

**DEVON AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #43**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

DECEMBER 31, 2013

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Commissioners of  
Devon Avenue Special Service Area #43

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Devon Avenue Special Service Area #43 which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years 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 the 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 audits. We conducted our audits 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 audit opinion.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Devon Avenue Special Service Area #43 as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matter**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The budgetary information in the Statement of Activities on page 4 has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements. Accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

*Calibre CPA Group, PLLC*

Chicago, Illinois  
April 25, 2014

**DEVON AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #43**

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 6,954	\$ 2,155
Service tax receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts	<u>13,077</u>	<u>10,604</u>
Property and equipment	97,033	97,033
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(81,025)</u>	<u>(63,317)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>16,008</u>	<u>33,716</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 36,039</u>	 <u>\$ 46,475</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
 NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED	 <u>\$ 36,039</u>	 <u>\$ 46,475</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**DEVON AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #43**

**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND DECEMBER 31, 2012

	2013			2012		
	Budget (Unaudited)	Actual	Variance	Budget (Unaudited)	Actual	Variance
	<b>REVENUE</b>					
Services tax	\$ 183,621	\$ 177,354	\$ 6,267	\$ 184,750	\$ 184,583	\$ 167
Interest income	-	8	(8)	-	8	(8)
Total revenue	183,621	177,362	6,259	184,750	184,591	159
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Program services						
Public Way Maintenance	123,620	116,583	7,037	113,861	102,863	10,998
Public Way Aesthetics	680	18,388	(17,708)	1,900	29,390	(27,490)
Façade Improvements	8,600	4,740	3,860	6,571	7,706	(1,135)
District Planning	-	6,328	(6,328)	-	-	-
Safety Programs	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	-
Management and general expenses						
Operational and administrative support	40,721	40,721	-	39,950	40,950	(1,000)
Loss collection	2,000	1,038	962	22,468	176	22,292
Total expenses	183,621	187,798	(4,177)	184,750	181,085	3,665
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	-	(10,436)	10,436	-	3,506	(3,506)
<b>NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED</b>						
Beginning of year	-	46,475	(46,475)	-	42,969	(42,969)
End of year	\$ -	\$ 36,039	\$ (36,039)	\$ -	\$ 46,475	\$ (46,475)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND DECEMBER 31, 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ (10,436)	\$ 3,506
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation expense	17,708	19,407
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	1,039	176
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Receivables	(3,512)	6,202
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	-	(18,547)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>4,799</u>	<u>10,744</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from line of credit	-	20,229
Payment on line of credit	-	(35,385)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,156)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	4,799	(4,412)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Beginning of year	<u>2,155</u>	<u>6,567</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 6,954</u>	<u>\$ 2,155</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE</b>		
Interest paid during year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,473</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## DEVON AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #43

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

#### NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION

Devon North Town Business and Professional Association (Association) d/b/a West Ridge Chamber of Commerce is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and is exempt from federal taxes under Section 505(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Devon Avenue Special Service Area #43, (SSA #43) was created as a result of the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Developments acceptance of the Association's application. The SSA program through the City of Chicago provides communities with the financial means to create, maintain and manage clean, attractive and competitive commercial districts. The SSA raises funds through a small assessment placed on each taxpaying property within a certain boundary. SSA's are governed by the State of Illinois statute, authorized by the City of Chicago ordinance and administered locally with oversight by a local Board of Commissioners.

#### NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Service Tax Receivable** - Service tax due and unpaid at year end are recorded as service tax receivable. Allowance for uncollectible accounts at December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$3,998 and \$2,959, respectively.

**Statement of Cash Flows** - For purposes of this statement, SSA #43 considers deposits in banks to be cash equivalents.

**Use of Estimates** - The preparation of the statement requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Basis of Accounting** - SSA #43 reports on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board which require SSA #43 to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, SSA #43 did not have any temporarily or permanently restricted net assets.



**NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Property & Equipment** - Property and equipment is carried at cost. Major additions are capitalized while replacements, maintenance and repairs which do not improve or extend the lives of the respective assets are expensed currently.

Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method with an estimated useful life of 5 years.

**NOTE 3. RELATED PARTY**

The West Ridge Chamber of Commerce's Executive Director provides certain direct services in addition to the Chamber providing administrative support to SSA #43. Total reimbursement to the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$30,721 and \$33,450, respectively.

**NOTE 4. LINE OF CREDIT**

The Devon North Town Business and Professional Association d/b/a West Ridge Chamber of Commerce maintains a promissory note on behalf of SSA #43, which was due January 23, 2014. The total available line of credit was \$75,000 with a variable interest rate based on the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate with a minimum of 6.5%. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012 there was no outstanding balance due on the line. Interest was paid on a monthly basis by the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce and SSA #43 reimbursed the Chamber.

**NOTE 5. TAX STATUS**

The SSA is exempt from federal income taxes under section 510(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The SSA's latest determination letter is dated June 30, 1995 in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the SSA was designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code. The Organization is no longer subject to federal and state tax examinations for years ended before December 31, 2010.

**NOTE 6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through April 25, 2014, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. This review and evaluation revealed no new material event or transaction which would require an additional adjustment to or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements.