



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED NO CASH BID REQUEST

Requestor: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager, City of Evanston

Request: Approval of No Cash Bid Request

Location: City of Evanston

Volume and Property Index Number:

053, 10-13-203-021-0000; 053, 10-13-203-024-0000; 053, 10-13-204-021-0000; 053, 10-13-204-022-0000; 053, 10-13-204-023-0000; 054, 10-13-406-018-0000; 054, 10-13-407-015-0000; 054, 10-13-413-011-0000.

Summary: The City of Evanston is interested in participating in the 2017 No Cash Bid Program to acquire tax delinquent vacant land that will be redeveloped as affordable housing and green space in west Evanston based on the West Evanston Master Plan (WEMP) that was generated following a robust community engagement process and approved by the Evanston City Council. This Request Package contains eight (8) PINs that are listed in order by volume number and PIN.

The first five PINs comprise vacant land that was part of, or adjacent to, the former Mayfair railroad right of way between Foster and Simpson Streets and Ashland Avenue and Green Bay Road. Several parcels are buildable lots for affordable housing and others would be redeveloped as green space based on the WEMP. The last three PINs are segments of the former railroad right of way between Davis Street and the alley north of Grove Street that would be redeveloped as green space, including pedestrian and bike paths, with east-west pedestrian/bike connections at Davis and Grove Streets, which currently dead end near Evanston Township High School.

The City will file for tax exempt status on all of the parcels for as long as the City retains ownership. The City does not have an agreement with a third party to convey the parcels or for redevelopment at this time. The City will bear all legal costs and expenses to obtain the tax deed and clear title to the acquired parcels. The City agrees to submit to the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development an annual report on the status of the parcels acquired through the No Cash Bid program for five years or until development is completed, whichever occurs last.