MICHIGAN/CERMAK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Illinois General Assembly passed the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et.seq.) (the "Act") to address the growing number of blighted areas in many Illinois municipalities. The blighting of communities impairs the value of private investment and threatens the growth of the community's tax base. The Act declares that in order to promote the public health, safety, morals, and welfare, blighting conditions must be eliminated.

Therefore, to induce redevelopment pursuant to the Act, the Chicago City Council adopted three ordinances on September 13, 1989 approving the Michigan/Cermak Increment Financing Redevelopment Project and Plan (the "Original Plan"); designating the Michigan/Cermak Project Area (the "Original Redevelopment Project Area"); and adopting tax increment financing for the Original Redevelopment Project Area. On March 21, 1990, the City adopted an ordinance amending the Original Plan to exclude certain parcels that were unnecessary to the implementation of the plan and to correct certain scrivener's errors in the legal description for the Original Redevelopment Project Area ("Amendment No. 1"). On May 12, 1999, the City Council adopted an ordinance to incorporate "portability" language as included in the Act, and to correct certain scrivener's errors in the legal description of the Original Redevelopment Project Area ("Amendment No. 2"). On October 6, 2010, the City Council adopted an ordinance amending the Original Plan to allow for a 24th year thereby extending the Original Redevelopment Project Area to December 31, 2013, ("Amendment No. 3").

In May of 2013 the Johnson Research Group, Inc. ("JRG") was retained by the City of Chicago to further amend the Original Plan to extend the life of the Original Redevelopment Project Area, amend the redevelopment project estimated project costs, bring the Original Plan up to current City ordinance and policy standards, and identify property for acquisition. The changes to the Original Plan are presented Section by Section and follow the format of the Original Plan. Changes are prefaced in italics with the appropriate replaced text below in this document entitled the Michigan/Cermak TIF Redevelopment Project and Plan - Amendment No. 4 ("Amendment No. 4").

The City hereby certifies that there will not be displacement of 10 or more inhabited units as a result of the Original Plan. As such, a housing impact study is not required as part of Amendment No. 4.

This Amendment No. 4 report summarizes the changes to the Original Plan that will allow for the term of the Original Redevelopment Project Area to be extended an additional 12 years for a completion date of December 31, 2025. The changes in the document also include updating and amending the Estimated Redevelopment Project Costs and land use plan. Unless otherwise noted, the content of this report is the responsibility of JRG.

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

No changes.

II. REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA LEGAL DESCRIPTION

No changes.

III. BLIGHTED AREA CONDITIONS EXISTING IN THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

No changes.

IV. REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Section IV. Specific Goals of the Redevelopment Plan section should include the following language at the end:

8) Implement and expand improvements and enhancements related to transit, traffic flow, and pedestrian movement including multi-modal transportation linkages and facilities, expanded pedestrian routes and amenities, and enhanced vehicular traffic and circulation operational improvements.

V. REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A. Redevelopment Plan and Project Objectives

Section V.A is amended by deleting Section V.A, including the header and replacing it with the following:

A. Redevelopment Plan and Project Goals and Objectives

This section presents the Redevelopment Project anticipated to be undertaken by the City and by other public and private entities on behalf of the City in furtherance of this Redevelopment Plan. The Redevelopment Project, as outlined in this section conforms to the plans and policies in place within the Project Area including the Chicago Zoning Ordinance and the *Near South Community Plan (December 2003)*.

B. General Land-Use Plan

Section V.B is amended by adding the following text before the first sentence of paragraph two:

The types of land uses as shown in Exhibit 4 "Proposed Land Use Map" are consistent with the overall planning efforts of the City as of the date of Amendment No. 4 to this Redevelopment Plan and may be modified from time to time with the appropriate approvals from the City. As long as any proposed land use is consistent with the intent and approval of the City, as may change from

time to time, the City may enter into a Redevelopment Agreement that contemplates TIF Assistance without another amendment to this Redevelopment Plan.

Section V.B is further amended by adding the following text after the last paragraph:

Commercial - this designation applies to the Project Area from Prairie Avenue to State Street and includes the northern edge of the historic Motor Row Historic District. A variety of commercial uses including but not limited to retail, entertainment, cultural, commercial events centers, and other active ground floor uses are encouraged along Cermak Road and Michigan Avenue with complementary commercial and retail uses on secondary streets.

The area should encourage entertainment and recreational uses and activities, creating a synergy between the McCormick Place campus, the Motor Row entertainment district, and the retail and dining establishments within the Chinatown neighborhood.

This supports the City's goal of enhancing Chicago's competitiveness as a premier tourism and entertainment destination. The linkage of these entertainment centers increases the "visitor-friendliness" and quality of place from McCormick Place on the east to Chinatown on the west, and facilitates seamless and coordinated access to the attractions and unique features of these areas for both residents and tourists alike.

Institutional/Industrial – this designation is intended for the Project Area that encompasses a portion of the McCormick Place campus between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Indiana Avenue, south of Cermak Road. This district encourages active, pedestrian-oriented uses that will link the McCormick Place campus with other viable and complementary uses in the immediate area to the entertainment and dining establishments further west in the Chinatown neighborhood. Redevelopment and public/private infrastructure projects funded by the TIF may be implemented to improve the City's convention competitiveness and expansion of the business activities of the McCormick Place, in an effort to promote opportunities for increased visitor and business attraction.

C. Redevelopment Program

Section V.C. is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

C. Redevelopment Improvements and Activities

The City proposes to achieve its redevelopment goals and objectives for the Project Area through the use of public financing techniques including, but not limited to, tax increment financing, to undertake some or all of the activities and improvements authorized under the Act, including the activities and improvements described below. The City also maintains the flexibility to undertake additional activities and improvements authorized under the Act, if the need for activities or improvements change as redevelopment occurs in the Project Area.

The City may enter into redevelopment agreements or intergovernmental agreements with public or private entities for the furtherance of this Redevelopment Plan to construct, rehabilitate, renovate or restore improvements for public or private facilities on one or several parcels for any other lawful purpose. Redevelopment agreements may contain terms and provisions that are more specific than the general principles set forth in this Redevelopment Plan and which include affordable housing requirements as described below.

Developers who receive TIF assistance for market-rate housing are required to set aside 20 percent of the units as affordable units. For-sale housing must be affordable to households earning no more than 100 percent of the area median income, as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). Rental units must be affordable to households earning no more than 60 percent of the area median income.

1. Property Assembly

Property acquisition and land assembly by the private sector in accordance with this Redevelopment Plan will be encouraged by the City. To meet the goals and objectives of this Redevelopment Plan, the City may acquire and assemble property throughout the Project Area. Land assemblage by the City may be by purchase, exchange, donation, lease, eminent domain, through the Tax Reactivation Program or other programs and may be for the purpose of: (a) sale, lease or conveyance to private developers; or (b) sale, lease, conveyance or dedication for the construction of public improvements or facilities. Furthermore, the City may require written redevelopment agreements with developers before acquiring any properties. As appropriate, the City may devote acquired property to temporary uses until such property is scheduled for disposition and development.

In connection with the City exercising its power to acquire real property, including the exercise of the power of eminent domain, under the Act in implementing the Redevelopment Plan, the City will follow its customary procedures of having each such acquisition recommended by the Community Development Commission (or any successor commission) and authorized by the City Council of the City. Acquisition of such real property as may be authorized by the City Council does not constitute a change in the nature of this Redevelopment Plan.

The City or a private developer may acquire any historic structure (whether a designated City or State landmark on, or eligible for nomination to, the National Register of Historic Places) and (a) demolish any non-historic feature of such structure; (b) demolish all or portions, as allowed by laws, of historic structures, if necessary, to implement a project that meets the goals and objectives of the Redevelopment Plan; and (c) incorporate any historic structure or historic feature into a development on the subject property or adjoining property.

2. Relocation

Relocation assistance may be provided to facilitate redevelopment of portions of the Project Area and to meet other City objectives. Business or households legally occupying properties that may be acquired by the City subsequent to this Redevelopment Plan may be provided with relocation advisory and financial assistance as determined by the City.

3. Provision of Public Works or Improvements

The City may provide (or assist other public bodies in providing) public improvements and facilities that are necessary to service the Project Area in accordance with this Redevelopment Plan and the comprehensive plan for development of the City as a whole. Public improvements and facilities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Streets and Utilities

A range of roadway, utility and related improvement projects, from repair and resurfacing to construction or reconstruction, may be undertaken.

Parking and Transportation

Improvements to existing or construction of new public infrastructure and public transportation enhancements including repairs to and construction of new public transit stations, bus shelters, directional signage and other transportation improvements, pedestrian way enhancements including bridges and overpasses, designated pedestrian ways, sidewalk and streetscape enhancements, off-street parking sites and/or facilities and on-street parking improvements to ensure coordinated vehicular and pedestrian oriented movement and access.

Parks, Open Space and Streetscape

Improvements to existing or construction of new streetscape, public plazas, parks, and open spaces may be provided, including the construction of pedestrian walkways, lighting, landscaping and general beautification improvements intended for use of the general public.

Publicly-Owned Facilities

Activities that encourage and sustain the business activities and operations of the McCormick Place campus and other publicly owned facilities and centers may be undertaken. These activities may include but are not limited to public right of way improvements, acquisition of land or other property, facility improvements, new construction and rehabilitation projects. The intent of these improvements is to encourage the City's tourism attractiveness, convention competitiveness, and overall business environment.

4. Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings

The City will encourage the rehabilitation of public and private buildings that are basically sound and/or historically or architecturally significant. This includes properties individually designated as Chicago Landmarks, contributing properties to Chicago Landmark Districts, properties individually listed to the National Register of Historic Places, contributing properties to National Register of Historic Places-listed historic districts, and properties identified as either "orange" or "red" in the Chicago Historic Resources Survey.

The Motor Row Historic District overlaps the Redevelopment Project Area along the south side of Cermak Road between Wabash and Michigan Avenues. One building in the Redevelopment Project Area and also located within the

boundaries of the Motor Row Historic District has been identified in the City of Chicago's Historic Resources Survey as an "orange" property, which indicates it possesses some architectural feature or historical association that makes it potentially significant in the context of the surrounding community. This building is located 2222-2230 S. Michigan Avenue.

5. Job Training and Related Educational Programs

Programs designed to increase the skills of the labor force that would take advantage of the employment opportunities within the Project Area may be implemented.

6. Day Care Services

Incremental Property Taxes may be used to cover the cost of day care services and centers within the Project Area for children of low-income employees of Project Area businesses or institutions.

7. Taxing Districts Capital Costs

The City may reimburse all or a portion of the costs incurred by certain taxing districts in the furtherance of the objectives of this Redevelopment Plan.

8. Interest Subsidies

Funds may be provided to developers for a portion of interest costs incurred by a developer related to the construction, renovation or rehabilitation of a redevelopment project provided that:

- a) such costs are to be paid directly from the special tax allocation fund established pursuant to the Act;
- b) such payments in any one year may not exceed 30 percent of the annual interest costs incurred by the developer with respect to the redevelopment project during that year;
- c) if there are not sufficient funds available in the special tax allocation fund to make an interest payment, then the amounts so due shall accrue and be payable when sufficient funds are available in the special tax allocation fund;
- d) the total of such interest payments paid pursuant to the Act may not exceed 30 percent of the total: (i) cost paid or incurred by a redeveloper for a redevelopment project plus (ii) redevelopment project costs excluding any property assembly costs and any relocation costs incurred by the City pursuant to the Act; and
- e) the cost limits set forth in subparagraphs (b) and (d) above shall be modified to permit payment of up to 75 percent of interest costs incurred by a developer for the financing of rehabilitated or new housing units for low-income households and very low-income households, as defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Affordable Housing Act.

9. Affordable Housing

Funds may be provided to developers for up to 50 percent of the cost of construction, renovation or rehabilitation of all low- and very low-income housing units (for ownership or rental) as defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Affordable Housing Act. If the units are part of a residential redevelopment project that includes units not affordable to low-and very low-income households, only the low- and very low-income units shall be eligible for benefits under the Act.

