commission recommend to City Council that the Developer be designated as the developer for the Project and that DPD be authorized to negotiate,

execute and deliver a redevelopment agreement with the Developer for the Project; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section 1.	The above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.
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ADOPTER: September 13 2005

Attachment: Exhibit A, Street Boundary Description

CITY OF CHICAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION September 13, 2005

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Project & Type:

Reuse of a historic building for retail/entertainment/office purposes requiring extensive rehabilitation internally and to the facade.

Location:

4703-17 N. Broadway in the Lawrence/Broadway TIF Redevelopment

Project Area

Developer:

Theus Property Holdings LLC - Thaddeus Wong

Assistance:

The City, through the Department of Planning and Development, plans to provide to the Developer with approximately \$1,142,860 for TIF eligible expenses.

Alderman/Ward:

Alderman Mary Ann Smith, 48th Ward

Public Benefits:

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Community

Outreach:

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Issues:

None known

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

<u>September 13, 2005</u>

STAFF REPORT

MADAM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

The resolution before the Commission requests the following action:

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PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

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BACKGROUND

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PROJECT SUMMARY

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B. Proposed Project

The Uptown - Broadway Building is listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places and is also listed as part of the Uptown Square Historic District. It was built in 1926 and is a 3 story masonry building with a full basement. The building is an exceptional example of the use of terra cotta. The developer, who will perform a historically sensitive rehabilitation and is requesting \$1,142,860 in TIF funding or 27.6% of their TPC of \$4,138,074. The developer expects a return of 7.5% and intends to keep and maintain the property

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The roof can not bear a green roof or any additional systems. The developer will work with DPD to incorporate LEED elements as much as feasible into this historic building and will demonstrate elements of LEED certification.

DEAL STRUCTURE

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maximum of \$310,000 for reconstruction of the vaulted sidewalk the later of the completion of the sidewalk work or March 2007.

Sources and Uses

Sources:		Percentage of Total Development Cost (TDC)	
Developer Equity Construction Loan City Funds for Public Improvements Total	\$1,573,615 \$2,254,459 \$ 310,000 \$4,138,074	38% 54% 8%	
Uses:	4 1,22 3,677		\$/sf of Building*
Acquisition Hard Costs	\$1,400,000		\$ 73.37
Construction Costs Developer Fee Interest during Construction	2,061,275 61,838 200,000		108.02 3.24 10.48
Subtotal Hard Costs	\$2,323,113		\$121.75
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Total *Gross Building area is 19,081 sq. ft.	\$ 4,138,074		\$216.86

CONFORMANCE WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Project is consistent with the land uses and goals of the Lawrence/Broadway Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Plan. It contributes to the goals of the plan by providing sound economic development in the project area and strengthening the economic well being of the project area as well as the City by increasing business activity and taxable values. The Plan states that Subarea B in which this project lies, should include mixed entertainment uses which enable the preservation and reuse of historic and architecturally significant landmarks, retail and restaurant businesses, and commercial uses. The rehabilitation of this historically significant building will further this goal.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Alderman Mary Ann Smith, supports this project and has provided a recent letter of support. The Uptown Community Development Corporation has submitted a letter in support of the project

PUBLIC BENEFITS

A. Project Benefits

The Project will offer the following public benefits:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Sources and Uses:

