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formerly S.S.A. No. 29 to W Grand Ave, 1900-2000 block

Committee(s) Assignment:

**PETITION
TO THE CHICAGO CITY
COUNCIL**

Finance Committee

AND

ALDERMAN

PROCO JOE MORENO

REPRESENTING THE 1st WARD

Formerly the 26th WARD

**Based on the authority granted to the
alderman by the City of Chicago's Tax Code:**

**We the property owners of the 1900-2000
block of Grand Avenue request you to please
stop this expansion into our block of Grand
Avenue (Wolcott to Damen) and remove our
PINs from SSA 57.**

**We have collectively elected not to
accept the services or participate in the
SSA 57 Expansion**

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October 12, 2012

Susana A. Mendoza
City Clerk
121 North LaSalle St.
Chicago, Illinois 60602

**Re: Opposition to the reconstitution and expansion of the SSA 57
formerly SSA 29 to the 1900-2000 block of Grand Avenue, Chicago Il
60622**

Dear Susana,

I am filing this letter with you in formal opposition to the proposed reconstitution of and expansion of the SSA 57, formerly known as SSA 29. I understand that the opposition process requires this letter under the 35 ILSC 200 Property Tax Code pursuant in Section 27-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code, Article 27 Special Service Area.

I am the building owner of 1956 West Grand Avenue, Chicago Il. 60622 and I understand that the expansion of the SSA57 will directly affect my yearly property taxes. The dollar amount will be approximately \$1200.00-\$1600.00.

Here are some reasons why I am opposed to the SSA 57

First, 1956 West Grand Avenue is an owner occupied building that I maintain myself and have done so for the past 25 years. I am a self employed man, husband and parent of two and I have put most of my money into this property for our future. **I work alone as I cannot afford to hire employees and a substantial amount of my earnings are assigned to property taxes and maintenance of my property.**

For 2011 my property taxes were roughly \$18,000.00 and will be in that range for 2012 even though my property value has significantly decreased over the last 5 years. In these extremely difficult times an additional \$1200.00-\$1600.00 in the proposed SSA 57 property taxes will be an enormous burden on our family. We struggle to make ends meet and with 2 children, we simply cannot afford it.

The 1900-2000 block of West Grand Avenue between Wolcott and Damen is comprised of 10 residents and 2 businesses. We are all in agreement that **we wish to be excluded from the proposed SSA 57 expansion to our block,** which is at the very tail end at the Southwest corner tip of the proposed SSA 57 expansion. The proposed expansion boundaries along the 1900-2000

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block of Grand Avenue are primarily residential and the primary business is commercial and light industrial to the trades and not to the general public. The proposed SSA 57 expansion is unwarranted and unnecessary and as the president of Albany Steel and Glass stated in the open public hearings in front of the Finance Committee on October 12, 2012 , if enacted he will have to fire 2 employees from his firm.

The Chamber of Commerce claims to have offered a public process with the notification via mail of meeting notices in April 2012. This claim is completely false, as a Department of Housing and Economic Development was unable to provide said proof of service in response to a properly filed Freedom of Information request.

For the last 25 years we have exercised our due diligence to maintain our own properties, clean and shovel our sidewalks (as required by law) and never asked anyone to pay for our survival as the West Town Chamber of Commerce is attempting.

According to the Chamber of Commerce own findings in a survey conducted to assess the "business owners" needs during the process of expanding SSA 29 (proposed SSA 57), the following points were in their own report*:

Surveys response was only 11%. A total of 30 surveys were returned.

Of the respondents only 7.5 were property owners (There are over 1700 PIN holders affected).

According to their own report Alderman Waguespack was contacted when the SSA Advisory Committee could not reach a consensus on this boundary.

The Advisory Committee noted property owner push-back, but decided to proceed, regardless.

The research and surveys omitted input from the directly impacted property owners who will absorb the increased tax burden of the proposed expansion. The Chamber of Commerce failed to exercise due diligence and include the property tax payers in any public process and was neither transparent or in the public interest.

This was highlighted in outpouring of opposition from property owners in attendance, who stood up and passionately spoke against the SSA 57 expansion at the public hearings in front of the Finance Committee on October 12, 2012 at City Hall.

Had it not been for the vigilant eyes of those who were made aware at the last minute, this could have passed unnoticed until it was too late. Today, it is

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the success of any business and for the protection of the interests of all parties involved. The document also highlights the need for transparency and accountability in all financial dealings.

In addition, the document outlines the various methods and procedures used to collect and analyze data. It provides a detailed overview of the data collection process, from the initial identification of data sources to the final analysis and reporting. The document also discusses the importance of data quality and the need for rigorous quality control measures.

The document also addresses the issue of data privacy and security. It discusses the various risks associated with data breaches and the importance of implementing robust security measures to protect sensitive information. The document also provides guidance on how to comply with relevant data protection regulations.

Finally, the document discusses the importance of data-driven decision-making. It explains how data can be used to identify trends, opportunities, and risks, and how this information can be used to inform business strategy and operations. The document also provides examples of how data has been used successfully in various industries.

In conclusion, the document emphasizes the importance of data in the modern business environment. It provides a comprehensive overview of the data collection and analysis process, and discusses the various challenges and opportunities associated with data. The document also provides practical guidance on how to use data effectively to drive business success.

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still not too late.

The cloaked and veiled manner in which the Chamber of Commerce has attempted to slip this 15 year tax past us is unconscionable. It is unacceptable in this day of increased taxes and limited financial resources to expand the SSA into primarily residential and commercial trade businesses for the sole purpose of increased funding for the Chamber of Commerce disguised as SSA activities.

Increased property taxes will have a direct negative impact and result in a further lowering of property values.

Based on the authority granted to the alderman by the City of Chicago's Tax Code: I (We) request you to please stop this expansion into our 1900-2000 block of Grand Avenue (Wolcott to Damen) and remove our PINs from SSA 57.

My earning years are limited and by the time the proposed SSA 57 expires, I'll be almost 80 years old. I do not want to lose my lifelong investment.

If you have any questions regarding this objection, please contact me (us) directly.

A petition of from the opposition on our block is attached.

Sincerely,

Jack Perno

1956 West Grand Avenue Chicago Illinois 60622

PIN: 17-07-218-047-0000 & 17-07-218-026-0000

*Excerpts from West Town Special Services District Plan

**cc: Honorable Mayor Rahm Emanuel; 14th Ward Alderman Edward Burke
Finance Committee Chairman, 1st Ward Alderman Proco Joe Moreno, 32nd Ward
Alderman Scott Waguspack, 26th Ward Alderman Roberto Maldonado, Chicago
City Clerk Susana A. Mendoza, Commissioner Robert Steele, Cook County
Commissioner 2nd District**

Section 1

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for ensuring the integrity and reliability of the data collected. This section also outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data, highlighting the challenges faced during the process.

In the second part, the author describes the specific procedures followed during the data collection phase. This includes details on the selection of participants, the design of the study, and the implementation of the data collection protocol. The text also addresses the ethical considerations that guided the research.

The third section of the document focuses on the analysis of the collected data. It details the statistical methods employed to test the hypotheses and the interpretation of the results. The author discusses the significance of the findings and their implications for the field of study.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the key findings and a discussion of the limitations of the study. The author suggests directions for future research and provides a final reflection on the overall contribution of the work.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. [Name]

[Address]

[City, State, Zip]

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