10. Analysis, Administration, Studies, Surveys, Legal, etc.

Under contracts that will run for three years or less (excluding contracts for architectural and engineering services which are not subject to such time limits) the City and/or private developers may undertake or engage professional consultants, engineers, architects, attorneys, etc. to conduct various analyses, studies, surveys, administration or legal services to establish, implement and manage this Redevelopment Plan.

D. Estimated Redevelopment Project Costs Phase 1 and 2

Section V. D, including the header, is deleted and replaced with the following:

D. Redevelopment Project Costs

The various redevelopment expenditures that are eligible for payment or reimbursement under the Act are reviewed below. Following this review is a list of estimated redevelopment project costs that are deemed to be necessary to implement this Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Project Costs.")

In the event the Act is amended after the date of the approval of this Redevelopment Plan by the City Council of Chicago to (a) include new eligible redevelopment project costs, or (b) expand the scope or increase the amount of existing eligible redevelopment project costs (such as, for example, by increasing the amount of incurred interest costs that may be paid under 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3(q)(11)), this Redevelopment Plan shall be deemed to incorporate such additional, expanded or increased eligible costs as Redevelopment Project Costs under the Redevelopment Plan, to the extent permitted by the Act. In the event of such amendment(s) to the Act, the City may add any new eligible redevelopment project costs as a line item in Table 1 or otherwise adjust the line items in Table 1 without amendment to this Redevelopment Plan, to the extent permitted by the Act. In no instance, however, shall such additions or adjustments result in any increase in the total Redevelopment Project Costs without a further amendment to this Redevelopment Plan.

1. Eligible Redevelopment Costs

Redevelopment project costs include the sum total of all reasonable or necessary costs incurred, estimated to be incurred, or incidental to this Redevelopment Plan pursuant to the Act. Such costs may include, without limitation, the following:

- a) 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, financial, planning or other services (excluding lobbying expenses), provided that no charges for professional services are based on a percentage of the tax increment collected;
- b) The costs of marketing sites within the Project Area to prospective businesses, developers and investors;
- c) Property assembly costs, including but not limited to, acquisition of land and other property, real or personal, or rights or interests therein, demolition of buildings, site preparation, site improvements that serve as an engineered barrier addressing ground level or below ground environmental contamination, including, but not limited to parking lots and other concrete or asphalt barriers, and the clearing and grading of land;
- d) Costs of rehabilitation, reconstruction or repair or remodeling of existing public or private buildings, fixtures, and leasehold improvements; and the costs of replacing an existing public building if pursuant to the implementation of a redevelopment project the existing public building is to be demolished to use the site for private investment or devoted to a different use requiring private investment; including any direct or indirect costs relating to Green Globes or LEED certified construction elements or construction elements with an equivalent certification;
- e) Costs of the construction of public works or improvements, including any direct or indirect costs relating to Green Globes or LEED certified construction elements or construction elements with an equivalent certification subject to the limitations in Section 11-74.4-3(q)(4) of the Act;
- f) Costs of job training and retraining projects including the cost of "welfare to work" programs implemented by businesses located within the Project Area;
- g) Financing costs 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 thereunder including interest accruing during the estimated period of construction of any redevelopment project for which such obligations are issued and for a period not exceeding 36 months following completion and including reasonable reserves related thereto;
- h) To the extent the City by written agreement accepts and approves the same, all or a portion of a taxing district's capital costs resulting from the redevelopment project necessarily incurred or to be incurred within a taxing district in furtherance of the objectives of the Redevelopment Plan.
- i) An elementary, secondary, or unit school district's increased costs attributable to assisted housing units will be reimbursed as provided in the Act;

- j) Relocation costs to the extent that the City determines that relocation costs shall be paid or is required to make payment of relocation costs by federal or state law or by Section 74.4-3(n)(7) of the Act (see "Relocation" section);
- k) Payment in lieu of taxes, as defined in the Act;
- Costs of job training, retraining, advanced vocational education or career education, including but not limited to, courses in occupational, semitechnical or technical fields leading directly to employment, incurred by one or more taxing districts, provided that such costs; (i) are related to the establishment and maintenance of additional job training, advanced vocational education or career education programs for persons employed or to be employed by employers located in the Project Area; and (ii) when incurred by a taxing district or taxing districts other than the City, are stated in a written agreement by or among the City and the taxing district or taxing districts, which agreement describes the program to be undertaken including but not limited to, the number of employees to be trained, a description of the training and services to be provided, the number and type of positions available or to be available, itemized costs of the program and sources of funds to pay for the same, and the term of the agreement. Such costs include, specifically, the payment by community college districts of costs pursuant to Sections 3-37, 3-38, 3-40, and 3-40.1 of the Public Community College Act, 110 ILCS 805/3-37, 805/3-38, 805/3-40 and 805/3-40.1, and by school districts of costs pursuant to Sections 10-22.20a and 10-23.3a of the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-22.20a and 5/10-23.3a;
- m) Interest costs incurred by a redeveloper related to the construction, renovation or rehabilitation of a redevelopment project provided that:
 - 1. such costs are to be paid directly from the special tax allocation fund established pursuant to the Act;
 - 2. such payments in any one year may not exceed 30 percent of the annual interest costs incurred by the redeveloper with regard to the redevelopment project during that year:
 - if there are not sufficient funds available in the special tax allocation fund to make the payment pursuant to this provision, then the amounts so due shall accrue and be payable when sufficient funds are available in the special tax allocation fund;
 - 4. the total of such interest payments paid pursuant to the Act may not exceed 30 percent of the total: (i) cost paid or incurred by the redeveloper for such redevelopment project; (ii) redevelopment project costs excluding any property assembly costs and any relocation costs incurred by the City pursuant to the Act; and
 - 5. up to 75 percent of the interest cost incurred by a redeveloper for the financing of rehabilitated or new housing for low-income households and very low-income households, as defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Affordable Housing Act.

- n) Instead of the eligible costs provided for in (m) 2, 4 and 5 above, the City may pay up to 50 percent of the cost of construction, renovation and/or rehabilitation of all low- and very low-income housing units (for ownership or rental) as defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Affordable Housing Act. If the units are part of a residential redevelopment project that includes units not affordable to low- and very low-income households, only the low- and very low-income units shall be eligible for benefits under the Act;
- o) The costs of daycare services for children of employees from low-income families working for businesses located within the Project Area and all or a portion of the cost of operation of day care centers established by Project Area businesses to serve employees from low-income families working in businesses located in the Project Area. For the purposes of this paragraph, "low-income families" means families whose annual income does not exceed 80 percent of the City, county or regional median income as determined from time to time by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- Unless explicitly provided in the Act, the cost of construction of new privatelyowned buildings shall not be an eligible redevelopment project cost;
- q) If a special service area has been established pursuant to the Special Service Area Tax Act, 35 ILCS 235/0.01 et seq., then any tax increment revenues derived from the tax imposed pursuant to the Special Service Area Tax Act may be used within the Project Area for the purposes permitted by the Special Service Area Tax Act as well as the purposes permitted by the Act.

2. Estimated Redevelopment Project Costs

To eliminate the blighting factors present in the Project Area and to meet the redevelopment objectives, the City plans to make and/or induce a number of improvements in the Project Area. Table 1 identifies the eligible Redevelopment Project Costs under the Act that the City may utilize to implement the Redevelopment Plan over the Project Area's term. The redevelopment project shall be completed, and all obligations issued to finance redevelopment costs shall be retired, no later than December 31, 2025, the year in which the payment to the City treasurer as provided in the Act is to be made with respect to ad valorem taxes levied in the thirty-fifth calendar year following the year in which the ordinance approving the Project Area was adopted.

Redevelopment projects in the Project Area would not reasonably be anticipated to be developed without the extension of the life of the Redevelopment Plan.

Amended Table 1: Estimated Redevelopment Project Costs

	Eligible Expense	Estimated Cost
1	Analysis, Administration, Studies, Surveys, Legal, Marketing, etc.	\$4,000,000
2	Property Assembly including Acquisition, Site Prep and Demolition, Environmental Remediation	\$25,000,000
3	Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings, Fixtures and Leasehold Improvements, Affordable Housing Construction and Rehabilitation Costs	\$20,000,000
4	Public Works & Improvements, including streets and utilities, parks and open space, public facilities (schools & other public facilities) [1]	\$28,000,000
5	Relocation Costs	\$2,000,000
6	Job Training, Retraining, Welfare-to-Work	\$7,000,000
7	Interest Subsidy	\$5,000,000
8	Day Care Services	\$1,000,000
	TOTAL REDEVELOPMENT COSTS [2,3]	\$92,000,000 ^[4]

- [1] This category may also include paying for or reimbursing: (i) an elementary, secondary or unit school district's increased costs attributed to assisted housing units, and (ii) capital costs of taxing districts impacted by the redevelopment of the Area. As permitted by the Act, to the extent the City by written agreement accepts and approves the same, the City may pay, or reimburse all, or a portion of a taxing district's capital costs resulting from a redevelopment project necessarily incurred or to be incurred within a taxing district in furtherance of the objectives of the Redevelopment Plan.
- [2] Total Redevelopment Project Costs represent an upper limit on expenditures that are to be funded using tax increment revenues and exclude any additional financing costs, including any interest expense, capitalized interest and costs associated with optional redemptions. These additional financing costs are subject to prevailing market conditions and are in addition to Total Redevelopment Project Costs. Adjustments to the estimated line item costs in Exhibit I are anticipated, and may be made by the City without further amendment to this Redevelopment Plan to the extent permitted by the Act. Each individual project cost will be re-evaluated in light of the projected private development and resulting incremental tax revenues as it is considered for public financing under the provisions of the Act. The totals of the line items stated above are not intended to place a limit on the described expenditures. Adjustments may be made in line items within the total, either increasing or decreasing line item costs as a result of changed redevelopment costs and needs.
- [3] The amount of the Total Redevelopment Costs that can be incurred in the Project Area will be reduced by the amount of redevelopment project costs incurred in contiguous redevelopment project areas, or those separated from the Project Area only by a public right-of-way, that are permitted under the Act to be paid, and are paid, from incremental property taxes generated in the Project Area, but will not be reduced by the amount of redevelopment project costs incurred in the Project Area which are paid from incremental property taxes generated in contiguous redevelopment project areas or those separated from the Project Area only by a public right-of-way.
- [4] All costs are shown in 2013 dollars and may be increased by five percent (5%) after adjusting for inflation reflected in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for All Urban Consumers for All Items for the Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA, published by the U.S. Department of Labor or a similar index acceptable to the City.
 - Additional funding from other sources such as federal, state, county, or local grant funds may be utilized to supplement the City's ability to finance Redevelopment Project Costs identified above.

E. Sources of Funds to Pay Redevelopment Project Costs

Section V.E is deleted and replaced with the following:

Funds necessary to pay for Redevelopment Project Costs and secure municipal obligations issued for such costs are to be derived primarily from Incremental Property Taxes. Other sources of funds which may be used to pay for Redevelopment Project Costs or secure municipal obligations are land disposition proceeds, state and federal grants, investment income, private financing and other legally permissible funds the City may deem appropriate. The City may incur redevelopment project costs which are paid for from funds of the City other than incremental taxes, and the City may then be reimbursed from such costs from incremental taxes. Also, the City may permit the utilization of guarantees, deposits and other forms of security made available by private sector developers. Additionally, the City may utilize revenues, other than State sales tax increment revenues, received under the Act from one redevelopment project area for eligible costs in another redevelopment project area that is either contiguous to, or is separated only by a public right-of-way from, the redevelopment project area from which the revenues are received.

The Project Area may be contiguous to or separated by only a public right-of-way from other redevelopment project areas created under the Act. The City may utilize net incremental property taxes received from the Project Area to pay eligible redevelopment project costs, or obligations issued to pay such costs, in other contiguous redevelopment project areas or project areas separated only by a public right-of-way, and vice versa. The amount of revenue from the Project Area, made available to support such contiguous redevelopment project areas, or those separated only by a public right-of-way, when added to all amounts used to pay eligible Redevelopment Project Costs within the Project Area, shall not at any time exceed the total Redevelopment Project Costs described in this Redevelopment Plan.