Real Estate Taxes

Insurance

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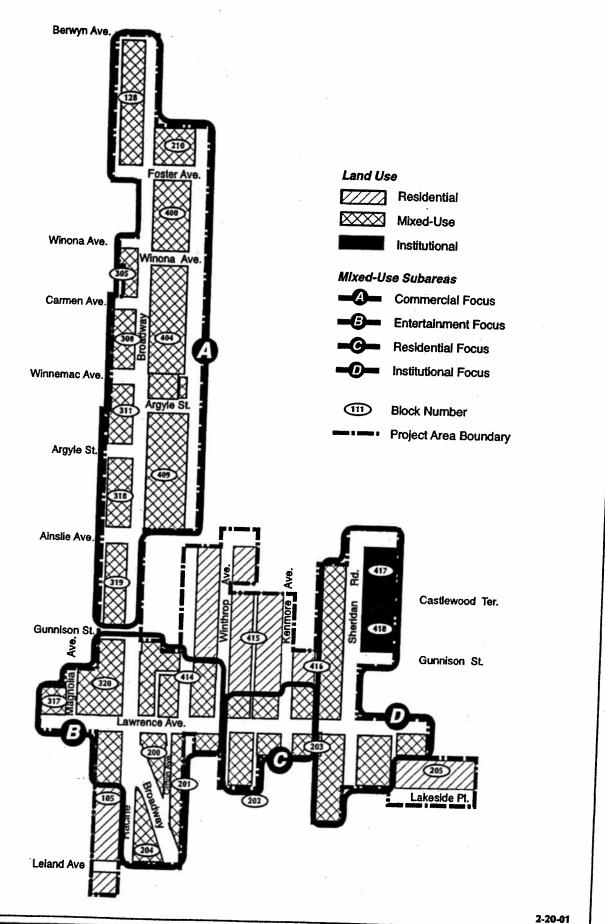
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