2001 Annual Report

35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project Area



Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)

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June 30, 2002

Ms. Alicia Mazur Berg Commissioner Department of Planning and Development 121 N. LaSalle St. Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed is the annual report for the 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project Area, which we compiled at the direction of the Department of Planning and Development pursuant to Section 5(d) of the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et seq.), as amended. The contents are based on information provided to us by Chicago Departments of Planning and Development, Finance, and Law. We have not audited, verified, or applied agreed upon accounting and testing procedures to the data contained in this report. Therefore, we express no opinion on its accuracy or completeness.

It has been a pleasure to work with representatives from the Department of Planning and Development and other City Departments.

Very truly yours,

Ernst + Young LLP

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June 30, 2002

The Honorable Daniel Hynes Comptroller State of Illinois Office of the Comptroller 201 Capitol Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Comptroller Hynes:

We have compiled the attached information for the 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project Area (Report) pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d).

Sincerely,

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Alicia Mazur Berg Commissioner





(1) DATE OF DESIGNATION OR TERMINATION - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(1.5)

The Project Area was designated on January 14, 1997. The Project Area may be terminated no later than January 14, 2020.

(2) AUDITED FINANCIALS - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(2)

Please see attached.

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

35TH AND HALSTED REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor Members of the City Council City of Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of the 35th and Halsted Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois, as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Chicago's management. 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 of material misstatement. 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 provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the 35th and Halsted Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois, as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of expenditures by statutory code on page 6, which is also the responsibility of the City of Chicago's management, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of 35th and Halsted Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois. Such additional information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Bandey and Kiener, L.L.P.

Certified Public Accountants

May 6, 2002

BALANCE SHEETS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

ASSETS	2001	2000
Cash and investments	\$ 1,109,967	\$635,721
Property taxes receivable	527,000	330,000
Accrued interest receivable	1,795	3,718
Total assets	\$ 1,638,762	\$969,439
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Vouchers payable	\$ 5,349	\$ 3,575
Due to other City funds	9,803	10,422
Deferred revenue	452,634	236,390
Total liabilities	467,786	250,387
Fund balance Designated for future redevelopment		
project costs	1,170,976	719,052
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 1,638,762	\$969,439

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

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

Povonuos	2001	2000
Revenues Property tax Interest	\$ 502,261 33,812	\$545,489 23,854
Total revenues	536,073	569,343
Expenditures Capital projects	84,149	82,470
Revenues over expenditures	451,924	486,873
Fund balance, beginning of year	719,052	232,179
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 1,170,976	\$719,052

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Project

The 35th and Halsted Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area (Project) was established in January 1997. The area has been established to finance improvements, leverage private investment and create and retain jobs. Reimbursements, if any, are made to the developer for project costs, as public improvements are completed and pass City inspection.

Basis of Accounting

The Project is accounted for within the special revenue funds of the City.

The financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting and current financial resources measurement focus 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 collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

Fixed assets are not capitalized in the general operating funds but, instead, are charged as current expenditures when purchased. The General Fixed Asset Account Group of the City includes the capital assets, if any, of the Project.

Management's Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Allocation Act Compliance

The Project's expenditures include reimbursements for various eligible costs as described in subsection (q) of Section 11-74.4-3 of the Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Allocation Act and the Redevelopment Agreement relating specifically to the Project. Eligible costs include but are not limited to survey, property assembly, rehabilitation, public infrastructure, financing and relocation costs.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash and Investments

Cash belonging to the City is generally deposited with the City Treasurer as required by the Municipal Code of Chicago. The City Comptroller issues warrants for authorized City expenditures which represent a claim for payment when presented to the City Treasurer. Payment for all City warrants clearing is made by checks drawn on the City's various operating bank accounts.

The City Treasurer and City Comptroller share responsibility for investing in authorized investments. Interest earned on pooled investments is allocated to participating funds based upon their average combined cash and investment balances.

The City values its investments at fair value or amortized cost. U.S. Government securities purchased at a price other than par with a maturity of less than one year are reported at amortized cost.

Property Taxes

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.