The Project Area may become contiquous to, or be separated only by a public right-ofway from, redevelopment project areas created under the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law (65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-1, et Industrial Jobs Recovery Law (65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-1, et seq.). If the City finds that the goals, objectives and financial success of such contiguous redevelopment project areas or those separated only by a public right-of-way are interdependent with those of the Project Area, the City may determine that it is in the best interests of the City and the furtherance of the purposes of the Redevelopment Plan that net revenues from the Project Area be made available to support any such redevelopment project areas, and vice versa. The City therefore proposes to utilize net incremental revenues received from the Project Area to pay eligible redevelopment project costs (which are eligible under the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law referred to above) in any such areas and vice versa. Such revenues may be transferred or loaned between the Project Area and such areas. The amount of revenue from the Project Area so made available, when added to all amounts used to pay eligible Redevelopment Project Costs within the Project Area or other areas as described in the preceding paragraph, shall not at any time exceed the total Redevelopment Project Costs described in Table 1 of this Redevelopment Plan.

F. Nature and Term of Obligations to be Issued

Section V.F is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

F. Issuance of Obligations

The City may issue obligations secured by Incremental Property Taxes pursuant to Section 11-74.4-7 of the Act. To enhance the security of a municipal obligation, the City may pledge its full faith and credit through the issuance of general obligations bonds. Additionally, the City may provide other legally permissible credit enhancements to any obligations issued pursuant to the Act.

The Redevelopment Project shall be completed, and all obligations issued to finance redevelopment costs shall be retired, no later than December 31 of the year in which the payment to the City treasurer as provided in the Act is to be made with respect to ad valorem taxes levied in the thirty-fifth calendar year following the year in which the ordinance approving the Project Area is adopted.

Also, the final maturity date of any such obligations which are issued may not be later than 20 years from their respective dates of issue. One or more series of obligations may be sold at one or more times in order to implement this Redevelopment Plan. Obligations may be issued on a parity or subordinated basis.

In addition to paying Redevelopment Project Costs, Incremental Property Taxes may be used for the scheduled retirement of obligations, mandatory or optional redemptions, establishment of debt service reserves and bond sinking funds. To the extent that Incremental Property Taxes are not needed for these purposes, and are not otherwise required, pledged, earmarked or otherwise designated for the payment of Redevelopment Project Costs, any excess Incremental Property Taxes shall then become available for distribution annually to taxing districts having jurisdiction over the Project Area in the manner provided by the Act.

G. Most Recent Equalized Assessed Valuation of Properties in the Redevelopment Project Area

Section V.G including the header, is deleted and replaced with the following:

G. Valuation of the Project Area

Certified Base EAV

The purpose of identifying the most recent equalized assessed valuation ("EAV") of the Project Area is to provide an estimate of the initial EAV which the Cook County Clerk will certify for the purpose of annually calculating the incremental EAV and incremental property taxes of the Project Area. The Certified Initial EAV of all taxable parcels in the Project Area is \$5,858,634. The Redevelopment Plan has utilized the EAVs for the 1989 tax year. Exhibit 7 lists the EAV for the Redevelopment Project Area by PIN.

H. Anticipated Equalized Assessed Valuation

Section V.H is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

H. Anticipated Equalized Assessed Valuation

By the tax year 2025 (collection year 2026) and following the substantial completion of the Redevelopment Project, the EAV of the Project Area is estimated at approximately \$174,368,545. The estimate is based on several assumptions, including 1) redevelopment of the Project Area will occur in a timely manner; 2) approximately 300 new residential condominiums will be constructed in the Project Area between 2013 and 2025; 3) approximately 50,000 square feet of new retail/office/restaurant space; 4) the construction of a new 500 room hotel; 5) an estimated annual inflation rate in EAV of 3.0 percent through 2025, realized in triennial reassessment years only; and (6) the most recent state equalization factor of 2.8056 (2012 value) is used in all years to calculate estimated EAV.

VI. DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENTS OF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A. Description of Redevelopment Project

The following language is inserted after the fourth paragraph in Section VI.A.

Pedestrian and Public Transit Improvements: The City may provide for pedestrian way enhancements and improvements including passageways, pedestrian overpasses or bridges, streetscapes and plazas, and other pedestrian oriented enhancements. The City may also improve and extend public transit facilities including but not limited to station improvements and new construction, transit rider shelters, traffic flow modifications and other public transit oriented enhancements.

B. Commitment to Fair Employment and Affirmative Action Practices

Section VI.B is deleted and replaced with the following:

The City is committed to and will affirmatively implement the following principles with respect to this Original Plan:

- 1) The assurance of equal opportunity in all personnel and employment actions, with respect to the Redevelopment Project, including, but not limited to hiring, training, transfer, promotion, discipline, fringe benefits, salary, employment working conditions, termination, etc., without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, source of income, or housing status.
- 2) Redevelopers must meet the City's standards for participation of 24 percent Minority Business Enterprises and 4 percent Woman Business Enterprises and the City Resident Construction Worker Employment Requirement as required in redevelopment agreements.

- 3) This commitment to affirmative action and nondiscrimination will ensure that all members of the protected groups are sought out to compete for all job openings and promotional opportunities.
- 4) Redevelopers will meet City standards for any applicable prevailing wage rate as ascertained by the Illinois Department of Labor to all project employees.

The City shall have the right in its sole discretion to exempt certain small businesses, residential property owners and developers from the above.

VII. SCHEDULING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A. Completion of Redevelopment Project and Retirement of Obligations to Finance Redevelopment Costs

Section VII.A is deleted and replaced with the following:

The estimated date for completion of redevelopment projects in the Project Area is no later than December 31, 2025, the year in which the payment to the City treasurer as provided in the Act is to be made with respect to ad valorem taxes levied in the thirty-fifth calendar year following the year in which the ordinance approving the Project Area was adopted.

VIII. PROVISIONS FOR AMENDING THE TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT

No changes.

LIST OF TABLES AND EXHIBITS

Tables

Tables 1a and 1b are deleted and replaced with new Table 1.

Exhibits

Exhibit 1 Legal Description

No change.

Exhibit 2 Boundary Map

No change.

Exhibit 3 Existing Land Use

No change.

Exhibit 4 Proposed Land-Use Map

Exhibit 4 to be deleted and replaced with new Exhibit 4.

Exhibit 5 Criteria for Qualification

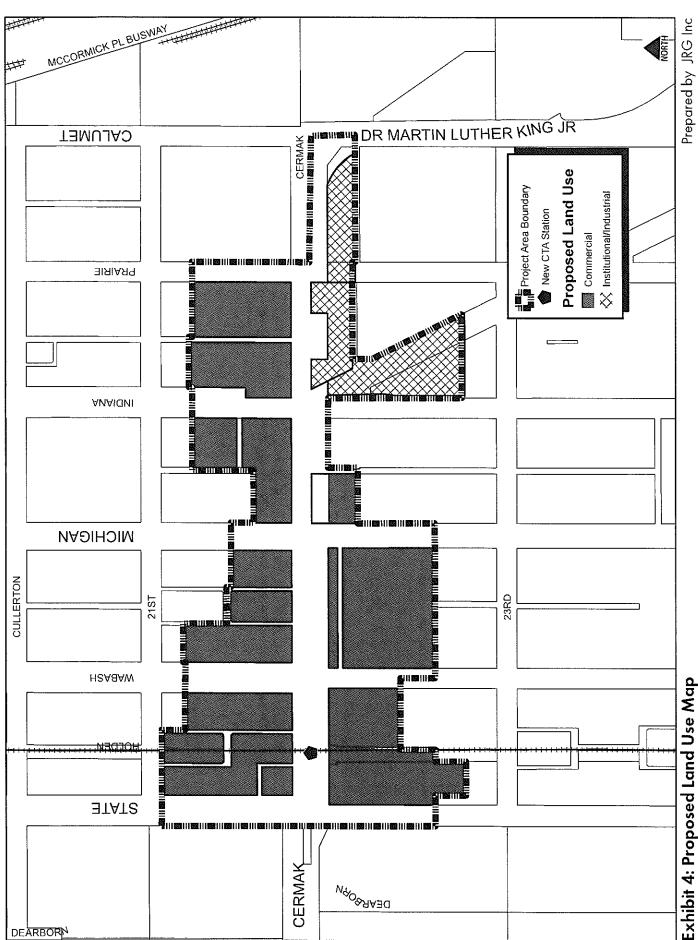
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The following Exhibits 6 and 7 are to be inserted after Exhibit 5.

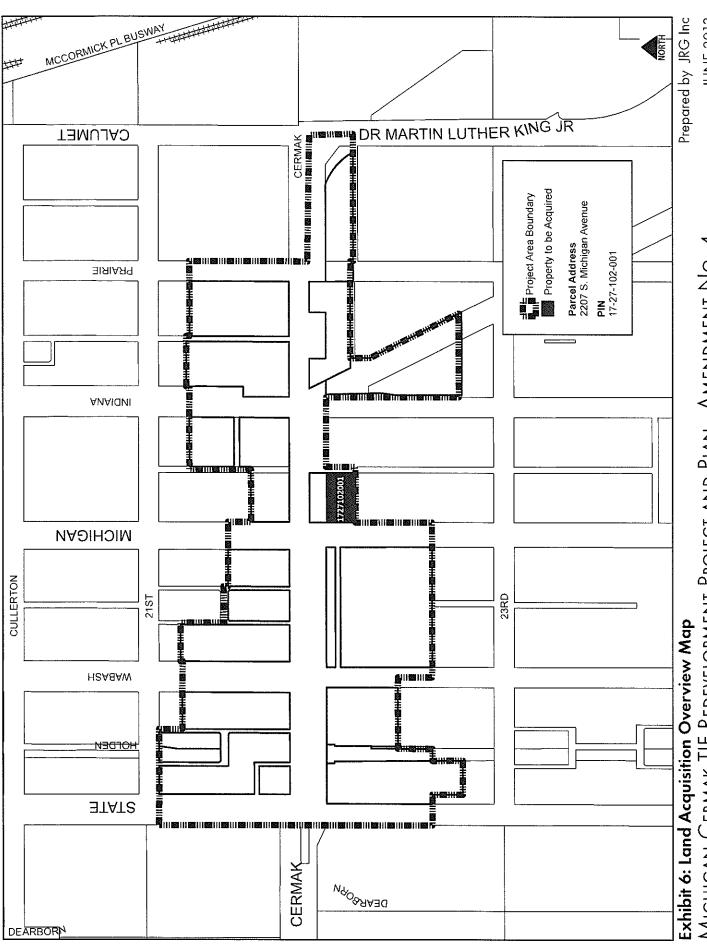
Exhibit 6 Land Acquisition Overview Map

Exhibit 7 1998 Certified Initial Equalized Assessed Value by Tax Parcel

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Michigan Cermak TIF Redevelopment Project and Plan - Amendment No. 4



Michigan Cermak TIF Redevelopment Project and Plan - Amendment No. 4

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF INITIAL EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION

I, DAVID D. ORR, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Cook in the State of Illinois. As such Clerk and pursuant to Section 11-74.4-9 of the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (Illinois Revised Statutes, Chap. 24) I do further:

CERTIFY THAT on December 6, 1989 the Office of the Cook County Clerk received certified copies of the following Ordinances adopted by the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois on September 13, 1989:

- 1. "An Ordinance Approving the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Michigan-Cermak Redevelopment Area Tax Increment Financing Project;"
- 2. "An Ordinance Designating the Michigan-Cermak Redevelopment Project Area as a Redevelopment Project Area Pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act;" and
- "An Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Michigan-Cermak Redevelopment Tax Increment Financing Project."

CERTIFY THAT on May 16, 1990, The Office of the Cook County Clerk received a certified copy of the following ordinance adopted by the City of Chicago on March 21, 1990:

1. "An Ordinance Amending the Boundaries of the Michigan-Cermak Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Area."