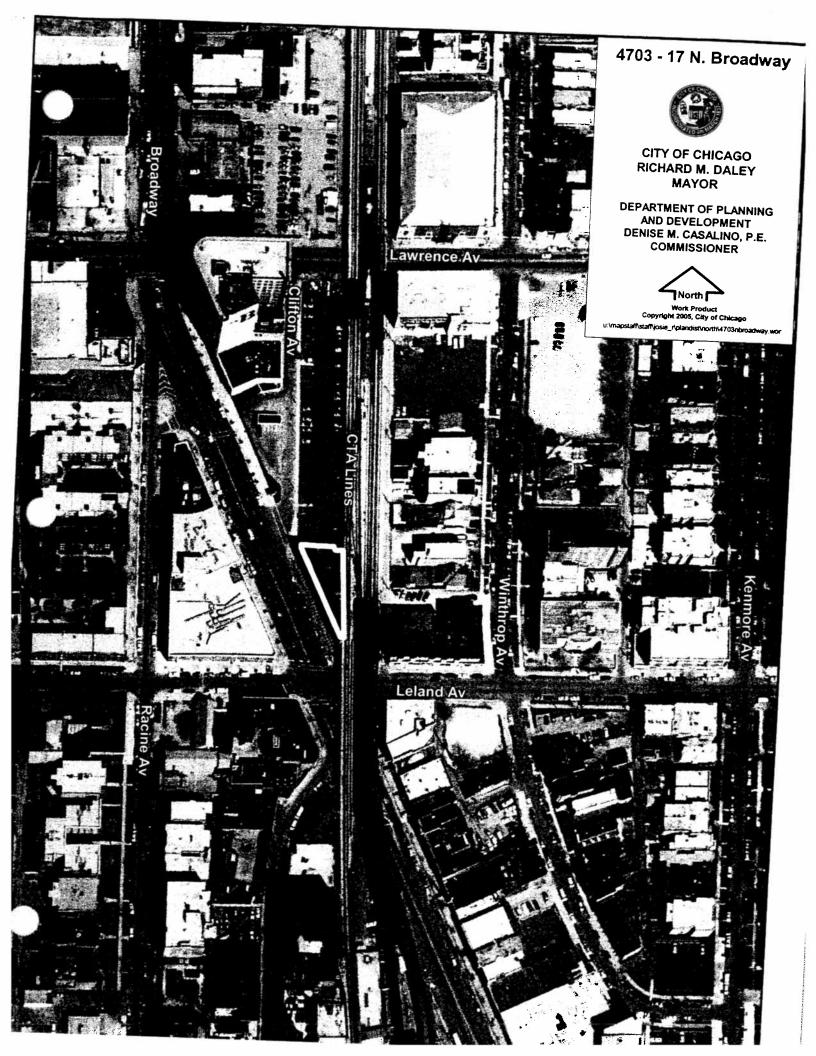
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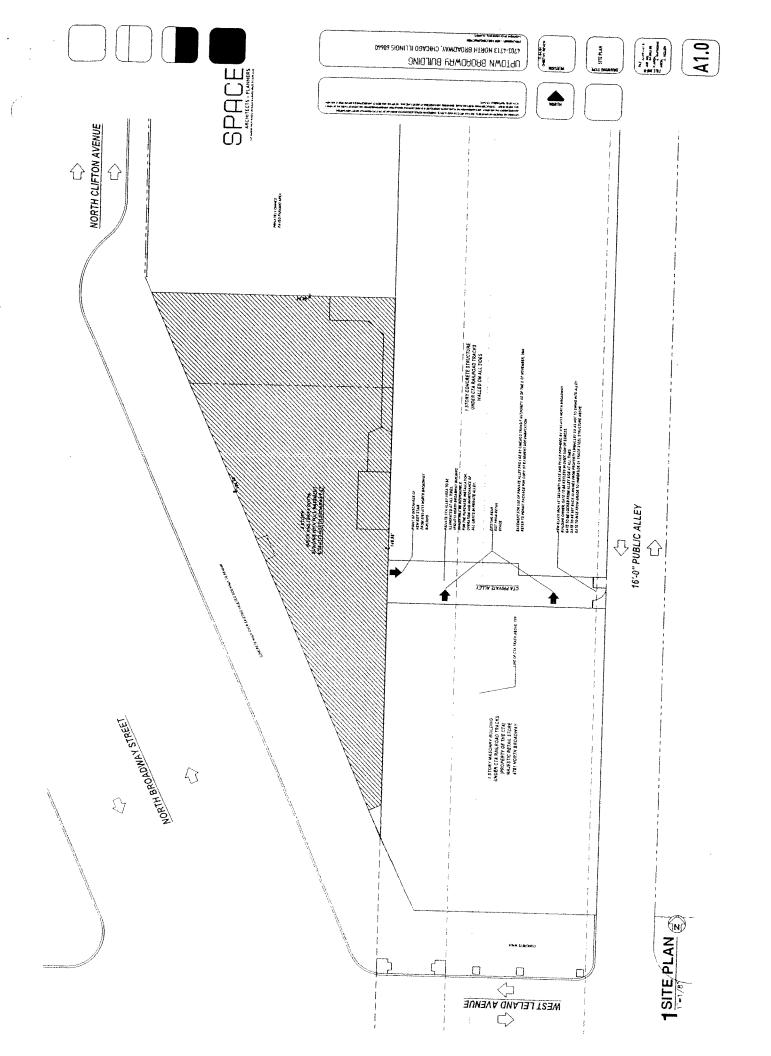


