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The TIF Illumination Project is seeking to determine the status of the \$1.4 billion in property taxes that were in Chicago's Tax Increment Financing district accounts on January 1, 2015. Your department has sent us several unsatisfactory responses.

On September 16 of this year we met with Budget Director Alex Holt in an attempt to get the information requested. At that meeting Director Holt showed us several web sites that she said answered all our requests for the status of the city's TIF funds.

This Freedom of Information Act request is based on what she showed us at that meeting.

(1) In the document "Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Programming 2015-2019" on the page headed "105th/Vincennes" p. 1, under "Transfers Between TIF Districts" item 1 "From 119th/I-57 (RA – Renaissance Beverly Ridge) shows a five year obligation of \$1,767,000. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove this assertion of obligation.

(2) In the document "Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Programming 2015-2019" on the page headed "105th/Vincennes" p. 1, under "Current Obligations" item 1 labeled "Program administration" and item 2 labeled "RA – Renaissance Beverly Ridge" show five year obligations of \$112,000 and \$2,721,800. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(3) In the document "Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Programming 2015-2019" on the page headed "24th/Michigan" p. 6, under "Transfers Between TIF Districts" item 1 "From Michigan/Cermak (CPS – NTA athletic field) shows a five year obligation of \$4,600,000. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(4) Item 2 of this same section for 24th/Michigan, "From River South (CPS – National Teachers Academy) shows a five year obligation of \$17,240,000. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(5) For the section "Proposed Projects" for 24th/Michigan, p.7, item 1 "Proposed redevelop project – other TIF(s)" shows a five year obligation of \$17,000,000. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(6) For this same page 7, "Current Obligations" item 2 "IGA – MPEA" shows a five year obligation of \$20,688,700. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(7) In the document "Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Programming 2015-2019" on the page headed "Calumet Avenue/Cermak Road" p. 55 under "Current Obligations" item 1 "Program administration" shows a

five year obligation of \$1,437,000. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(8) On this same page 55 under the section "Current Obligations" item 2 "IGA – MPEA" shows a five year obligation of \$20,688,700. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(9) In the document "Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Programming 2015-2019" on the page headed "Michigan/Cermak" p.124, under the section "Proposed redevelopment projects" shows a five year obligation of \$2,800,000. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(10) In the document "Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Programming 2015-2019" on the page headed "Midwest" p. 128, under "Proposed Projects" item 1 and labelled "Proposed redevelopment project #1" shows a five year obligation of \$4,708,800. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(11) In the document "Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Programming 2015-2019" on the page headed "Midwest" p. 128, under "Proposed Projects" item 2 labelled "Proposed redevelopment project #2" shows a five year obligations of \$2,598,200. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(12) In the document "Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Programming 2015-2019" on the page headed "Midwest" – p. 128, under "Proposed Projects" item 4 labelled "Multi-Family Purchase Rehab Program" shows a five year obligations of \$1,000,000. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

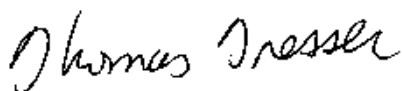
(13) In the document "Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Programming 2015-2019" on the page headed "Midwest" – p. 128, under "Proposed Projects" item 5 labelled "Neighborhood Improvement Program" shows a five year obligation of \$1,000,000. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(14) In the document "Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Programming 2015-2019" on the page headed "Near North" p. 132, under "Proposed Projects" item 1 "Proposed redevelopment project #1" shows a five year obligation of \$16,000,000. Please produce the underlying documents that verify or prove these assertions of obligation.

(15) Please provide all loan agreements that indebtedness incurred by the city of Chicago through the Modern Schools Program. These debts may be bonds or other sort of indebtedness. We are seeking the documents that reveal the amounts borrowed, the time of the debt, the interest, fees to banks and any third parties and general terms.

Please communicate with me by email. Because I have sought PDFs, there should not be any copy charges. If you disagree, I ask for a fee waiver because I intend to disseminate this information as part of a study of the City's TIF program.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.



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