

**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 13**  
(Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, Contractor)  
Financial Statements and  
Supplemental Information  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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To the Board of Directors - Commissioners of Special Service Area Number 13  
Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, Contractor  
Chicago, IL

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 13** (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago), which comprise the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet as of December 31, 2014 and the related statements of activities and governmental funds, revenues and expenditures - budget and actual, for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unmodified opinion for the year ending December 31, 2014.

**Unmodified Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 13** as of December 31, 2014, and the changes in its net asset and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Cary J Hall & associates, LLC*

April 22, 2015  
Chicago, Illinois

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 Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet  
 December 31, 2014

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 268,671	\$ -	\$ 268,671
Real estate taxes receivable, less allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$70,000	1,338,976	-	1,338,976
Receivable from affiliates	135,867	-	135,867
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,743,514</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,743,514</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 28,719	\$ -	\$ 28,719
Total Liabilities	28,719	-	28,719
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS</b>			
Deferred property tax revenue	1,197,411	(1,197,411)	-
<b>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION</b>			
Unassigned	517,384	(517,384)	-
Total Fund Balance	517,384	(517,384)	-
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,743,514</u>		
Net Position - Unrestricted		<u>\$ 1,714,795</u>	<u>\$ 1,714,795</u>

Amount reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 517,384
Property tax revenue is recognized in the period it is levied rather than when "available"	
A portion of the property tax is deferred as it is not available in the governmental funds	1,197,411
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,714,795</u>

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



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 Statement of Activities and Governmental Funds, Revenues,  
 Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Property Taxes	\$ 1,151,131	\$ 44,800	\$ 1,195,931
Total Revenues	<u>1,151,131</u>	<u>44,800</u>	<u>1,195,931</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising and Promotion	65,013	-	65,013
Public Way Maintenance	40,054	-	40,054
Public Way Aesthetics	179,912	-	179,912
Tenant Retention / Attraction	16,667	-	16,667
Safety Programs	562,214	-	562,214
District Planning	3,333	-	3,333
Operational program support	431,396	-	431,396
Administration:			
Management and General	<u>55,039</u>	-	<u>55,039</u>
Total Expenditures/ Expenses	<u>\$ 1,353,628</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,353,628</u>
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenues	(202,497)	202,497	
Change in Net Position		(157,697)	157,697
<b>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION</b>			
Beginning of Year	<u>719,881</u>	<u>1,152,611</u>	<u>1,872,492</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 517,384</u>	<u>\$ 1,197,411</u>	<u>\$ 1,714,795</u>

Amount reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Net change in fund balance - governmental funds	\$ (202,497)
Property tax revenue is recognized in the year it is available rather than when it is levied for governmental funds	<u>44,800</u>
Net change in net position - governmental funds	<u>\$ (157,697)</u>

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**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 13**

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**Schedule of Revenue and Expenditures - Budget and Actual**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Real estate taxes current period	\$ 1,146,437	\$ 1,197,411	\$ (50,974)
Real estate taxes prior period	44,355	59,721	(15,366)
Real estate taxes - carryover	-	476,496	(476,496)
Interest and other income	49	-	49
Total Revenues	<u>1,190,841</u>	<u>1,733,628</u>	<u>(542,787)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Advertising and Promotion</b>			
Display ads	34,975	50,000	(15,025)
Public/media relations	9,471	-	9,471
Print materials	1,510	-	1,510
Special events	18,207	20,000	(1,793)
Website/technology	850	5,000	(4,150)
Total Advertising and Promotion	<u>65,013</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>(9,987)</u>
<b>Public Way Maintenance</b>			
Gate/fence maintenance	6,000	6,000	-
Storage rental	2,400	4,000	(1,600)
Liability/Property Insurance	-	1,000	(1,000)
Supplies	1,539	5,000	(3,461)
Trash removal	2,838	4,000	(1,162)
Other: truck and sweeper rental	15,001	15,000	1
Other: fuel	6,226	8,000	(1,774)
Equipment purchase / maintenance	5,379	8,000	(2,621)
Radio airtime	671	-	671
Total Public Way Maintenance	<u>40,054</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>(10,946)</u>

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	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Public Way Aesthetics</b>			
Landscaping	19,108	75,000	(55,892)
Streetscape elements purchase/install	145,354	229,000	(83,646)
Decorative banners	15,450	20,000	(4,550)
Total Public Way Aesthetics	179,912	324,000	(144,088)
<b>Tenant Retention/Attraction</b>			
Data collection	16,667	20,000	(3,333)
Total Tenant Retention/Attraction	16,667	20,000	(3,333)
<b>Safety Programs</b>			
Public way surveillance cameras/maintenance	-	15,000	(15,000)
Security subcontractor	562,214	616,496	(54,282)
Service provider direct fees	-	-	-
Total Safety Programs	562,214	631,496	(69,282)
<b>District Planning</b>			
District market study, impact analysis, etc.	3,333	-	3,333
Total District Planning	3,333	-	3,333
<b>Parking/Transit/Accessibility</b>			
Other: fuel	-	5,000	(5,000)
Total Public Transit Accessibility	-	5,000	(5,000)

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	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Other Technical Assistance</b>			
Environmental sustainability rebate	-	25,000	(25,000)
Wi-Fi district infrastructure/maintenance	-	10,000	(10,000)
Total Other Technical Assistance	-	35,000	(35,000)
<b>Personal</b>			
Program personal cost allocation	431,396	431,396	-
	431,396	431,396	-
<b>Operational &amp; Administrative Support</b>			
Audit	4,000	10,000	(6,000)
Bookkeeping / payroll processing	3,915	3,915	-
Meeting expense	1,007	1,500	(493)
Office equipment lease / Maintenance	4,110	4,110	-
Office rent	12,000	12,000	-
Office supplies	2,550	2,550	-
Office utilities / telephone	4,977	4,950	27
Postage	1,500	1,500	-
Office printing	3,000	3,000	-
Subscriptions	36	-	36
Other: Bank service fees	664	500	164
Other: Liability insurance	17,280	17,280	-
Other: Workers comp insurance	-	-	-
Total Operational & Administrative Support	55,039	61,305	(6,266)
<b>Loss Collection</b>	39,710	39,710	-
Total Expenses	1,393,338	1,673,907	(280,569)
Excess of (Expenses)Revenues over Expenses	<u>\$ (202,497)</u>	<u>\$ 59,721</u>	<u>\$ (262,218)</u>

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

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Notes to Financial Statements  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Nature of Organization - The Organization is chartered by the City of Chicago to provide additional services on behalf of the City of Chicago within a defined geographic area of the Stockyards Industrial Park. The City authorizes a Special Service Area Commission (the Commissioners) to preside over SSA approved annual activities. The annual activities are funded with a tax levy upon taxable properties within a designated area of the Stockyards Industrial Park.

The service programs include security patrols, street cleaning and beautification, shuttle bus service and other promotional services for the commercial and civic interests in the service area.

Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, Contractor for Special Service Area # 10 is an not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois. The Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council is a community organization whose mission is to enhance the general welfare of all residents, organizations, and businesses by integrating social service and economic development programs.

Income Taxes - For tax filings, the Organization is monitored for compliance by the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, which is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is not classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a private foundation.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements - The financial statements of the SSA have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units, hereinafter referred to as GAAP (generally accepted accounting Principles). The accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles is GASB (the Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

Government-Wide financial statements (Statement of Net Positions and Statement of Activities) are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting for all of the SSA's activities. The Fund Financial Statements, which focus on the SSA's governmental fund's current financial resources measurement, are prepared on the modified accrual basis.

The SSA accounts for its activities in one fund, its general fund.



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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year in which they are levied.

The governmental fund financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, with only current assets and liabilities included on the balance sheet. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property taxes are susceptible to accrual and recognized as a receivable in the year levied. Revenue recognition is deferred unless the taxes are received within 60 days subsequent to year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

Fund Equity/Net Position - Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. Non-spendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by enabling legislation or an outside party. Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the SSA board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balances is a limitation imposed by a designee of the SSA board. Unassigned fund balance is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the SSA's policy to use restricted fund balances first, then unrestricted fund balances. Furthermore, committed fund balance is reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

For the government-wide financial statements, net position is reported as invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted or unrestricted. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt, if applicable, is comprised of the net capital asset balance less any related debt. Restricted net position is when restrictions are placed on net assets from 1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The remaining net position is classified as unrestricted.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents - Cash and cash equivalents is defined as short-term liquid investments such as cash in banks, money markets and other financial instruments that can be reduced to cash in thirty days or less. The Organization maintains its cash in bank accounts, which, at times, may exceed the federally insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents. The Organization has established a separate checking account and all tax revenue funds are automatically deposited into this checking account. The Contractor did not commingle Service Tax funds with funds from any other source.

Special Service Area Agreement - The City of Chicago has established a special service area known and designated as "Special Service Area Number 10" to provide special services in addition to those services generally provided by the City. Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council has been designated as "Contractor" under terms of the agreement. The City has authorized a levy not to exceed 2.5% of the equalized assessed value of all property within the area to produce sufficient revenues to provide those special services.

Date of Management's Review - Management has evaluated subsequent events through April 22, 2015, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

### **NOTE 2 - CONCENTRATIONS**

The Special Service Area receives 100% of its operating support from revenues collected from taxes levied or imposed upon property within the area.

### **NOTE 3 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Organization is an affiliate of the Back of the Yards Business Association, Special Service Area Numbers 7, 10 and 39 and Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council. The Organization contracts with Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council as sole service provider in order to administer and provide direct services on behalf of the Organization which has no employees.

The transactions and balances due (to) from each of the affiliates are summarized below.

	<u>Neighborhood Council</u>
Balance due (to) from at December 31, 2013	\$ 135,867
Allocated expenses	(507,493)
Cash disbursements to affiliates	507,493
Balance due (to) from at December 31, 2014	<u>\$ (371,626)</u>

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**NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes become an enforceable lien on real property on January 1 of the year it is levied. Taxes are payable in two installments in the subsequent year. The first installment is an estimate based on the year billed levy (55%) and is due in March. The second installment is due on August 1, or 30 days from the mailing of the tax bills if issued later than July 1. The second installment is based on the remaining amount of the levy on file with the County. Bills are issued and collected by Cook County who remits the SSA's share to the City who remits the monies to the SSA.



## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



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Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

To the Board of Directors - Commissioners of Special Service Area Number 13  
Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, Contractor  
Chicago, IL

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

We have audited the financial statements of **SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 13** as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated April 22, 2015 which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of actual revenues and expenses to budget and summary schedule of findings is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Cary J. Hall & associates, LLC*

April 22, 2015  
Chicago, Illinois

**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 13**

Summary Schedule of Findings

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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We have read the requirements of the Service Provider Agreement between Special Service Area # 13, Contractor, and the City of Chicago. Based on our understanding of the agreement and the facts surrounding the performance under the agreement, we noted no exceptions.

Based on our understanding of the agreement and the facts surrounding the performance under the agreement, we noted no exceptions. Many contractual items were included in the agreement which dealt with non-accounting and non-financial matters which we had no knowledge.

Certain items of emphasis are provided:

**SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

Current Year Levy	\$	1,197,411
Uncollected balance in prior year levies	\$	141,565
Prior year deferred revenue was	\$	1,152,611

Allowance is approximately 5 % of the receivable in loss collection.

See independent auditor's report on additional information.