CERTIFY THAT on December 30, 2010, The Office of the Cook County Clerk received a certified copy of the following ordinance adopted by the City of Chicago on October 6, 2010:

1. "Amending Number 3 to Michigan / Cermak Road Corridor Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project."

CERTIFY THAT the area constituting the Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area subject to Tax Increment Financing in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, is legally described in said Ordinances.

CERTIFY THAT the initial equalized assessed value of each lot, block, and parcel of real property within the said City of Chicago Project Area as of September 13, 1989 and October 6, 2010 is as set forth in the document attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A";

CERTIFY THAT the total initial equalized assessed value of all taxable real property situated within the said City of Chicago Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area is:

TAX CODE AREA 76009	\$ 354,785
TAX CODE AREA 76013	\$ 5,137,014
TAX CODE AREA 76023	\$ 34,016

for a total of

FIVE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NO CENTS

(\$5,858,634.)

such total initial equalized assessed value as of September 13, 1989 and October 6, 2010, having been computed and ascertained from the official records on file in my office and as set forth in Exhibit "A".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the corporate seal of COOK COUNTY this 28^{th} day of June 2013.

Naud W. Usr
County Clerk

(SEAL)

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PERMANENT REAL ESTATE INDEX NUMBER OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA:	OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL
17-22-317-001-0000	57,089
17-22-317-004-0000	102,938
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17-22-317-018-0000	28,400
17-22-317-019-0000	60,592

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17-22-318-004-0000	45,281
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31,920

18,463

28,309

52,868

17-22-318-009-0000

17-22-318-011-0000

17-22-318-013-0000

17-22-318-020-0000

PERMANENT REAL ESTATE INDEX NUMBER OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA: 1989 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA:

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17-22-319-031-1006	1,702
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17-22-319-031-1008	255
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17-22-319-031-1012	1,799
17-22-319-031-1013	316
17-22-319-031-1014	258
17-22-319-031-1015	259
17-22-319-031-1016	263
17-22-319-031-1017	263
17-22-319-031-1018	359

PERMANENT REAL ESTATE INDEX NUMBER OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA:

1989 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA:

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21,524

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17-22-319-031-1073	192
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1989 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION

31,506

DATE 06/28/2013

PERMANENT REAL ESTATE INDEX NUMBER

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PERMANENT REAL ESTATE INDEX NUMBER OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA:	1989 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA:
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PERMANENT REAL ESTATE INDEX NUMBER OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA:

1989 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA:

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TOTAL PRINTED: 171

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TOTAL PRINTED:

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PERMANENT REAL ESTATE INDEX NUMBER OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA:

1989 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA:

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1989 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION OF EACH LOT, BLOCK, TRACT OR PARCEL WITHIN SUCH PROJECT AREA:

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TOTAL PRINTED:

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REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WITHIN SUCH
PROJECT AREA:

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CITY OF CHICAGO AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO MICHIGAN/CERMAK ROAD CORRIDOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT

"Notice of Change of the Redevelopment Plan and Project"

NOTICE is hereby given by the City of Chicago of the publication and inclusion of changes to the City of Chicago Amendment No. 2 to the Redevelopment Plan for the Michigan/Cermak Road Corridor Redevelopment Project Area (the "Plan") which includes Michigan/Cermak Road Corridor Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project Eligibility Study. The Plan (dated December 1998) was approved pursuant to an ordinance enacted by the City Council on May 12, 1999, pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-4 of the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, as amended, 65 ILCS Section 5/11-74.4-1 et seq. (the "Act"). The Plan is hereby changed as follows:

1. The first sentence of the second paragraph under Section 5, F. "Nature and Term of Obligations to be Issued," is deleted and replaced with the following:

All obligations issued by the City pursuant to this Redevelopment Plan and Project and the Act shall be retired, no later than December 31 of the year in which the payment to the City treasurer as provided in the Act is to be made with respect to ad valorem taxes levied in the twenty-third calendar year following the year in which the ordinance approving the Area was adopted, such ultimate retirement date occurring on December 31, 2013.

2. The paragraph under Section 7, A., "Scheduling of the Redevelopment Project," is deleted and replaced with the following:

The estimated date for completion of Redevelopment Projects is no later than December 31, 2013.

MICHIGAN/CERMAK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT AMENDMENT NO. 2

Prepared for: The City of Chicago

By: Teska Associates, Inc. Mann Gin Dubin & Frazier, Ltd.

December, 1998

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1. INTRODUCTION

On September 13, 1989, the City Council of the City of Chicago (the "City") adopted ordinances to: 1) approve the Michigan/Cermak Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Project and Plan (the "Original Project and Plan"); 2) designate the Michigan/Cermak Project Area (the "Original Redevelopment Project Area"); and 3) adopt tax increment allocation financing for the Michigan/Cermak Redevelopment Project Area, all pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, presently codified at 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et seq. (1996 State Bar Edition), as amended (the "Act").

It was determined by the Commercial District Development Commission (the predecessor to the Community Development Commission) and the Chicago City Council, based on information in the Original Project and Plan: that there existed conditions which caused the Original Redevelopment Project Area to be subject to designation as a "redevelopment project area" and classified as a "blighted area;" that the Original Redevelopment Project Area on the whole had not been subject to growth and development through investment by private enterprise and would not reasonably be anticipated to be developed without the adoption of the Original Project and Plan; that the Original Project and Plan conformed to the comprehensive plan for the development of the City as a whole; that the estimated completion of the Original Plan and Project, and the estimated date of the retirement of all obligations incurred to finance redevelopment project costs, was September 12, 2012; that the parcels in the Original Redevelopment Project Area were contiguous and the only parcels to be substantially benefitted by the proposed project improvements included in the Original Project Area; and that the Original Project Area would not reasonably be developed without the use of incremental revenues under the Act.

On March 21, 1990, the City adopted an ordinance amending the Original Project and Plan to exclude certain parcels that were unnecessary to the implementation of the plan, and to correct certain scrivener's errors in the legal description for the Original Redevelopment Project Area.

The City has determined that an amendment to the Original Project and Plan is necessary at this time, in order to incorporate the "portability" language included in the Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(q), and the similar language included in the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-15(s) (State Bar Edition), to exclude certain other real property that is unnecessary to the implementation of the Original Project and Plan, and to correct certain scrivener's errors in the legal description of the Original Redevelopment Project Area. Such changes are incorporated in this Amendment No. 2 (the "Amendment"). The Original Project and Plan, as amended by this Amendment, is referred to hereinafter as the Amended Plan and Project. Paragraph 2 of this Amendment describes these modifications in detail.

The Amended Project and Plan summarizes the analyses and findings of the consultant's work, which unless otherwise noted, is solely the responsibility of Teska Associates, Inc. and its subconsultants. Teska Associates, Inc. has prepared this Amendment with the understanding that the City would rely: (i) on the findings and conclusions of the Amended Project and Plan in proceeding with the adoption and implementation of the Amended Project and Plan; and (ii) on the fact that Teska Associates, Inc. has obtained the necessary information so that the Amended Project and Plan will comply with the Act.

This Amendment includes two appendices. Appendix A contains a corrected legal description. Appendix B contains the Original Project and Plan as approved by the Chicago City Council.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO ORIGINAL PROJECT AND PLAN

Certain modifications to the Original Project and Plan are needed to exclude certain real property that is not necessary for the implementation of the plan, to correct scrivener's errors in the legal description of the Original Redevelopment Project Area, and to incorporate "portability" language. These modifications form the basis for the amendments to the Original Project and Plan described below.

Legal Description

Errors in the legal boundary description have been noted. This Amendment corrects those defects. Figure 1 shows the Corrected Original Redevelopment Project Area Boundary Map. Figure 2 illustrates Changes to Redevelopment Project Area Boundary Map.

Within the State Street right of way, the northern boundary of the district runs along the south line of the 21st Street right of way, rather than the center line.

The district boundary did not close at the crossing of South Indiana Avenue between 21st Street and Cermak Road. This has been corrected. The block east of Prairie Avenue, also between 21st Street and Cermak Road, was included in error and has been removed. Likewise, a triangular area to the west of Silverton Way was also included in error and has been removed.

The original legal description was also broken along Indiana Avenue south of 22nd Street, and along the alley between Michigan and Indiana Avenues. These problems have been corrected.

The description incorrectly included a portion of the CTA right of way, in the block bounded by Cermak, Wabash Avenue, 23rd Street, and State Street. This right of way has now been removed. A parcel on the east side of State Street, south of Cermak Road, was split by the boundary. The boundary has been moved in order to eliminate the split parcel.

Appendix A contains the corrected legal description for the Redevelopment Project Area.

References to Redevelopment Plan

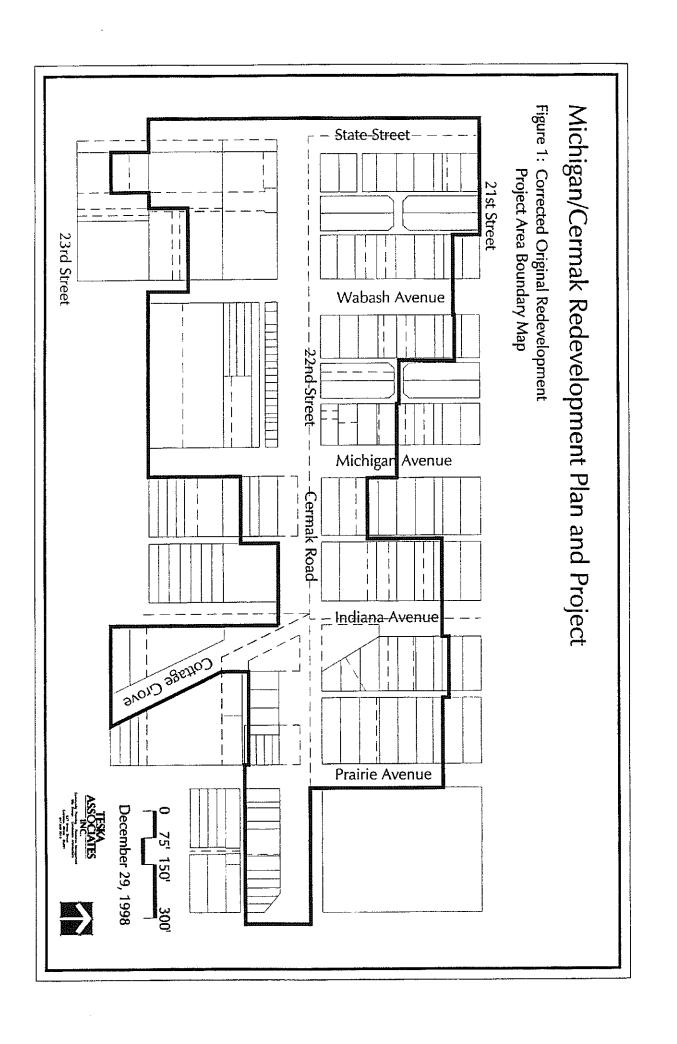
All references in the Original Project and Plan to the "Redevelopment Plan" the "Redevelopment Project and Plan, " the "Redevelopment Project Area" or the "RPA" shall be deemed to refer to such plan, or project and plan, and area, as applicable, as each has been amended by this Amendment.

