



芝城華商會  
CHICAGO CHINATOWN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**SSA #73 Reconstitution**

Advisory Committee #1

October 6, 2025

Attending:

Committee Members:

Eden Jung

Jimmy Lee

Mabel Moy

Paul Poy

Jennifer Tian Lee

Darryl Tom

Ada Tong

Stephy Liu

City of Chicago:

Mark Roschen

Oneida Pate

Teska Associates:

Carol Brobeck

Yuchen Ding

Scott Goldstein



## 1. Introductions and What is a SSA?

Darryl Tom welcomed everyone to the meeting. Carol Brobeck described how SSA's work, why they are important and how funds stay within the SSA.

Mark Roschen presented the 2027 SSA Establishment Process. SSA's are a locally-initiated, self-imposed tax. SSA's represent a geographic area. City grants taxing authority and appoints local SSA Commissioners. City contracts with service provider agencies, in this case, the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce. There are seven authorized service categories: customer attraction, public way aesthetics, sustainability and public places, economic/business development, public health and safety programs, SSA management and personnel. The final two categories may not exceed 30% of the levy total. The SSA Commission recommends tax rate, services, budget and service provider yearly. The service provider manages daily SSA activities. SSA is governed by state statute and City ordinances. 20% of pin holder signatures are required to demonstrate local support prior to the ordinance being drafted in the Fall.

## 2. Study Area

Carol Brobeck presented current boundaries. Additional areas were being considered. Committee members agreed to conduct outreach to areas to determine if there was interest in becoming part of the SSA. The areas must be contiguous to the existing SSA boundaries.

## 3. Needs Assessment Survey

Committee members were encouraged to take and distribute the Needs Assessment Survey. <https://teska.survey.fm/ssa-73-needs-assessment-survey>



#### 4. Cost

Scott Goldstein reviewed the current and projected cost for the SSA. There are 169 Property Index Numbers (PINs) in the SSA. The current Maximum Tax Rate is 0.8%. The current Annual Tax Rate is 0.165%, far below the Maximum Tax Rate.

The Committee discussed options for reducing the Maximum Tax Rate to 0.5% or 0.6%, but increasing the Annual Tax Rate to 0.4%. At that rate, the cost for a median property would be approximately \$34 per month.

#### 5. Next Steps

- Evaluate Costs and Prioritize Services
- Advisory Committee to Recommend Maximum Tax Rate at the next meeting
- Committee members will check with property owners in neighboring areas to determine interest in extending the boundaries to contiguous blocks of commercial properties.
- Distribute Needs Assessment to provide input from property owners, businesses and taxpayers to the renewal process.