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# 2007 Annual Report

## 63<sup>rd</sup>/Ashland Redevelopment Project Area



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

*JUNE 30, 2008*

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June 30, 2008

Mr. Arnold L. Randall  
Commissioner  
Department of Planning and Development  
121 North LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed is the annual report for the 63rd/Ashland 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 5/11-74.6-1 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, 2008

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 63rd/Ashland  
Redevelopment Project Area (Report) pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-  
74.4-5(d).

Sincerely,

Arnold L. Randall  
Commissioner

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

The Project Area was designated on March 29, 2006. The Project Area may be terminated no later than December 31, 2030.

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

During 2007, no financial activity or cumulative deposits over \$100,000 occurred in the Project Area. Therefore, no audited statements were prepared pertaining to the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Project Area.

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

Please see attached.

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
                                  ) SS  
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: June Tallamantez, Director of Local  
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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 63rd/Ashland Redevelopment Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project Area"), do hereby certify as follows:



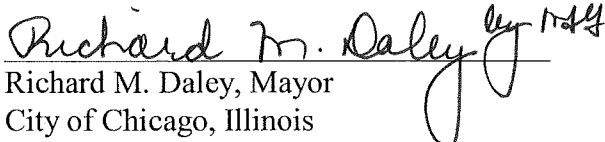
1. I am the duly qualified and acting Mayor of the City of Chicago, Illinois (the "City") and, as such, I am the City's Chief Executive Officer. This Certification is being given by me in such capacity.

2. During the preceding fiscal year of the City, being January 1 through December 31, 2007, 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 30th day of June, 2008.

  
Richard M. Daley, Mayor  
City of Chicago, Illinois

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

Please see attached.



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Re: 63rd/Ashland  
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.



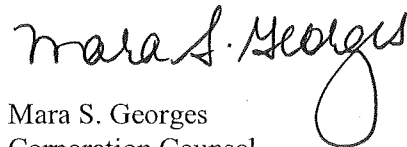
Attorneys, past and present, in the Law Department of the City familiar with the requirements of the Act have had general involvement in the proceedings affecting the Redevelopment Project Area, including the preparation of ordinances adopted by the City Council of the City with respect to the following 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,



Mara S. Georges  
Corporation Counsel

**SCHEDULE 1**

(Exception Schedule)

No Exceptions

Note the following Exceptions:

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

During 2007, there was no financial activity in the Special Tax Allocation Fund.

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

TABLE 6  
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY PURCHASED BY THE MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE TIF  
AREA

STREET ADDRESS	APPROXIMATE SIZE OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	PURCHASE PRICE	SELLER OF PROPERTY
6408 S. Hoyne <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
6416 S. Hoyne <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
1949 W. 64th St. <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
6710 S. Marshfield <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A

<sup>1</sup> This property was acquired through the Tax Reactivation Program (“TRP”), under which the City instructs the County of Cook to make a no cash bid on certain tax-delinquent parcels. The City then pursues the acquisition in a court proceeding and receives a tax deed from the County after a court order is issued. The City pays court costs and certain incidental expenses for each parcel, which average between \$2,000 and \$2,500. The size and description of each parcel is usually not available.

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**(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 11/1/99 to 12/31/07, and of such investments expected to be undertaken in year 2008; also, a project-by-project ratio of private investment to public investment from 11/1/99 to 12/31/07, 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 FOLLOWING PAGES.



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

During 2007, no projects were implemented.

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

Redevelopment activities undertaken within this Project Area during the year 2007, 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

STREET ADDRESS	APPROXIMATE SIZE OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	PURCHASE PRICE	BUYER OF PROPERTY
6637 S ASHLAND	N/A	N/A	N/A
2119 W 63RD	N/A	N/A	N/A
2117 W 63RD	N/A	N/A	N/A
6121 S MARSHFIELD	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

The Project Area has not yet received any increment.

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

During 2007, no contracts were entered into by the City's tax increment advisors or consultants with entities or persons that 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 2007, no reports were submitted to the City by the Joint Review Board.

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**(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 Redevelopment Project Area	Private Investment Undertaken		Public Investment Undertaken		Ratio Of Private/Public Investment	
	11/1/1999 to End of Reporting FY	Amount Estimated to Complete the Project	11/1/1999 to End of Reporting FY	Amount Estimated to Complete the Project	11/1/1999 to End of Reporting FY	Ratio Estimated as of Project Completion
Project 1: Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF) **	Program is Ongoing	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$750,000	Program is Ongoing	2.0 : 1

\* Each actual or estimated Public Investment reported here is, to the extent possible, comprised only of payments financed by tax increment revenues. In contrast, each actual or estimated Private Investment reported here is, to the extent possible, comprised of payments financed by revenues that are not tax increment revenues and, therefore, may include private equity, private lender financing, private grants, other public monies, or other local, state or federal grants or loans.

Each amount reported here under Public Investment Undertaken, Amount Estimated to Complete the Project, is the maximum amount of payments financed by tax increment revenues that could be made pursuant to the corresponding Project's operating documents, but not including interest that may later be payable on developer notes, and may not necessarily reflect actual expenditures, if any, as reported in Sections 2 or 5 herein. The total public investment amount ultimately made under each Project will depend upon the future occurrence of various conditions including interest that may be payable on developer notes set forth in the Project's operating documents.

Each amount reported here under Public Investment Undertaken, 11/1/1999 to End of Reporting FY, is cumulative from the date of execution of the corresponding Project to the end of the reporting year, and may include interest amounts paid to finance the Public Investment amount. Projects undertaken prior to 11/1/1999 are not reported on this table.

\*\* Depending on the particular goals of this type of program, the City may: i) make an advance disbursement of the entire public investment amount to the City's program administrator, ii) disburse the amounts through an escrow account, or iii) pay the funds out piecemeal to the program administrator as each ultimate grantee's rehabilitation work is approved under the program.

\*\*\* As of the End of the Reporting FY, the construction of this Project was ongoing; the Private Investment Undertaken and Ratio figures for this Project will be reported on the Annual Report for the FY in which the construction of the Project is completed and the total Private Investment figure is available.

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

During 2007, no reports were submitted to the City by the Joint Review Board.

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

Since November 1, 1999, no public investment was undertaken in the Project Area. As of December 31, 2007, no public investment is estimated to be undertaken for 2008.

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

During 2007, there were no obligations issued for the Project Area.

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

During 2007, there were no obligations issued for the Project Area.

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

During 2007, there were no tax increment expenditures or cumulative deposits over \$100,000 within the Project Area. Therefore, no compliance statement was prepared.

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## (11) GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND MAP

The 63<sup>rd</sup>/Ashland Redevelopment Project Area is irregular in shape but encompasses certain properties in the area generally bounded by West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street on the north, West 65<sup>th</sup> Street on the south, South Ashland Avenue on the east and the CSX Railroad 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.

