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November 6, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 395  
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Council Districts 14

REGARDING:

THE DOWNTOWN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (PROPERTY BASED) BUSINESS  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S 2021 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL PLANNING REPORT

Honorable Members:

The Office of the City Clerk has received the Annual Planning Report for the Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District's ("District") 2021 fiscal year (CF 12-0931). The owners' association of the District has caused to be prepared the Annual Planning Report for City Council's consideration. In accordance with the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, California Streets and Highways Code Section 36650, an Annual Planning Report for the District must be submitted for approval by the City Council. The Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District's Annual Planning Report for the 2021 fiscal year is presented with this transmittal for City Council's consideration as "Attachment 1."

## BACKGROUND

The Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District was established on July 31, 2014 by and through the City Council's adoption of Ordinance No. 183156 which confirmed the assessments to be levied upon properties within the District, as described in the District's Management District Plan. The Council established the District pursuant to State Law.

## ANNUAL PLANNING REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The State Law requires that the District's owners' association shall cause to be prepared, for City Council's consideration, an Annual Planning Report for each fiscal year for which assessments are to be levied and collected to pay for the costs of the planned District improvements and activities. The Annual Planning Report shall be filed with the City Clerk and shall refer to the district by name, specify the fiscal year to which the report applies, and, with respect to that fiscal year, shall contain all of the following: any proposed changes in the

boundaries of the district or in any benefit zones within the district; the improvements and activities to be provided for that fiscal year; an estimate of the cost of providing the improvements and activities for that fiscal year; the method and basis of levying the assessment in sufficient detail to allow each real property owner to estimate the amount of the assessment to be levied against his or her property for that fiscal year; the amount of any surplus or deficit revenues to be carried over from a previous fiscal year; and the amount of an contributions to be made from sources other than assessments levied.

The attached Annual Planning Report, which was approved by the District's Board at their meeting on October 22, 2020, complies with the requirements of the State Law and reports that programs will continue, as outlined in the Management District Plan adopted by the District property owners. The City Council may approve the Annual Planning Report as filed by the District's owners' association or may modify any particulars contained in the Annual Planning Report, in accordance with State Law, and approve it as modified.

### FISCAL IMPACT

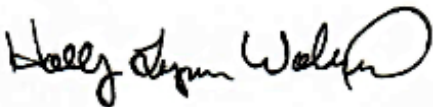
There is no impact to the General Fund associated with this action.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. FIND that the attached Annual Planning Report for the Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District's 2021 fiscal year complies with the requirements of the State Law
2. FIND that the increase in the 2021 budget concurs with the intentions of the Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District's Management District Plan and does not adversely impact the benefits received by assessed property owners.
3. ADOPT the attached Annual Planning Report for the Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District's 2021 fiscal year, pursuant to the State Law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly L. Wolcott", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Holly L. Wolcott

City Clerk

Attachment:

Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District's 2021 Fiscal Year Annual Planning Report

November 6, 2020

Holly L. Wolcott, City Clerk  
Office of the City Clerk  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA. 90012

Subject: Downtown Industrial District PBID 2021 Annual Planning Report

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

As required by the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, California Streets and Highways Code Section 36650, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District has caused this Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District Annual Planning Report to be prepared at its meeting on October 22, 2020.

LADID is subject to the terms of the Settlement Agreement and any Court Orders or Judgments entered pursuant to the Settlement Agreement in case No. CV14-7344 PSG (AJWx).

This report covers proposed activities of the Downtown Industrial District BID from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Estela Lopez".

Estela Lopez

Central City East Association

# Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District

## 2021 Annual Planning Report

### **District Name**

This report is for the Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District (District). The District is operated by the Central City East Association, a California non-profit corporation.

### **Fiscal Year of Report**

The report applies to the 2021 Fiscal Year. The District Board of Directors approved the 2021 Annual Planning Report at the October 22, 2020 Board of Director's meeting.

### **Boundaries**

There are no changes to the District boundaries for 2021.

### **Benefit Zones**

There are no changes to the District's benefit zone(s) for 2021.

### **2021 IMPROVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

#### **Clean and Safe: \$2,034,289.01 (77.60%)**

##### **Safe Team Program-**

The Safety Program provides safety services for the individual assessed parcels located within the District in the form of patrolling bicycle and vehicle personnel. The purpose of the Safe Team Program is to prevent, deter and report illegal activities taking place on the streets, sidewalks, storefronts, parking lots and alleys. The presence of the Safe Team Program is intended to deter such illegal activities as public urination, indecent exposure, trespassing, drinking in public, prostitution, and illegal dumping. The Program will supplement, not replace, other ongoing police, safety and patrol efforts within the District. The Safe Team Program will maintain communication with the appropriate City and County agencies and departments to address District problems. The Safe Team Program will only provide its services to assessed properties within the District boundaries. The special benefit to assessed parcels from these services is an increased likelihood of improved lease rates and tenant occupancy because of an increase in commercial activity and an increase in customers. These services are a special benefit to individually assessed parcels because graffiti and illegal activities deter customers from visiting the district.

##### **Clean Program-**

In order to consistently address increasing sidewalk cleaning issues, the Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District Cleaning Program will continue the work that began

in 2000. The clean team will only provide service to assessed parcels within District boundaries. A multi-dimensional approach has been developed consisting of the following elements.

**Sidewalk Cleaning:** Uniformed, radio-equipped personnel sweep litter, debris and refuse from sidewalks and gutters of the District. District personnel may pressure wash sidewalks to remove bodily fluids or other health-related risks.

**Trash Collection:** Collector truck personnel collect trash from sidewalk trash receptacles. Trash is bagged and receptacle liners replaced. District trucks are often called to dispose of illegal dumping throughout the District.