Note 2 - Commitments

As of December 31, 2001 the Project has entered into contracts for approximately \$28,000 for services and construction projects.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES BY STATUTORY CODE

Code Description	2001	2000
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, marketing	\$22,952	\$ 69,820
Costs of the construction of public works or improvements	-	12,650
Costs of job training and retraining projects	31,197	-
Costs of relocation to the extent that a municipality determines that relocation costs shall be paid or is required to make payment of relocation costs by federal or state law	30,000	
	\$84,149	\$ 82,470

(3) MAYOR'S CERTIFICATION - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(3)

Please see attached.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

CERTIFICATION

TO:

Daniel W. Hynes Comptroller of the State of Illinois James R. Thompson Center 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 15-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601 Attention: Carol Reckamp, Director of Local Government

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I, RICHARD M. DALEY, in connection with the annual report (the "Report") of information required by Section 11-74.4-5(d) of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS5/11-74.4-1 et seq, (the "Act") with regard to the 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project Area"), do hereby certify as follows:

1. I am the duly qualified and acting Mayor of the City of Chicago, Illinois (the "City") and, as such, I am the City's Chief Executive Officer. This Certification is being given by me in such capacity.

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2. During the preceding fiscal year of the City, being January 1 through December 31, 2001, the City complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Act, as applicable from time to time, regarding the Redevelopment Project Area.

3. In giving this Certification, I have relied on the opinion of the Corporation Counsel of the City furnished in connection with the Report.

4. This Certification may be relied upon only by the addressees hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature as of this 28th day of June, 2002.

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Richard M. Daley, Mayor City of Chicago, Illinois

(4) OPINION OF LEGAL COUNSEL - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(4)

Please see attached.



City of Chicago Richard M. Daley, Mayor

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June 28, 2002

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Re: 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project Area")

Dear Addressees:

I am Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago, Illinois (the "City"). In such capacity, I am providing the opinion required by Section 11-74.4-5(d)(4) of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et seq. (the "Act"), in connection with the submission of the report (the "Report") in accordance with, and containing the information required by, Section 11-74.4-5(d) of the Act for the Redevelopment Project Area.





Opinion of Counsel for 2001 Annual Report Page 2

Attorneys, past and present, in the Law Department of the City familiar with the requirements of the Act have had general involvement in the proceedings affecting the Redevelopment Project Area, including the preparation of ordinances adopted by the City Council of the City with respect to the following matters: approval of the redevelopment plan and project for the Redevelopment Project Area, designation of the Redevelopment Project Area as a redevelopment project area and adoption of tax increment allocation financing for the Redevelopment Project Area, all in accordance with the then applicable provisions of the Act. Various departments of the City, including, if applicable, the Law Department, Department of Planning and Development, Department of Housing, Department of Finance and Office of Budget and Management, have personnel responsible for and familiar with the activities in the Redevelopment Project Area affecting such Department(s) and with the requirements of the Act in connection therewith. Such personnel are encouraged to seek and obtain, and do seek and obtain, the legal guidance of the Law Department with respect to issues that may arise from time to time regarding the requirements of, and compliance with, the Act.

In my capacity as Corporation Counsel, I have relied on the general knowledge and actions of the appropriately designated and trained staff of the Law Department and other applicable City Departments involved with the activities affecting the Redevelopment Project Area. In addition, I have caused to be examined or reviewed by members of the Law Department of the City the certified audit report, to the extent required to be obtained by Section 11-74.4-5(d)(9) of the Act and submitted as part of the Report, which is required to review compliance with the Act in certain respects, to determine if such audit report contains information that might affect my opinion. I have also caused to be examined or reviewed such other documents and records as were deemed necessary to enable me to render this opinion. Nothing has come to my attention that would result in my need to qualify the opinion hereinafter expressed, subject to the limitations hereinafter set forth, unless and except to the extent set forth in an Exception Schedule attached hereto as Schedule 1.

Based on the foregoing, I am of the opinion that, in all material respects, the City is in compliance with the provisions and requirements of the Act in effect and then applicable at the time actions were taken from time to time with respect to the Redevelopment Project Area.