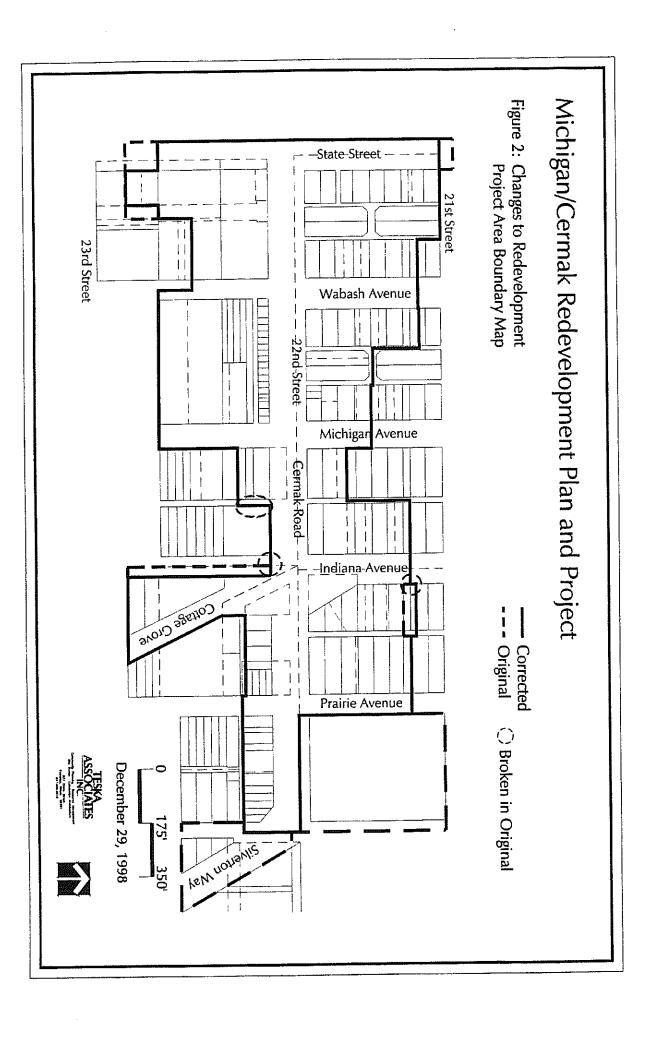
Sources of Funds to Pay Redevelopment Project Costs

The following language is hereby added on page B16 of the Original Project and Plan (included as Appendix B) at the end of the third paragraph under the heading "Sources of Funds to Pay Redevelopment Project Costs:"

If the RPA is contiguous to, or separated only by a public right-of-way from, one or more redevelopment project areas created under the Act, the City may utilize revenues received under the Act from the RPA to pay eligible redevelopment project costs, or obligations issued to pay such costs, in other contiguous redevelopment project areas or other redevelopment project areas separated only by a public right-of-way, and vice versa. In addition, if the RPA is contiguous to, or separated only by a public right-of-way from, one or more redevelopment project areas created

under the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law (the "Law"), 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-1, et seq. (1996 State Bar Edition), as amended (an "IJRB Project Area"), the City may utilize revenues received from such IJRB Project Area(s) to pay eligible redevelopment project costs or obligations issued to pay such costs, in the RPA, and vice versa. Such revenues may be transferred outright from or loaned by the IJRB Project Area to the RPA, and vice versa. The amount of revenue from the RPA made available to support any contiguous redevelopment project areas, or those redevelopment project areas separated only by a public right of way, when added to all amounts used to pay eligible redevelopment project costs within the RPA, shall not at any time exceed the total Redevelopment Project Costs described in this Redevelopment Plan. This paragraph is intended to give the City the full benefit of the "portability" provisions set forth in the Act, 65ILCS 5/11-74.4-4 (q) and the Law, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-15(s).





APPENDIX A

MICHIGAN/CERMAK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AMENDMENT NO. 1 CORRECTED LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The original Redevelopment Project Area is hereby corrected to read as follows:

- THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, AND THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION
- 2 21, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN AND PART OF THE
- NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD
- 4 PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF SOUTH STATE STREET AND THE SOUTH 5 LINE OF EAST 215T STREET, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 20 IN 6 BLOCK 28 IN GURLEY'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 24 TO 28 IN ASSESSOR'S DIVISION OF THE 7 SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL QUARTER OF SECTION 22, AFORESAID; THENCE EAST ALONG SAID 8 SOUTH LINE OF EAST 21ST STREET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN SAID BLOCK 28 IN 9 GURLEY'S SUBDIVISION AFORESAID; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 AND 10 THE WEST LINE OF LOT 2 IN SAID BLOCK 28 IN GURLEY'S SUBDIVISION AFORESAID TO THE 11 NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 25 FEET OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH 12 LINE AND SAID NORTH LINE EXTENDED EAST OF THE SAID SOUTH 25 FEET OF LOT 2 TO THE EAST 13 LINE OF SOUTH WABASH AVENUE (SAID EAST LINE OF SOUTH WABASH AVENUE, BEING THE WEST 14 LINE OF BLOCK 27 IN GURLEY'S SUBDIVISION AFORESAID); THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID EAST 15 LINE OF SOUTH WABASH AVENUE TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 30 FEET OF LOT 19 IN SAID 16 BLOCK 27; THENCE EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE AND SAID NORTH LINE EXTENDED EAST OF 17 SAID SOUTH 30 FEET OF LOT 19 TO THE CENTER LINE OF 12 FEET WIDE NORTH AND SOUTH 18 PUBLIC ALLEY, EAST OF AND ADJOINING SAID LOT 19; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE CENTER LINE 19 OF SAID 12 FEET WIDE NORTH AND SOUTH ALLEY TO THE CENTER LINE OF THE EAST AND WEST 20 25.8 FOOT ALLEY EXTENDED WEST (NORTH OF 22ND STREET); THENCE EAST ALONG SAID CENTER 21 LINE (EXTENDED EAST) TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 5 IN SAID BLOCK 27; THENCE SOUTH ALONG 22 SAID WEST LINE OF LOT 5 TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6 IN SAID BLOCK 27; THENCE 23 east along the north line and said north line extended east of said lot 6 to the 24 EAST LINE OF SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE (SAID EAST LINE OF SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE BEING 25 THE WEST LINE OF BLOCK 26 IN GURLEY'S SUBDIVISION AFORESAID); THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE 26 EAST LINE OF SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 25 FEET OF LOT 12 27 IN SAID BLOCK 26; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE (EXTENDED EAST) TO THE CENTER 28 LINE OF THE 18 FOOT WIDE NORTH AND SOUTH ALLEY; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID CENTER 29 LINE OF THE 18 FOOT NORTH AND SOUTH ALLEY TO THE NORTH LINE EXTENDED WEST OF LOT 30 3 IN SAID BLOCK 26; THENCE EAST ALONG NORTH LINE AND SAID NORTH LINE EXTENDED EAST 31 AND WEST OF THE SAID NORTH LINE OF LOT 3 TO THE EAST LINE OF SOUTH INDIANA AVENUE 32 (SAID EAST LINE OF INDIANA AVENUE BEING THE WEST LINE OF BLOCK 25 IN GURLEY'S 33 SUBDIVISION AFORESAID); THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF SOUTH INDIANA AVENUE 34 TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 17 IN BLOCK 25 IN SAID GURLEY'S 35 SUBDIVISION: THENCE EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 17 AND 36 ALONG THE EASTWARD EXTENSION THEREOF TO THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH 37 PUBLIC ALLEY, 18 FEET WIDE IN SAID BLOCK 25; THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE 38 NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 24.8 FEET OF LOT 3 IN SAID BLOCK 25; THENCE EAST ALONG SAID 39

NORTH LINE AND SAID NORTH LINE EXTENDED EAST TO THE EAST LINE OF SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE (SAID EAST LINE OF SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE BEING THE WEST LINE OF BLOCK 24 IN GURLEY'S SUBDIVISION AFORESAID); THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTER LINE OF EAST 22ND STREET (EAST CERMAK ROAD); THENCE EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE OF EAST 22ND STREET (THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27) TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTER LINES OF SOUTH CALUMET AVENUE AND SILVERTON WAY; THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID CENTER LINE OF SOUTH CALUMET AVENUE TO THE NORTH LINE OF A 15 FOOT EAST AND WEST ALLEY (EXTENDED EAST) SOUTH OF EAST CERMAK ROAD; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE AND SAID NORTH LINE EXTENDED WEST OF SAID 15 -FOOT EAST AND WEST ALLEY TO THE WEST LINE OF SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE SAID WEST LINE OF SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 6 IN HALE'S SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 3 IN SAID CANAL TRUSTEES SUBDIVISION; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE AND SAID SOUTH LINE extended west of said lot 6 to the extension north of the west line of lot 7 in GOULD'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 3 IN SAID CANAL TRUSTEES SUBDIVISION; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EXTENSION NORTH AND THE WEST LINE OF LOT 7 TO THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SAID NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE TO THE EXTENSION EAST OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 10 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 17 IN SAID CANAL TRUSTEES SUBDIVISION; THENCE WEST ALONG THE EXTENSION EAST OF THE SOUTH LINE AND SAID LINE EXTENDED WEST OF SAID LOT 10 TO THE EAST LINE OF SOUTH INDIANA AVENUE; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE SAID EAST LINE OF INDIANA AVENUE TO THE SOUTH LINE OF CERMAK ROAD AS WIDENED; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE EAST LINE OF A NORTH AND SOUTH 20 FOOT PUBLIC ALLEY EAST AND ADJOINING LOTS 2, 3, 4 AND 5 IN ASSESSOR'S DIVISION OF THE NORTH ONE-THIRD OF BLOCK 20 OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 15 ADDITIONAL SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN AND THE NORTH 135 FEET OF BLOCK 40 IN CANAL TRUSTEES SUBDIVISION AFORESAID, AND THE WEST PART OF BLOCK 4 OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 27 AFORESAID; THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5 EXTENDED EAST; THENCE WEST ALONG THE EXTENSION EAST AND THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5 TO THE EAST LINE OF SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE TO THE EXTENSION EAST OF THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST HALF OF BLOCK 19 IN SAID CANAL TRUSTEES SUBDIVISION; THENCE WEST ALONG THE EXTENSION EAST, THE NORTH LINE AND SAID NORTH LINE EXTENDED WEST OF SAID LOT 1 IN BLOCK 19 TO THE CENTER LINE OF WABASH AVENUE; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE SAID CENTER LINE OF SOUTH WABASH AVENUE TO THE EXTENSION EAST OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 87 FEET OF BLOCK 7 IN SAID CANAL TRUSTEES SUBDIVISION; THENCE WEST ALONG THE EXTENSION EAST AND THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID NORTH 87 FEET OF BLOCK 7 TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 197.4 FEET OF SAID BLOCK 7; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE SAID WEST LINE OF THE EAST 197.4 FEET OF SAID BLOCK 7 TO THE NORTH LINE OF BLOCK 20 IN SAID CANAL TRUSTEES SUBDIVISION; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE OF BLOCK 20 TO THE WEST LINE OF THE C.T.A. ELEVATED RAILROAD; THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE TO A LINE 100 FEET NORTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF EAST 23RD STREET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE LAST DESCRIBED PARALLEL LINE TO THE EAST LINE OF PROPERTY HAVING A PERMANENT INDEX NO. 17-27-100-016; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PROPERTY; THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID PROPERTY (EXTENDED WEST) TO THE WEST LINE OF SOUTH STATE STREET; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF SOUTH STATE STREET IN SECTION 21 AFORESAID, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF EAST 2157 STREET (EXTENDED WEST); THENCE EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF EAST 21ST STREET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT AREA (TIF) MICHIGAN/CERMAK TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND PLAN

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Prepared for:

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Background

The designation of the Michigan/Cermak Road Corridor Redevelopment Project Area will assist the City of Chicago in addressing many severe economic problems within the City's Near South Area. The redevelopment of this area is one of the primary goals of the City of Chicago.

The RPA is generally described as follows:

The frontage properties along the north and south sides of East Cermak Road extending from the intersection of State Street and East Cermak Road to the southeast corner of the intersection of South Calumet Avenue and South Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Current uses are mixed: industrial, commercial/service, retail, residential, and parking/storage lots. A number of vacant lots are also interspersed with the uses described above.

The Near South Area, overall, has had little or no meaningful new development or redevelopment investment by the private sector in recent years. This stagnation in private sector investment has led to the area experiencing significant deterioration of existing structures and a lack of development of underutilized and vacant properties. Accompanying these conditions has been the long-term deterioration in the area's socio-economic structure. This deterioration is evidenced by the following factors which are provided in detail in the City's Near South Development Plan, Background Report, March, 1986.

In 1950 There were 2,875 housing units located in the area. It is significant to not that at that time all units were private market housing. By 1980, however, the number of units had decreased to 2,487 and, of those, fully 990% were Federally subsidized housing. Approximately 99% of these units were rental.