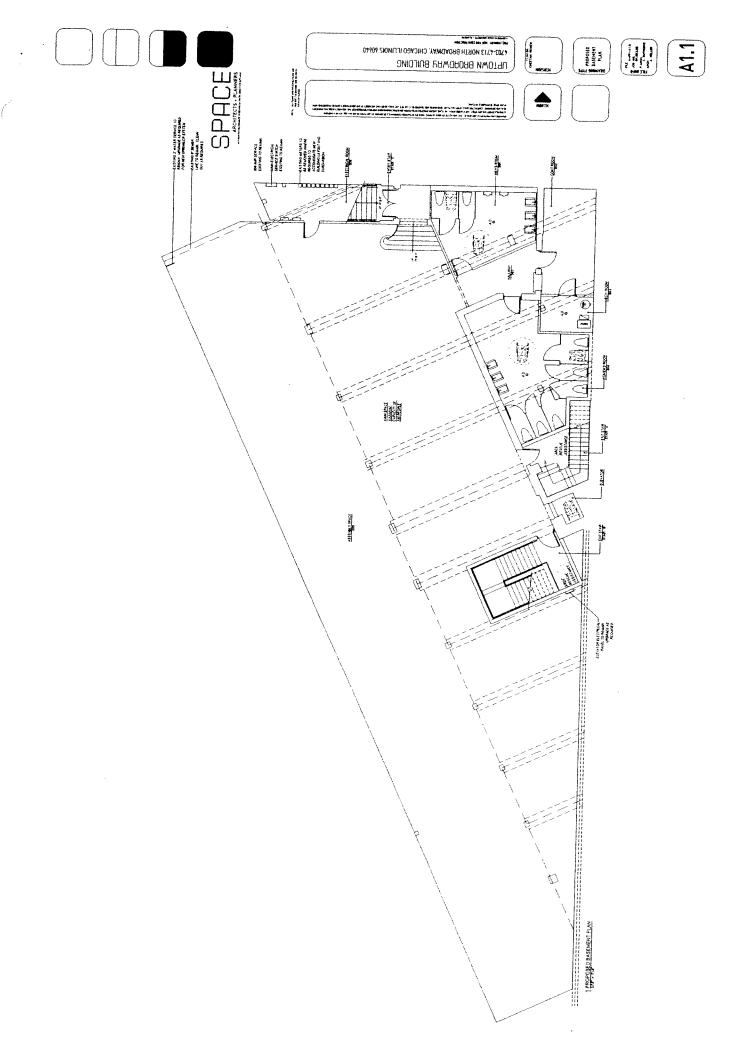
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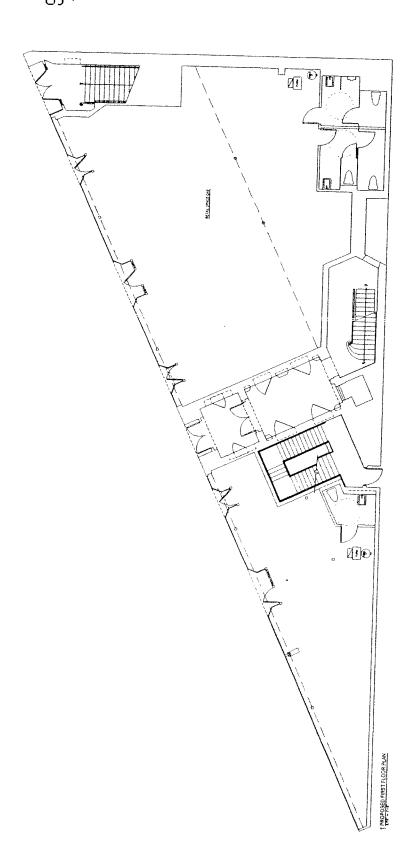
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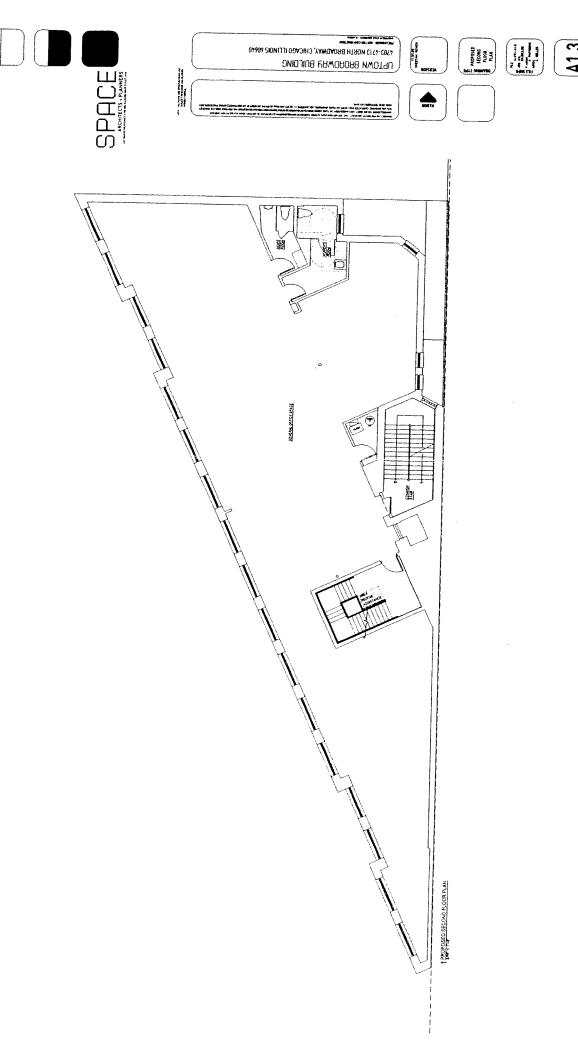