**Graffiti Removal:** District personnel remove graffiti by painting, using solvent and pressure washing. The District maintains a zero tolerance graffiti policy. An effort is made to remove all tags within 24 hours on weekdays.

**Tree Trimming:** Street tree trimming is important to keep the District looking attractive.

The special benefit to assessed parcels from these services is an increased likelihood of improved lease rates and tenant occupancy because of an increase in commercial activity, and decreased risk of threats to public health.

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**Economic Development/Communication: \$262,489.00 (10.01%)**

It is important to not only provide the services needed in the District, but to tell the story of improvement in the District. The special benefit to District-assessed parcels is a likelihood of increased lease rates and tenant occupancy due to the increased commercial activity and new customers attracted to the District by public communication on the District web site and newsletter. Another special benefit to assessed parcels from online communication services is an increased transparency of District programs available to parcel owners in the newsletter and on the web site. Some of the economic development/communication programs currently in place are:

- Image and Communication programs
- Newsletter
- Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District Web Site
- Public and Media Relations
- Investment Attraction Programs
- Development of Downtown Industrial District Business Improvement District Image Pieces

- Market Research

The special benefit to District's assessed parcels from the economic development services is an increased likelihood of commercial activity and an increased likelihood of attracting new investment to the district both of which directly relate to increases in lease rates and enhanced commerce.

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The BID continuously meets with property and business owners to assess their needs and to provide support. The BID is also responding to an increasing demand from news media for information and interviews as a result of the record high numbers of unsheltered individuals on District sidewalks. News coverage of the District as the nation's epicenter of homelessness and related health and safety concerns are negatively affecting the BID's ability to promote the District in a positive light or to attract commercial investment.

**Management/City Fees/Delinquent Assessments: \$324,748.00 (12.39%)**

The improvements and activities are managed by a professional staff that requires centralized management support. Management staff oversees the District's services and actively works on behalf of the District parcels to insure that City and County services and policies support the District. Included in this item are the cost to conduct a yearly financial review, City fees to collect and process the assessments, a reserve for noncollectable assessments and depreciation. The special benefit to parcels within the district from these services is an increased likelihood of improved lease rates and tenant occupancy because of an increase in commercial activity, an increase in customers and an increase in residential serving businesses due to the work of the management staff as stated above.

**Total Estimate of Cost for 2021**

A breakdown of the total estimated 2021 budget is attached to this report as **Appendix A.**

**Method and Basis of Levying the Assessment**

The Method and Basis for levying the 2021 assessment remains the same as listed in the Management District Plan. Annual assessments are based upon an allocation of program costs and a calculation of assessable Lot square footage for two (2) Benefit Zones with differing rates depending on type and frequency of special benefit services provided for properties in each zone.

2021 assessment rates

Zone Lot Area rate

Zone 1 0.3870

Zone 2 0.1260

Non-Profit Parcels 0.0711

LA City Public Plaza 0.3466

**(There is a 5.0% CPI increase for 2021)**

**Surplus Revenues: \$260,098.51**

This rollover is due in large measure to temporary reductions in contracted Clean and Safe personnel. Services were not disrupted, we simply had to cover them with fewer people working staggered shifts due to Covid social distancing restrictions. Security personnel were no longer able to patrol in pairs. Maintenance personnel had to field 1-man trucks instead of 2-man trucks. These decisions were governed by CDC guidelines. And in the earliest days of the pandemic, it was too high a risk for sidewalk sweepers to be working next to homeless individuals who were not wearing masks. Therefore, sweeping had to be done by truck personnel as well. As more was learned about Covid exposure, and as mitigation measures such as plexiglass dividers could be placed in vehicles, the BID was able to gradually return Clean and Safe personnel back to normal levels. In 2021, these rollover funds will be spent on Clean and Safe services.

**Anticipated Deficit Revenues**

There are no deficit revenues that will be carried over to 2021.

**Contribution from Sources other than assessments: \$72,027.88**

General Benefit funds, Misc. Other Income, Prior Years' Delinquencies, Penalty and Interest Income



**APPENDIX A- TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES/EXPENDITURES FOR THE Downtown Industrial District BID- FY 2021**

	<b>Zone 1</b>	<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>Non-Profit Parcels</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b>2021 Assessments</b>	<b>\$1,704,075.91</b>	<b>\$496,689.30</b>	<b>\$88,634.41</b>	<b>\$2,289,399.62</b>	
<b>Estimated Carryover from 2020</b>	<b>\$193,599.93</b>	<b>\$56,428.83</b>	<b>\$10,069.75</b>	<b>\$260,098.51</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>\$53,612.74</b>	<b>\$15,626.58</b>	<b>\$2,788.56</b>	<b>\$72,027.88</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,951,288.58</b>	<b>\$568,744.71</b>	<b>\$101,492.72</b>	<b>\$2,621,526.01</b>	
<b>2021 Estimated Expenditures</b>					<b>Pct.</b>
<b>Clean and Safe</b>	<b>\$1,500,795.36</b>	<b>\$439,470.13</b>	<b>\$94,023.52</b>	<b>\$2,034,289.01</b>	<b>77.60%</b>
<b>Economic Development/Communication</b>	<b>\$203,035.24</b>	<b>\$59,453.76</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$262,489.00</b>	<b>10.01%</b>
<b>Management/City Fees/Delinquent Assessments</b>	<b>\$247,457.98</b>	<b>\$69,820.82</b>	<b>\$7,469.20</b>	<b>\$324,748.00</b>	<b>12.39%</b>
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,951,288.58</b>	<b>\$568,744.71</b>	<b>\$101,492.72</b>	<b>\$2,621,526.01</b>	<b>100%</b>