Between 1970-80, the population in the immediate area decreased by 45%. Of the population that remained, approximately 94% was minority compared to a City-wide minority population of 40%.

There was an almost 30% loss in the number of jobs in the area between 1972 and 1984. Also, the unemployment rate for the area traditionally runs two to three times higher than that for the City as a whole. For area youth, the difference in the unemployment rate is typically four (4) to six (6) times higher.

In 1980, working age adults made up only 40% of the area's population compared to 61% for Chicago as a whole. Conversely, while for the City overall population of youth 0-17 years of age was 28%, for the impacted area the rate was 42%.

The area's per capita income in 1980 was 50% less than that for the City as a whole, which contributed to the area having a poverty level being twice that of the City as a whole (43% and 20%, respectively).

Between 1978 and 1982 the area lost 16% of its employers with almost 280 firms leaving the area. Of the remaining firms, about one-third were manufacturing leaving the area somewhat under-

represented in the retail and service jobs. (This supports the belief that the retail/service jobs that will be created by the proposed project are badly needed).

The area is widely characterized by poorly maintained older, commercial and industrial properties. The historic landmark Lexington Hotel, which is located just outside of the Prairie Avenue Historic District, is typical of these deteriorated conditions.

(Source: Near South Development Plan, Background Report, March 1986).

As noted above, the RPA designation will assist the City to begin to alleviate many of these problems.

In past years, the RPA has experienced almost total economic isolation from nearby McCormick Place, as well as the many amenities of the lakefront. Also, in the past, the natural retail and service market draw the area should have been experiencing, by virtue of being adjacent to the area's major assets, including the Chicago Loop, has been severely abated by significant manmade barriers in the form of acres of railroad yards and transportation systems like Lake Shore Drive and Stevenson Expressway. Today, the railroad yards lie underutilized, but the area is poised for large scale development. The key transportation systems promise to offer outstanding access into the Near South Loop Area. Yet, in spite of these potential advantages, the area remains very difficult to develop. For example, the proposed Central Station project, to the east of the RPA, by location, is closer to the lakefront and Lake Shore Drive. As a result, the market area and market perception are different in comparison to properties located further west along Cermak Road.

In addition to the investment and job generation, the RPA offers the City an opportunity to encourage additional private sector investment and job creation in the impacted area. Recently established long-term plans by the City identify the attraction of hotels, retail, and commercial development along the Michigan/Cermak corridor as a much needed strategy to help revitalize the area.

As indicated by the demographic data supplied above, the impacted area has a high proportion of minority and low-moderate income population. The permanent jobs that would be created by the proposed redevelopment projects would be of primary benefit to the area's residents.

One of the fastest growing business sectors in the Near South Side is the convention/trade show and exhibition support industry related to the McCormick Place Complex. The expansion of the Complex, through the construction of the Annex was designed to improve scheduling patterns and increase convention/trade show events. The Near South area is well served by CTA bus and rapid transit lines. Important arterials such as Cermak Avenue and Michigan Avenue along with State Street, Clark Street, and Indiana Avenue generally serve the RPA. In addition, Lake Shore drive is nearby as well as convenient access to the Stevenson Expressway and the Dan Ryan Expressway. Commuter rail service is nearby located at 18th Street and 23rd Street. Meigs Field, a general aviation airport, serves small businesses and personal planes, with executives, legislators and other officials using commuter flights to Springfield of events located at the McCormick Place Complex. The Prairie Avenue Historic District is also located nearby.

Notwithstanding the transportation and geographic advantages described above, the RPA has not been subject to redevelopment. The general condition of the structures along Cermak Avenue east towards McCormick Place and along Michigan Avenue is poor.

The former Lexington Hotel, located at an important entry point on the corridor, has been vacant for several years, and the condition of the structure has depreciated over the years due to weather damage, vandalism,

and lack of maintenance. The Lexington Hotel is an historic structure (a City landmark), offering certain architectural features, as well as local tradition, that enhance its unique characteristics. The site is well located at the Cermak Road and Michigan Avenue intersection, and is well situated to service the McCormick Place Complex.

Redevelopment Plan

The RPA as constituted would be difficult to develop solely through investment by private enterprise. It is not reasonable to anticipate substantial reuse of sites within the RPA without the adoption of a redevelopment plan that addresses the characteristics of the properties, while providing a practical method for financing the redevelopment project. The City has prepared this redevelopment plan to address its needs and meet its redevelopment goals and objectives relating to the RPA through the use of tax increment financing.

The RPA has not been subject to redevelopment through investment by private enterprise and it is not reasonably anticipated to be developed in a comprehensive manner without the adoption of a Redevelopment Plan and Project.

The City recognizes the need for implementation of various strategies to overcome existing area conditions and lack of competitiveness with other City or suburban locations. The needed public investment will be possible only if tax increment financing is adopted pursuant to the terms of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, Illinois Rev. Stat., Section 11-7 .4-3 (the "Act"). Incremental real estate tax revenue generated by the RPA will play a decisive role in encouraging private development.

Existing site conditions that have precluded intensive private investment in the past will be eliminated. Through this Redevelopment Plan and Project, the City will serve as the central force for marshalling the assets and energies of the private sector for a unified cooperative public-private redevelopment effort. Ultimately, the implementation of the Redevelopment Plan and Project will benefit the City and all the taxing districts which are included in the RPA in the form of a significant expansion of the real estate tax base and employment base. The Redevelopment Plan and Project will serve to create new jobs within the City and thereby reduce unemployment within taxing districts which cover all or part of the RPA.

On July 18, 1989, the city of Chicago's Commercial District Commission adopted a resolution authorizing a Public Hearing to use Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") for the redevelopment of the area legally described herein in Exhibit 1 and outlined on the map in Exhibit 2. Redevelopment of the TIF area is tenable only if a portion of the public improvements are funded by TIF.

The adoption of this Redevelopment Plan and Project makes possible the implementation of a comprehensive program for the economic redevelopment of the proposed RPA. By means of public investment, the RPA will become an improved, more viable environment that will attract private investment. The public investment will set the stage for the redevelopment of the area with private capital.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the RPA includes only those contiguous parcels of real property and improvements thereon which are substantially benefitted by the redevelopment plan and project. Also in accordance with the Act, the RPA is not less than 1-1/2 acres in the aggregate.

Redevelopment Plan Implementation

The City will encourage and consider proposals for facilities and structures of all types and character provided that such proposals meet the zoning classification (as revised from time to time) and are consistent with other City ordinances and overall goals, including the goals of this Plan.

The City is open to the type and class of employees that are reasonably employed by the type and character of facilities that it ultimately approves. Based upon the initiation of the first phase of redevelopment of this Plan, the City anticipates that approximately 570 new employees will be employed within the RPA after completion of this first phase. First source hiring policies will be favored as well as conformance to City EEO and Affirmative Action policies. Relevant City, State, and Federal job training programs will be utilized as appropriate to facilitate the employment and training of community residents to the fullest extent practicable.

2. REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT ARE LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The legal description is included in Exhibit 1.

3. BLIGHTED AREA CONDITIONS EXISTING IN THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Findings

The Redevelopment Project Area was studied to determine its qualifications as a "blighted area" as such term is defined in the Act. A description of the qualification factors is found in Exhibit 5. In summary, the following factors where found within the RPA: age, obsolescence, depreciation of physical maintenance, inadequate utilities, deleterious land use or layout, lack of community planning, deterioration, excessive vacancies, and structures below minimum code standards.

Eligibility Survey

The entire designated Redevelopment Project Area was evaluated by the City and Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc. in July, 1989.

4. REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following goals and objectives are presented for the RPA in accordance with the City's zoning ordinance and comprehensive plan. The Redevelopment Plan and Project also conform to the Near South Development Plan for the development of the area as a whole.

General Goals of the Redevelopment Plan

- 1. Provide jobs and potential business opportunities for community and City residents in accordance with the City's Affirmative Action goals;
- 2. Strengthen the existing business community within the area;

- 3. Remove obsolete and substandard structures which exert a blighting influence on the community;
- 4. Retain and upgrade sound buildings compatible with the redevelopment plan;
- 5. Identify and attract new business growth to the Michigan/Cermak Road corridor that will capitalize on its inherent strengths;
- 6. Improve the physical environment of the RPA in order to make the area more attractive for new business location and expansion; and
- Develop "anchor" projects that encourage commercial and related mixed use development along the East Cermak Road corridor.

Specific Goals of the Redevelopment Plan

- 1. Create new job opportunities for community residents and City residents utilizing first source hiring programs and appropriate job training programs;
- 2. Rehabilitate key structures at critical locations within the RPA in order to encourage market momentum;
- Link East Cermak Road redevelopment uses with the McCormick Place Complex uses, in ways that
 are compatible and supportive with the overall RPA growth;
- Attract new commercial businesses;
- 5. Increase the number of public/private development partnerships;
- 6. Preserve and expand the tax base; and
- 7. Support the expansion of viable existing businesses that are consistent with the overall character of redevelopment.

Redevelopment Objectives

The purpose of the RPA designation will allow the City to:

- 1. Coordinate redevelopment activities within an important core area in order to provide a positive marketplace signal;
- 2. Reduce or eliminate blighted area factors present within the area; and
- 3. Accomplish redevelopment over a reasonable time period.

The Redevelopment Project's implementation will serve to improve the physical appearance of the entire Michigan/Cermak corridor and contribute to the economic development of the area, arresting decline and stabilizing the area. The redevelopment of the RPA will serve as a catalyst and as an essential anchor for the overall area. Job creation associated with the project will provide new, improved employment

opportunities for community and City residents, including an employment program that allows for the use of the City's First Source Hiring program.

REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A. City Redevelopment Plan and Project Objectives

The City proposes to realize its goals and objectives of encouraging development of the redevelopment project area through public finance techniques including, but not limited to, Tax Increment Financing:

- By reducing interest costs of a redeveloper related to the construction, expansion or rehabilitation of redevelopment projects.
- Acquisition and assembly of property.
- 3. By providing public facilities which may include:
 - a. Utility improvements and expansion (including curbs and sidewalks);
 - b. Street improvements and expansion;
 - c. Traffic signalization and intersection improvements; and
 - d. Landscaping and signs on public ways.
- 4. By providing for demolition, site preparation, clearance and grading or redevelopment sites and building rehabilitation, as well as appropriate relocation.
- 5. Exploration and review of job training programs in coordination with City, federal, state, and county programs.

B. General Land Use Plan

Existing land use consists of frontage along East Cermak Road extending east from State Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, as described in Exhibit 3. A number of different uses (commercial, vacant, and mixed use) exist within the RPA. Exhibit 4, attached hereto and made a part of this plan, designates intended general land uses in the RPA. The proposed land uses will conform to the City's comprehensive plan.

All redevelopment projects shall be subject to the provisions of the City Zoning Ordinance, as well as Planned Unit Development provisions, as may be amended from time to time.

C. Redevelopment Program

Pursuant to the foregoing objectives, the City will implement a coordinated program of actions to facilitate redevelopment, including, but not limited to, acquisition and assembly, provision of interest rate writedown, public improvements, demolition and/or clearance, building rehabilitation, relocation and job training assistance.

1. Interest Rate Writedown

The City may enter into an agreement with developers whereby a portion of the interest cost of the construction, renovation or rehabilitation project is paid for on an annual basis out of the Special Tax Allocation Fund of the RPA, in accordance with the Act.

2. Public Improvements

The city may provide public improvements in the RPA to enhance the RPA as a whole, to support the Redevelopment Project Plan and Project, and to serve the needs of City and area residents. Appropriate public improvements may include, but are not limited to:

- new constriction and improvements of streets, alleys, curbs, sidewalks/pedestrianways and street intersections;
- improvement and extension of public utilities;
- c. landscaping/beautification, lighting, and signage of public properties; and
- d. traffic signalization.

3. Acquisition

Property may be acquired by the City in order to further objectives of this Plan and enhance development alternatives for appropriate users.

Clearance of existing structures on properties to be acquired will, to the greatest extent possible, be scheduled to coincide with redevelopment activities so that parcels do not remain vacant for extended periods of time and so that the adverse effects of clearance activities may be minimized.