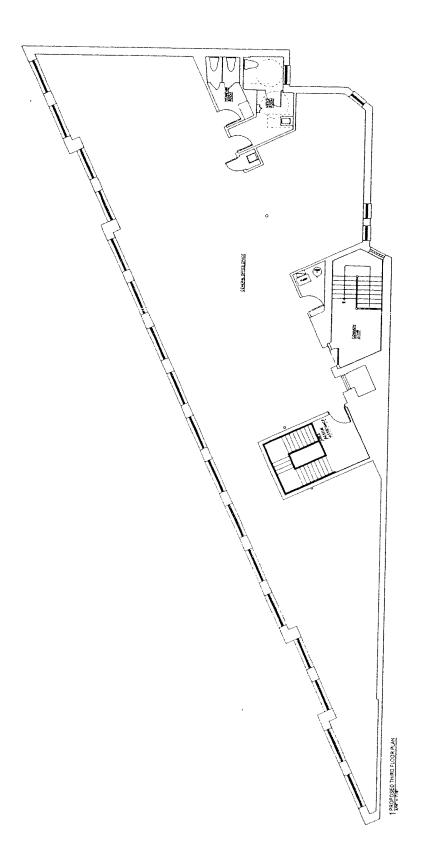












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Commissioner Denise Casiliano Department of Planning and Development 121 N. LaSalle St. - Room 1000 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Commissioner Casiliano,

The community of Uptown is extremely concerned about moving forward the rehab and preservation of the historic, terra cotta, Uptown-Broadway building at 4703-15 N. Broadway.

Please contact Paul Shadle (312) 368-3493, project attorney, to move this along. As a contributing structure in the National Historic District, preservation of this building is of concern to the architecture community as well. And since we have a quality private sector owner-rehabber in place, I'd want to move heaven and earth to get this done. This is one of the rare times that I support waiving LEED certification and maintaining open-vaulted sidewalks.

Please contact Greg Harris with any questions (312) 744-6860. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Smith

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Commissioner Denise Casalino
Department of Planning and Development
City Hall Room 1000
121 N. LaSalle St.
Chicago IL 60602

Dear Commissioner Casalino,

As we discussed on the phone the other day, I want to voice my strongest support for the proposed redevelopment of the Uptown Broadway Building by Thad Wong. As I mentioned, this building is one of the most architecturally and historically significant buildings in the Uptown National Historic Entertainment District. Its elaborate terra cotta and stained glass features are truly community treasures.

As we also discussed, because of the very small size of the building and its odd shape, hemmed in by CTA structures, it is a very difficult redevelopment process to undertake. I cannot stress enough my gratitude to Thad Wong for his willingness to do a complete historic restoration of this building despite the potential for low economic return. This is the type of community stewardship of our historic buildings that the City desperately needs, especially after the building languished in the hands of a succession of lackluster owners.

I know there are many issues such as vaulted sidewalks and LEED certification that make this building even more of a challenge. As we discussed, I commend your staff for making every reasonable accommodation to move this project along swiftly so that we can protect this civic treasure.

Very truly yours,

Alderman, Ward 48



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July 25, 2005

Commissioner Denise M. Casalino Department of Planning and Development 121 North LaSalle Street - 10th floor Chicago, IL 60602

Re:

UPTOWN BROADWAY BUILDING

4707 North Broadway

Dear Commissioner Casalino:

Uptown Community Development Corporation supports the plan for redevelopment of the Uptown Broadway Building as contemplated by Mr. Thaddeus Wong.

This long-neglected building is a located at an important intersection, just south of the Lawrence/Broadway Entertainment District and immediately across the street from The Phoenix and Borders Books. A contributing structure to the Uptown Square Historic District, its façade is one of the most omate and beautiful in the district and when complete will be a wonderful complement to the significant renovations to the west and north.

Mr. Wong's plans for retail and office for first and upper floors are in agreement with the community's vision in the Corridors of Vision strategic plan, and the planned use of the lower level, extending under the vaulted sidewalk, for a night club/evening entertainment venue reflect back on Uptown's past as a center for the best in pop music and jazz.

We feel that the concept will contribute to the vitality of the neighborhood and add to the "eyes on the street" that we seek in new businesses on Broadway.

If you have any questions, please phone me directly.

Sincerely yours,

Yoyce Dugan

Director of Economic Development

CC: Alderman Mary Ann Smith

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Street Boundary Description of the Lawrence/Broadway Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area

This area is located in the Uptown and Edgewater community areas in the City of Chicago (the "City) and generally includes the Broadway frontage bounded by Berwyn Avenue on the north and Leland Avenue on the south; and also includes the area bounded by Ainslie Street on the north, Lakeside Place on the south, and the east frontage of Sheridan Road on the east.