This opinion is given in an official capacity and not personally and no personal liability shall derive herefrom. Furthermore, the only opinion that is expressed is the opinion specifically set forth herein, and no opinion is implied or should be inferred as to any other matter. Further, this opinion may be relied upon only by the addressees hereof and the Mayor of the City in providing his required certification in connection with the Report, and not by any other party.

Very truly yours,

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Mara S. Georges Corporation Counsel

SCHEDULE 1

(Exception Schedule)

- (X) No Exceptions
- () Note the following Exceptions:

(5) ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(5)

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES		
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		i
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001		
Revenues		2001
Property tax	\$	502,261
Sales tax	+	-
Interest		33,812
Total revenues		536,073
Expenditures		
Costs of studies, admin., and professional services. (q)(1)		22,952
Marketing costs. (q)(1.6)		-
Property assembly, demolition, site preparation and environmental		
site improvement costs. (q)(2)		-
Costs of rehabilitation, reconstruction, repair or remodeling and		
of existing buildings. (q)(3)		-
Costs of construction of public works and improvements. (q)(4)		-
Cost of job training and retraining. (q)(5)		31,197
Financing costs. (q)(6)		-
Approved capital costs of overlapping taxing districts. (q)(7)		-
Cost of reimbursing school district for their increase costs caused by TIF assisted housing projects (q)(7.5)		-
Relocation costs. (q)(8)		30,000
Payments in lieu of taxes. (q)(9)		-
Costs of job training, retraining advanced vocational or career		
education provided by other taxing bodies. (q)(10)		-
Costs of reimbursing private developers for interest expenses		
incurred on approved redevelopment projects. (q)(11)(A-E)		-
Costs of construction of new housing units for low income and very		
low income households. (q)(11)(F)		-
Cost of day care services and operational costs of day care centers. (q)(11.5)		-
Total expenditures		84,149
Revenues over expenditures		451,924
Fund balance, beginning of year		719,052
Fund balance, end of year	\$	1,170,976
Fund balance		
Reserved for debt service		-
Reserved for encumbrances	¢	-
Designated for future redevelopment project costs		1,170,976
Total fund balance	\$	1,170,976

(5) ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(5) cont.

Below is listed all vendors, including other municipal funds, that were paid in excess of \$5,000 during the current reporting year.			
Name	Service	Amount	
Administrative Costs ¹	Administration	\$6,900	
Earl L. Neal & Associates, LLC	Consulting	\$7,344	
Zeekrya Yousaf and Hafiz M. Shakil			
d/b/a/ The Dollar Buck Store	Relocation Costs	\$30,000	the state of the s
Center for Labor and Community	Job Training	\$31,197	

¹ Costs relate directly to the salaries of Department of Planning employees working solely on tax increment financing districts and their related fringe benefits.

(6) **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(6)**

TABLE 6

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY PURCHASED BY THE MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

STREET ADDRESS	APPROXIMATE SIZE OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	PURCHASE PRICE	SELLER OF PROPERTY
3435 S. HALSTED ¹	3,111 SQ. FT.	\$170,719	YZ CARPET
3839-45 S. HALSTED ¹	11,875 SQ. FT.	\$110,575	MIDWEST INVESTMENT PROPERTIES
3147 S. HALSTED ¹	3,125 SQ. FT.	\$207,500	FIRSTAR BANK NA

¹This property was acquired either through a condemnation court proceeding or by negotiated settlement in lieu of condemnation.

(7) STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)

- (A) Projects implemented in the preceding fiscal year.
- (B) A description of the redevelopment activities undertaken.
- (C) Agreements entered into by the City with regard to disposition or redevelopment of any property within the Project Area.
- (D) Additional information on the use of all Funds received by the Project Area and steps taken by the City to achieve the objectives of the Redevelopment Plan.
- (E) Information on contracts that the City's consultants have entered into with parties that have received, or are receiving, payments financed by tax increment revenues produced by the Project Area.
- (F) Joint Review Board reports submitted to the City.
- (G) Project-by-project review of public and private investment undertaken from 11/1/00 to 12/31/01, and of such investments expected to be undertaken in Year 2002; also, a project-by-project ratio of private investment to public investment from 11/1/00 to 12/31/01, and an estimated ratio of such investments as of the completion of each project and as estimated to the completion of the redevelopment project.