Property, when acquired, may be made available for temporary public or private revenue producing uses which will not have adverse impacts on the redevelopment area, until such time as they are needed for planned development. Such revenues, if any, would accrue to the special tax allocation fund for the redevelopment project.

4. Land Disposition

Property may be acquired by the City and may be assembled into appropriate redevelopment sites. These properties may be sold or leased by the City to a private developer or developers, in whole or in part, for redevelopment subject to the requirements of the Act.

Terms of conveyance shall be incorporated into appropriate disposition agreements, and may include more specific restrictions than contained in this Redevelopment Plan or in other City codes and ordinances governing the use of land.

5. Demolition and Site Preparation

As determined by the type of use and market considerations, a portion or all of the existing structures may be demolished. Demolition may include removal of asbestos insulation

conferment facility be adopted for more market oriented uses, asbestos insulation may have to be removed as part of site preparation in order to accommodate development. Again, all removal would conform to environmental requirements. Other site preparation for reuse would also conform to appropriate environmental and other governmental regulations.

Relocation

The City or the developer may provide for relocation conferment with its policies and regulations in order to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Plan, using Federal, State or municipal criteria.

7. Job Training

The City may assist facilities located within the RPA in obtaining job training assistance. Job training and retaining programs currently available from or through other governments include, but are not limited to:

- a. The federal Jobs Partnership Training Act (JPTA) programs administered by the City of Chicago's Mayor's Office of Employment Training;
- b. The State of Illinois High Impact Training Support (HITS) program;
- c. Applicable local vocational educational programs;
- d. The State of Illinois Industrial Training Program (ITP);
- Other federal, state, county or non-profit programs that are currently available or will be developed and initiated over time.

D. Estimated Redevelopment Project Costs - Phase 1 and 2

Redevelopment project costs mean and include the sum total of all reasonable or necessary costs incurred or estimated to be incurred, and any such costs incidental to this Redevelopment Plan and Project. Eligible costs permitted by the Act pertinent to this Redevelopment Plan and Project are:

- Costs of studies and 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, financial, planning or other services, provided, however, that no charges for professional services may be based on a percentage of the tax increment collected;
- Property assembly costs, 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;
- Costs of the construction of public works or improvements;
- 4. Costs of job training and retraining projects:
- Financing costs, 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 or any

- redevelopment project for which such obligations are issued and not exceeding thirty-six (36) months thereafter, including reasonable reserves related thereto;
- 6. All or a portion of a taxing district's capital costs resulting from the redevelopment project necessarily incurred or to be incurred in furtherance of the objectives of the Redevelopment Plan and Projects, to the extent the City by written agreement accepts and approves such costs:
- 7. Relocation costs to the extent that the City determines that relocation costs shall be paid or is required to make payment of relocation costs by federal or Illinois law;
- 8. Payment in lieu of taxes;
- 9. Costs of job training, advanced vocational education or career education, including, but not limited to, courses in occupational, semi-technical or technical fields leading directly to employment, incurred by one or more taxing districts, provided that such costs (i) are related to the establishment and maintenance of additional job training, advanced vocational education or career education programs for persons employed or to be employed by employers located in the RPA; and (ii) when incurred by a taxing district or taxing districts other than the City, are set forth in a written agreement by or among the City and the taxing district or taxing districts, which agreement describes the program to be undertaken, including, but not limited to, the number of employees to be trained, a description of the training and services to be provided, the number and type of positions available or to be available, itemized costs of the program and sources of funds to pay for the same, and the term of the agreement. Such costs include, specifically, the payment by community college districts of costs pursuant to Sections 3-37, 3-38, 3-40 and 3-40.1 of the Illinois Public Community College Act and by school districts of costs pursuant to Sections 10-22.20a and 10-23.3a of The Illinois School Code;
- 10. Interest costs incurred by a redeveloper related to the construction, renovation or rehabilitation of a redevelopment project provided that:
 - such costs are to be paid directly from the special tax allocation fund established pursuant to the Act; and
 - such payments in any one year may not exceed 30% of the annual interest costs incurred by the redeveloper with regard to the redevelopment project during that year; and
 - c. if there are not sufficient funds available in the special tax allocation fund to make the payment pursuant to this paragraph (10), then the amounts so due shall accrue and be payable when sufficient funds are available in the special tax allocation fund; and
 - d. the total of such interest payments incurred pursuant to the Act may not exceed 30% of the total redevelopment project costs excluding any property assembly costs and any relocation costs incurred pursuant to the Act.

Estimated project costs are shown in Tables 1a and 1b. To the extent that the City or a developer has incurred redevelopment project costs prior to, but in anticipation of, the adoption of tax

increment financing, the City may be reimbursed for such costs. Adjustments to the cost items listed in Tables 1a and 1b are anticipated without amendment to the Redevelopment Plan.

TABLE 1a
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT - ESTIMATED PHASE 1 PROJECT COSTS

Program Action/Improvement	Estimated Cost(s)	
Interest Cost as Allowed Under Paragraph (11) of Chapter 24, Par. 11-74.4-3 of the Act	\$	4,500,000
Land Acquisition and Assembly	\$	5,000,000
Utility Improvements	\$	500,000
Street Construction and/or Extension Intersection and Traffic Signalization Improvements	\$	250,000
Streetscape Improvements, including Landscaping, Signage, and Streetlights	\$	1,000,000
Demolition and/or Site Preparation and Clearance	\$	1,000,000
Rehabilitation	\$	5,250,000
Relocation	\$	250,000
Planning, Legal, Architectural, Engineering, Administrative and Other Professional Service Costs	\$	500,000
Job Training, Retraining and Affirmative Action Consulting Services	\$	1,000,000
Capitalized Interest and Costs of Issuance	\$	5,000,000
Contingencies	<u>\$</u>	250,000
ESTIMATED PHASE I COSTS	\$	25,000,000

(A) All cost estimates are in 1989 dollars. Adjustments to the estimated line item costs above are expected. Each individual project cost will be re-evaluated in light of projected private development and resulting incremental tax revenues as it is considered for public financing under the provisions of the Act. The totals of line items set forth above are not intended to place a total limit on the described expenditures. Adjustments may be made in line items within the total, either increasing or decreasing line item costs for redevelopment project costs.

TABLE 1b
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT - ESTIMATED PHASE 2 PROJECT COSTS

Program Action/Improvement	Estimated Cost(s)	
Interest Cost as Allowed Under Paragraph (11) of Chapter 24, Par. 11-74.4-3 of the Act	\$	5,000,000
Land Acquisition and Assembly	\$	5,000,000
Utility Improvements	\$	250,000
Street Rehabilitation/Construction and/or Extension, Curb and Sidewalk Construction	\$	500,000
Intersection and Traffic Signalization Improvements	\$	250,000
Streetscape Improvements, including Landscaping, Signage, and Streetlights	\$	1,500,000
Demolition and/or Site Preparation and Clearance	\$	1,500,000
Rehabilitation	\$	2,000,000
Relocation	\$	500,000
Planning, Legal, Architectural, Engineering, Administrative and Other Professional Service Costs	\$	1,000,000
Job Training, Retraining and Affirmative Action Consulting Services	\$	2,000,000
Capitalized Interest and Costs of Issuance	\$	5,000,000
Contingencies	\$	500,000
ESTIMATED PHASE I COSTS	\$	25,000,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS	\$	50,000,000

(A) All cost estimates are in 1989 dollars. Adjustments to the estimated line item costs above are expected. Each individual project cost will be re-evaluated in light of projected private development and resulting incremental tax revenues as it is considered for public financing under the provisions of the Act. The totals of line items set forth above are not intended to place a total limit on the described expenditures. Adjustments may be made in line items within the total, either increasing or decreasing line item costs for redevelopment project costs.

E. Sources of Funds to Pay Redevelopment Project Costs

Funds necessary to pay for redevelopment project costs are to be derived principally from real property tax incremental revenues and proceeds from any municipal obligations to be retired primarily with tax increment revenues and interest earned on resources available but not immediately needed for the Redevelopment Project.

The tax increment revenues which will be used to pay debt service on the tax increment obligations and to directly pay redevelopment project costs shall be the incremental real property taxes attributable to the increase in the equalized assessed value of each taxable lot, block, tract or parcel of real property in the RPA over and above the initial equalized assessed value of each such lot, etc. in the RPA.

Other sources of funds which may be used to pay for redevelopment project costs and debt service on municipal obligations issued to finance project costs are: The proceeds of real property sales, real property tax receipts, certain motor tax revenues, incremental local hotel tax revenues, incremental local sales tax revenues, certain land lease payments, certain other sources of funds and revenues as the City may, from time to time, deem appropriate.

The City may use its general fund and utilize its taxing power to sustain redevelopment projects and pay debt service on obligations issued in connection therewith to be reimbursed, if possible, from tax increment financing revenues.

F. Nature and Term of Obligations to be Issued

The City may issue obligations secured by the tax increment special tax allocation fund established for the RPA pursuant to Section 11-74.4-7 of the Act or such other funds or security as are available to the City by virtue of its home rule powers provided by the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

Those revenues not required for principal and interest payments, required reserves, bond sinking funds, redevelopment project costs and required reserves, early retirement of outstanding securities, and to facilitate the economical issuance of additional bonds necessary to accomplish the redevelopment plan, may be declared surplus and shall then become available for distribution annually to taxing districts overlapping the RPA in the manner provided by the Act.

Such securities may be issued on either a taxable or tax-exempt basis, with either fixed interest rates or floating interest rates; with or without capitalized interest; without deferred principal retirement; with or without interest rate limits, and with or without redemption provisions.

G. Most Recent Equalized Assessed Valuation of Properties in the Redevelopment Project Area

The total estimated 1998 equalized assessed valuation for the RPA is approximately \$6,923,073. The Boundary Map, Exhibit 2, shows the location of the RPA.

H. Anticipated Equalized Assessed Valuation

Upon completion of the anticipated private development, assuming a Cook County, Illinois equalization factor (multiplier) of 1.9266, it is estimated that the equalized assessed valuation of real property within the RPA after the completion of the first phase redevelopment will be approximately \$19,588,542.

6. DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENTS OF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A. Description of Redevelopment Project

The City will employ an implementation strategy which stresses economic feasibility whereby tax increment funds will not be initially pledged unless corresponding private investment is reasonably projected to be sufficient to generate equal or greater return of future tax revenues. Such strategy will contribute to a realistic approach in funding projects while assuring that the City has the flexibility to continue to prioritize among possible projects in meeting both City and private sector goals. The redevelopment projects contemplated by the City include, but are not limited to, the following:

Interest Cost Coverage: The City may pay for certain interest costs incurred by a redeveloper for construction, renovation or rehabilitation of a redevelopment project which shall include costs incurred by a developer pertaining to the redevelopment project. Such funding would be paid for out of annual tax increment revenue generated from the RPA as allowed under the Act.

Utility Improvements: The City may make improvements, extension and adjustment in water, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, electric lighting and other utility systems.

Right-of-Way Improvements: The City may improve, construct, reconstruct or extend primary and secondary street right-of-ways and other such territory located on public land, on private land or through public easement on private land. Curbs and sidewalks may also be improved or reconstructed.

Property Acquisition and Assembly: The City may acquire land within the RPA for the purpose of facilitating the assembly and preparation of property.

Demolition, Site Preparation and Clearance: The City may remove debris and other disposal material from sites and/or grade such sites as part of its redevelopment activities.

Professional Services: The City may use tax increment financing to pay necessary architectural, engineering, planning, legal, administrative and financial costs.

Cost of Job Training: The City may implement job training programs.

Relocation: The City may provide for appropriate relocation conferment to its policies and regulations.

В. Commitment for Fair Employment Practices and Affirmative Action

As part of any Redevelopment Agreement entered into by the City an any private developers, both will agree to establish and implement a honorable, progressive, and goal-oriented affirmative action program that serves appropriate sectors of the City. The program will be conferment with the most recent City policies and plans.

