

UPTOWN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #34

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2009 and 2008

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March 8, 2010

To the Commissioners
Uptown Special Services Area #34

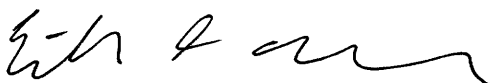
Independent Auditors' Report

We have audited the accompanying Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets of Uptown Special Services Area #34 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the related Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets, Statements of Cash Flows and Summary Schedule of Audit Findings for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Uptown Special Services Area #34 management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provided a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Uptown Special Services Area #34 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and its revenues, expenditures, changes in net assets, cash flows and summary schedule of audit findings for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The 2009 and 2008 budget amounts, which were arrived at by the Uptown Special Services Area #34 and are shown in the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets, are presented for comparison purposes only. We have not performed any auditing procedures on the budget amounts and therefore, express no opinion on them.



EILTS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
December 31, 2009 and 2008

ASSETS

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 293,575	\$ 179,723
Due from Public Allies	984	-
Prepaid expense	<u>1,891</u>	<u>1,992</u>
Net current assets	<u>296,450</u>	<u>181,715</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 296,450</u>	<u>\$ 181,715</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued expenses	\$ 33,395	\$ 34,253
Due to Uptown United	<u>9,465</u>	<u>8,076</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>42,860</u>	<u>42,329</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	42,860	42,329
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted net assets	<u>253,590</u>	<u>139,386</u>
Total net assets	<u>253,590</u>	<u>139,386</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 296,450</u>	<u>\$ 181,715</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

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**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Property tax levy revenue	\$ 500,675	\$ 521,910
Interest income	1,017	610
Grant Income - Public Allies	<u>3,938</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenue	505,630	522,520
EXPENSES		
Wages, payroll taxes and benefits	59,053	48,815
Grant expense - Public Allies	7,509	-
Office and occupancy expenses	7,228	6,854
Sidewalk maintenance/snow removal/landscaping	306,474	428,240
Holiday decorations	1,394	3,352
Banner program	3,000	4,000
Safety programs	300	-
Advertising and promotion	-	179
Administrative expenses	906	866
SSA liability insurance	2,506	663
Professional services	3,056	3,298
Bank charges	-	280
Printing and publications	<u>-</u>	<u>270</u>
Total program expenses	391,426	496,817
Increase/(decrease) in net assets	114,204	25,703
Net assets, beginning of period	<u>139,386</u>	<u>113,683</u>
Net assets, end of period	<u>\$ 253,590</u>	<u>\$ 139,386</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income/(loss)	\$ 114,204	\$ 25,703
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operations:		
(Increase)/Decrease in:		
Due from Public Allies	(984)	
Prepaid expenses	101	(1,992)
Increase/(Decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>531</u>	<u>73</u>
Net Cash Provided by/(Used by) Operating Activities	<u>113,852</u>	<u>23,784</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	113,852	23,784
Cash at the beginning of year	<u>179,723</u>	<u>155,939</u>
Cash at the end of year	<u>\$ 293,575</u>	<u>\$ 179,723</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization – Uptown Special Service Area #34 was created by the City of Chicago to provide additional services to the Uptown community. The primary source of funds is from real estate taxes on certain property in the Special Service Area. Special Service Area #34 generates revenue for the sole purpose of improving and enhancing the business districts of the Uptown neighborhood. The boundaries of which are generally properties fronting Broadway and Sheridan south of Foster and north of Montrose, Broadway between Montrose and Irving Park Road, Lawrence from Marine Drive to St. Boniface Cemetery and Wilson from Marine Drive to Dover Street.

Activities and services funded include: cleaning and beautification activities, coordination of advertising and promotional events, attraction and recruitment of new quality businesses to the area, and technical assistance to existing and potential businesses.

Basis of Accounting - The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities. Based on the information provided by the Department of Planning and Development, the recognition of revenue by the SSA when received would be considered within generally accepted accounting principles. This allows Special Service Areas to prepare financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Cash and cash equivalents are held in the name of Uptown Special Services Area #34 without physical segregation as to various restricted portions. All earnings on such are allocated to unrestricted revenue. For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - REAL ESTATE TAX REVENUE

The Organization's principal source of revenue is from real estate taxes levied on certain property located in the boundaries listed in Note 1. The taxes are assessed and collected by Cook County, and paid to the City of Chicago, which then remits to the Organization. Taxes are levied in one year, but paid in two installments the following year by the property owners. The Organization recognizes this revenue in the year in which the funds become available.

For 2009 and 2008 the tax levy revenue consisted of:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
2005 tax levy collected	\$ (3,969)	\$ (4,475)
2006 tax levy collected	(5,263)	65,043
2007 tax levy collected	21,268	461,342
2008 tax levy collected	488,639	-
Total tax levy collected	<u>\$ 500,675</u>	<u>\$ 521,910</u>

NOTE 3 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK ARISING FROM CASH DEPOSITS IN EXCESS OF INSURED LIMITS

The Organization maintains its cash balances in two financial institutions located in Chicago, Illinois. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. The Organization's cash balance did not exceed the insurance level as of December 31, 2009 at each bank.

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NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The taxing district's contractor is Uptown United. Uptown United is paid a management fee and is also reimbursed for ongoing administration expenses such as rent, utilities, postage and etc. During 2009 and 2008, SSA#34 paid Uptown United \$59,053 and \$48,814, respectively for service provided support. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the taxing district had a balance due to Uptown United of \$9,465 and \$8,076 respectively.

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**SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

We have read and understand the requirements contained in the Service Provider Agreement. After conducting the audit, we determined that no exceptions were noted.

The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of Uptown Special Services Area #34. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements.

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None found

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None found

UPTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES AREA #34

**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET vs. ACTUAL
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008**

	2009			2008		
	Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Budget
REVENUE						
Contract - SSA	\$ 525,210	\$ 500,674	\$ (24,536)	\$ 488,955	\$ 521,910	\$ 32,955
Interest income	-	1,018	1,018	-	610	610
Grant Income - Public Allies	-	3,938	3,938	-	-	-
Total support and revenue	525,210	505,630	(19,580)	488,955	522,520	33,565
EXPENDITURES						
1.00 Advertising & Promotion						
1.01 Display Ads	5,000	-	(5,000)	2,000	-	(2,000)
1.02 Holiday/Seasonal Promotions	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-	-
1.03 Printed Materials	5,000	-	(5,000)	5,000	-	(5,000)
1.04 Public/Media Relations Services	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	179	179
1.07 Service Provider Direct Services	5,000	5,276	276	5,000	-	(5,000)
Total Advertising & Promotion	25,000	5,276	(19,724)	12,000	179	(11,821)
2.00 Public Way Maintenance						
2.04 Liability / Property Insurance	4,000	(148)	(4,148)	5,700	-	(5,700)
2.05 Sidewalk Cleaning	250,000	247,296	(2,704)	219,000	225,771	6,771
2.06 Sidewalk Powerwashing	-	-	-	155,000	153,087	(1,913)
2.07 Sidewalk Snow Plowing	65,000	58,791	(6,209)	63,800	49,383	(14,417)
2.10 Supplies	1,000	387	(613)	-	-	-
2.14 Service Provider Direct Services	25,495	28,005	2,510	15,000	19,526	4,526
Grant - Public Allies	8,000	7,509	(491)	-	-	-
Total 2.14 Service Provider Direct Services	33,495	35,514	(11,655)	15,000	19,526	4,526
Total Public Way Maintenance	353,495	341,840	(11,655)	458,500	447,767	(10,733)
3.00 Public Way Aesthetics						
3.01 Decorative Banner Purch./Installation/Maint.	3,000	3,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
3.02 Holiday Decorations	32,000	1,394	(30,606)	18,000	3,352	(14,648)
3.03 Landscaping	15,000	-	(15,000)	4,000	-	(4,000)
3.04 Property Insurance	3,000	2,655	(345)	5,700	663	(5,037)
3.05 Streetscape Elements Purch/Install/Maint	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-	-
3.06 Wayfinding/Signage	15,000	-	(15,000)	-	-	-
3.07 Service Provider Direct Services	8,000	8,796	796	11,500	14,644	3,144
Total Public Way Aesthetics	86,000	15,845	(70,155)	43,200	22,659	(20,541)
4.00 Tenant Retention/Attraction						
4.04 Technical Assistance to Businesses	-	-	-	2,000	-	(2,000)
4.06 Service Provider Direct Services	-	-	-	9,305	-	(9,305)
Total Tenant Retention/Attraction	-	-	-	11,305	-	(11,305)
7.00 Safety Programs						
7.02 Security Rebate Program	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-	-
7.03 Panhandling Abatement Programs	2,000	-	(2,000)	1,000	-	(1,000)
7.05 Lighting, Tree Pruning	-	-	-	1,000	-	(1,000)
7.06 Safety Seminars	3,000	300	(2,700)	-	-	-
7.07 Security Subcontractor	-	-	-	2,000	-	(2,000)
7.08 Juvenile/Adult Court and CAPS	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-	-
7.09 Service Provider Direct Services	9,000	9,377	377	5,000	10,739	5,739
Total Safety Programs	25,000	9,677	(15,323)	9,000	10,739	1,739

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**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET vs. ACTUAL
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008**

	2009			2008		
	Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Budget
8.00 District Planning						
8.02 District Branding, Identity Development	1,000	-	(1,000)	3,000	-	(3,000)
8.07 Service Provider Direct Services	2,245	2,345	100	-	-	-
8.08 Other: Ongoing SSA consulting services	-	-	-	5,500	-	(5,500)
Total District Planning	<u>3,245</u>	<u>2,345</u>	<u>(900)</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,500)</u>
10.00 Operational & Admin Support						
10.01 Audit/Bookkeeping	3,500	3,056	(444)	3,200	3,298	98
10.02 Meeting	200	228	28	600	-	(600)
10.03 Office Equipment Lease/Maintenance	200	-	(200)	1,500	-	(1,500)
10.04 Office Rent	4,950	4,951	1	4,500	4,782	282
10.05 Office Supplies	250	520	270	700	935	235
10.06 Office Utilities/Telephone	2,070	2,277	207	1,800	2,072	272
10.07 Postage	100	18	(82)	200	211	11
10.08 Office Printing	2,200	-	(2,200)	500	-	(500)
10.09 Service Provider Administrative Support	5,000	5,253	253	5,000	3,905	(1,095)
10.10 Subscriptions/dues	-	140	140	-	-	-
10.11 Other: Web page/publications	-	-	-	450	270	(180)
Total Operational & Administrative Support	<u>18,470</u>	<u>16,443</u>	<u>(2,027)</u>	<u>18,450</u>	<u>15,473</u>	<u>(2,977)</u>
11.00 Loss Collection	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
Total Loss Collection	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>536,210</u>	<u>391,426</u>	<u>(144,784)</u>	<u>580,955</u>	<u>496,817</u>	<u>(84,138)</u>
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$ (11,000)</u>	<u>\$ 114,204</u>	<u>\$ 125,204</u>	<u>\$ (92,000)</u>	<u>\$ 25,703</u>	<u>\$ 117,703</u>
carryover from prior year - per budget	11,000			92,000		

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