SEE TABLES AND/OR DISCUSSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

(7)(A) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(A)

TABLE 7(A) PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN THE PROCEDING FISCAL YEAR

NAME <u>OF PROJECT</u>

Miracle, LLC.

(7)(B) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(B)

Redevelopment activities undertaken within this Project Area during the year 2001, if any, have been made pursuant to i) the Redevelopment Plan for the Project Area, and ii) any Redevelopment Agreements affecting the Project Area, and are set forth on Table 5 herein by TIF-eligible expenditure category.

(7)(C) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(C)

TABLE 7 (C) AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO WITH REGARD TO THE DISPOSITION & REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA

PARTIES TO AGREEMENT WITH CITY	NATURE OF AGREEMENT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	JOBS CREATED/ RETAINED
Miracle, L.L.C.	Redevelopment Agreement	The construction of a 600,000 square foot distribution center.	1400 West 35 th Street	0/250

(7)(D) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(D)

The Project Area has received \$ 1,043,192 of property tax and sales tax (if applicable) increment since the creation of the Project Area. These amounts have been used to pay for project costs within the Project Area and for debt service (if applicable). The Project Area's fund balance as shown on Table 5 represents (on a modified accrual basis) financial resources (including increment) that have not been expended.

(7)(E) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(E)

During 2001, no contracts were entered into by the City's tax increment advisors or consultants with entities or persons who have received, or are receiving, payments financed by tax increment revenues produced by the Project Area.

(7)(F) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(F)

During 2001, no reports were submitted to the City by the Joint Review Board.

(7)(G) - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(7)(G)

TABLE 7(G) PROJECT BY PROJECT REVIEW OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT AND RATIO OF PRIVATE TO PUBLIC INVESTMENT *

Projects Undertaken in This	Private Investment Undertaken		Public Investment Undertaken		Ratio Of Private/Public Investment	
Redevelopment Project Area						
	11/1/2000 to	Amount Estimated	11/1/2000 to	Amount	11/1/2000 to End	Ratio Estimated
	End of	to Complete the	End of	Estimated to	of Reporting FY	as of Project
	Reporting	Project	Reporting	Complete the		Completion
	FY		FY	Project		
Project 1: Miracle, L.L.C.	n/a	\$18,649,775	n/a	\$1,650,000	n/a	11:1

* Each public investment amount reported is the maximum amount that could be made under the provisions of the corresponding Project/Redevelopment Agreement and may not necessarily reflect actual expenditures, if any, as reported under Sections 2 or 5 herein. The total public investment ultimately made under the Project/Redevelopment Agreement will depend upon each future occurrence of various conditions set forth in that agreement.

(8) DOCUMENTS RELATING TO OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY THE MUNICIPALITY - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(8)(A)

During 2001, there were no obligations issued for this Project Area.

(9) ANALYSIS OF DEBT SERVICE - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(8)(B)

During 2001, there were no obligations issued for this Project Area.

(10) CERTIFIED AUDIT REPORTS - 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)(9)

Please see attached.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor Members of the City Council City of Chicago, Illinois

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the balance sheet of 35th and Halsted Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois as of December 31, 2001, and the related statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, and have issued our report thereon dated May 6, 2002.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Project failed to comply with the regulatory provisions in Subsection (q) of Section 11-74.4-3 of the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act and Subsection (o) of Section 11-74.6-10 of the Illinois Industrial Jobs Recovery Law as they relate to the eligibility for costs incurred incidental to the implementation of the 35th and Halsted Redevelopment Project of the City of Chicago, Illinois.

This report is intended for the information of the City of Chicago's management. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Bandley and Kiener, L.L.P.

Certified Public Accountants

May 6, 2002

(11) GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND MAP

The 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project Area is located on the southwest side of the City of Chicago, approximately four miles from the central business district. The Project Area is generally bounded by West 31st and West 35th Streets on the north, South Halsted on the east, West Pershing Road on the south, and South Ashland Avenue on the west. The map below illustrates the location and general boundaries of the Project Area. For precise boundaries, please consult the legal description in the Redevelopment Plan.