With respect to the public/private development's internal operations, both entities will pursue employment practices which provide equal opportunity to all people regardless of sex, color, race or creed. Neither party will countenance discrimination against any employee or applicant because of sex, marital status, national origin, age, or the presence of physical handicaps. nondiscriminatory practices will apply to all areas of employment, including: hiring, upgrading and promotions, terminations, compensation, benefit programs and education opportunities.

All those involved with employment activities will be responsible for conformance to this policy and the compliance requirements of applicable state and federal regulations.

The city and private developers will adopt a policy of equal employment opportunity and will include or require the inclusion of this statement in all contracts and subcontracts at any level. Additionally, any public/private entities will seek to ensure and maintain a working environment free of harassment, which all employees are assigned to work. It shall be specifically ensured that all on-site supervisory personnel are aware of and carry out the obligation to maintain such a working environment, with specific attention to minority and/or female individuals.

Finally, the entities will utilize affirmative action to ensure that business opportunities are provided and that job applicants are employed and treated in a nondiscriminatory manner. Underlying this policy is the recognition by the entities that successful affirmative action programs are important to the continued growth and vitality of the community.

7. SCHEDULING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A.

Completion of Redevelopment Project and Retirement of Obligations to Finance Redevelopment Costs This Redevelopment Project will be completed on or before a date 23 years from the adoption of an ordinance designating the RPA or _______. The City expects that the Redevelopment Project will be completed sooner than the maximum time limit set by the Act, depending on the incremental tax yield. Actual public and/or private construction activities are anticipated to be completed within ten (10) years from the adoption of this Redevelopment Plan.

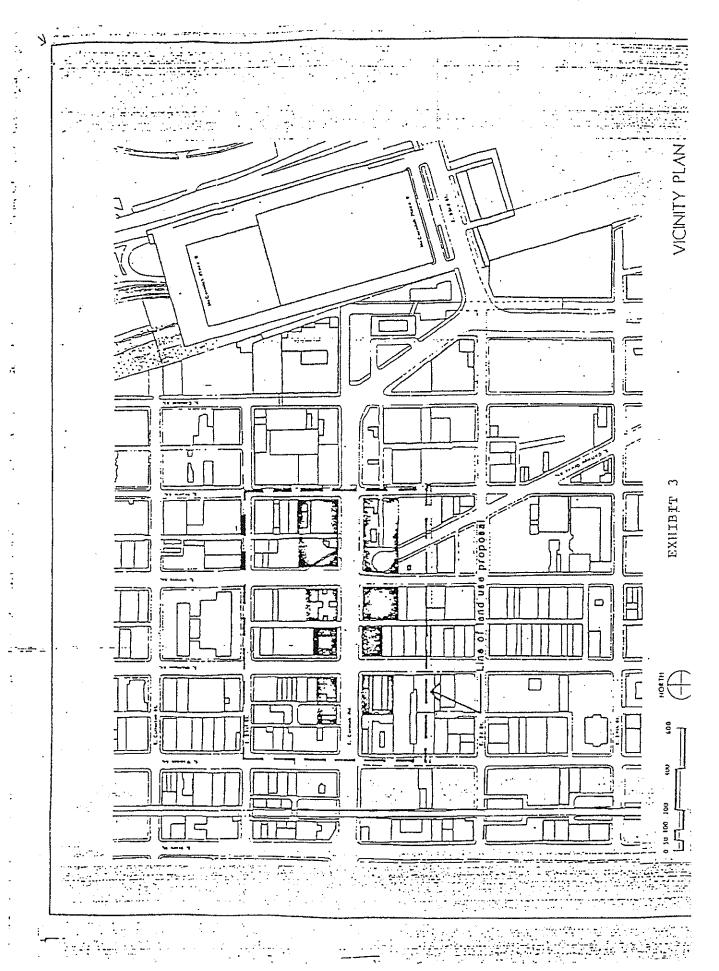
8.	PROVISIONS FOR AMENDING THE TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT
This Re	edevelopment Plan and Project may be amended pursuant to the provisions of the Act.

EXHIBIT 1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

[UPDATED AS PART OF AMENDMENT NO. 1]

BOUNDARY MAP



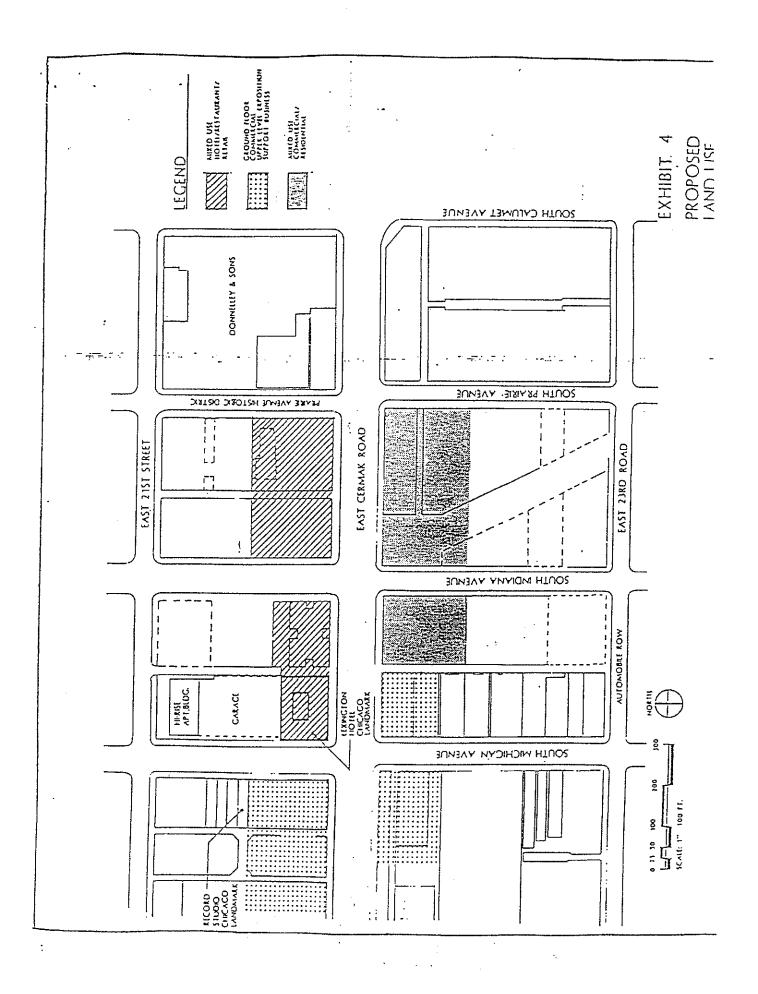


EXHIBIT 5

Criteria For Qualification

The RPA was evaluated to determine the presence or absence of appropriate qualifying factors listed in the Act.

According the Section 11-74.4-3 of the Act (in pertinent part), a "blighted area" means:

Any improved or vacant area within the boundaries of the redevelopment project area located within the territorial limits of the municipality where, if improved, industrial, commercial and residential buildings or improvements, because of a combination of 5 or more of the following factors: age; dilapidation; obsolescence; deterioration; illegal use of individual structures; presence of structures below minimum code standards; excessive vacancies; overcrowding of structures and community facilities; lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities; inadequate utilities; excessive land coverage; deleterious land use or layout; depreciation of physical maintenance; lack of community planning, is detrimental to the public safety, health, morals or welfare, or if vacant, the sound growth of the taxing districts is impaired by, (1) a combination of 2 or more of the following factors: obsolete platting of the special assessment delinquencies on such land; flooding on or site improvements in neighboring areas adjacent to the vacant land, or (2) the area immediately prior to becoming vacant qualified as a blighted improved area, or (3) the area consists of an unused quarry or unused quarries, or (4) the area consists of unused railyards; rail tracks or railroad rights-ofway, or (5) the area, prior to its designation, is subject to chronic flooding which adversely impacts on real property in the area and such flooding is substantially caused by one or more improvements in or in proximity to the area which improvements have been in existence for at least 5 years, or (6) the area consists of an unused disposal site, containing earth, stone, building construction, demolition, excavation or dredge sites, or (7) the area is not less than 50 nor more than 100 acres and 75% of which is vacant, notwithstanding the fact that such area has been used for commercial agricultural purposes within 5 years prior to the designation of the redevelopment project itemized in provision (1) of this subsection (a), and the area has been designated as a town or village center by ordinance or comprehensive plan adopted prior to January 1, 1982, and the area has not been developed for that designated purpose.

The criteria listed in the Act were defined for purposes of the analysis are as follows:

- 1. Age. Simply the time which has passed since building construction was completed.
- 2. Illegal Use of Structure. The presence of the property of illegal uses or activities.
- Structures Below Minimum Code Standards. Lack of conformance with local code standards of building, fire, housing, zoning, subdivision or lack of conformance with other applicable governmental codes.
- Excessive Vacancies. When the occupancy or use level of the building is low for frequent or lengthy periods so as to represent an adverse area influence.

- 5. Lack of Ventilation, Light or Sanitary Facilities. Conditions which would negatively influence the health and welfare of building users.
- 6. **Inadequate Utilities**. deficiencies in sewer, water supply, storm drainage, electricity, streets or other necessary site services.
- 7. **Dilapidation**. The condition where the safe use of the building is seriously impaired, as evidenced by substandard structural conditions; this is an advanced stage of deterioration.
- 8. Obsolescence. When the structure has become or will soon become ill-suited for the originally designed use.
- 9. **Deterioration.** A condition where the quality of the building has declined in terms of structural integrity building has declined in terms of structural integrity and/or building systems due to lack of investment, misuse or age.
- Overcrowding of Structures and Community Facilities. A level of use beyond a designed or legally permitted level.
- 11. Excessive Land Coverage. Site coverage of an unacceptably high level.
- 12. Deleterious Land Use of Layout. Inappropriate property use or plotting, or other negative influences not otherwise covered, which discourages investment in a property.
- 13. Depreciation of Physical Maintenance. Decline in property maintenance which leads to building degeneration, health and safety hazards, unattractive nuisances, unsightliness, property value decline and area distress.
- Lack of Community Planning. Deficiency in local direction of growth, development or redevelopment in order to maintain or enhance the viability of the area or community.

Methodology

The RPA has been evaluated in its qualification as a "blighted area" on an area-wide basis. The RPA has been evaluated according to the appropriate qualification features listed in the Act as defined above.

Obsolescence

The area contains single and multi-story buildings which are obsolete by current standards for more intensive commercial reuse. There is a prevalence of vandalism, graffiti and disrepair and deferred maintenance of both structures and sidewalks. As a result, the physical appearance of the area is poor.

Depreciation of Physical Maintenance

A majority of the structures within the area exhibit signs of depreciation of physical maintenance. Numerous structures require tuckpointing, roof work, window work, painting, etc. Also, many structures have been vacant or partially occupied, with a consequence of minimal maintenance work. The continued

lack of a comprehensive, sustained maintenance program may lead to further decline of the area's appearance.

Inadequate Utilities

Inadequate utilities, such as sidewalks, streets, alleys and curbs, make it difficult to flow both people and goods to points within and around the area. Existing utilities may need to be substantially improved in order to accommodate commercial and industrial users at locations within the RPA.

Deleterious Land Use or Layout

Deleterious land use or layout is located throughout the area and such layout doest not encourage further industrial or commercial redevelopment. Land uses would need to be modified significantly in order to accommodate new uses. Many sites were designed for specific users and are currently vacant or partially occupied.

Deterioration

There are structures in the RPA that are deteriorating, whereby major rehabilitation of various structural elements such as exterior walls, roofs and foundation is warranted. Some are in need of repair due to decay, deterioration and neglect or misuse to such an extent as to warrant removal to protect the public health, safety, welfare or property values.

Excessive Vacancies

There are many structures and sites within the RPA that have experienced growing vacancy rates during the last fifteen (15) years. Many of the lots are being use for temporary parking and are full of debris. Some properties have been abandoned and lack maintenance, therefore, contributing to the unsightliness of the area.

In addition to the factors described above, existence of structures below minimum code, lack of community planning and the age factor are also present in a number of the blocks within the area.

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