ORDINANCE #65445
Board Bill No. 304

An ordinance affirming that the Redevelopment Area approved by Ordinance 63073, known as the Syndicate/Century ("Area") as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference, is a blighted area as defined in Section 99.320 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1994, as amended, (the "Statute" being Sections 99.300 to 99.715 inclusive), affirming that redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Area is in the interest of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people of the City; approving the Amended Blighting Study and Plan dated January 22, 2002 for the Area ("Amended Plan"), incorporated herein by Exhibit "B", pursuant to Section 99.430; finding that any property in the Area may be acquired by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Louis ("LCRA") through the exercise of eminent domain or otherwise; finding that the property within the Area is currently partially occupied, and the Redeveloper shall be responsible for providing relocation assistance pursuant to the Amended Plan to any eligible occupants displaced as a result of implementation of the Amended Plan; finding that financial aid may be necessary to enable the Area to be redeveloped in accordance with the Amended Plan; finding that there shall be available up to ten (10) year real estate tax abatement; and pledging cooperation of the Board of Aldermen and requesting various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City to cooperate and exercise their respective powers in a manner consistent with the Plan.

WHEREAS, there is a need for the LCRA, a public body corporate and politic created under Missouri law, to undertake the development of the above described Area as a Land Clearance Project under said Statute, pursuant to plans by or presented to the LCRA under Section 99.430.1 (4); and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 63073, this Board found the property located in the Syndicate/Century Area to be a "blighted area" as defined in Section 99.320 (3) of the Statute and said property remains blighted; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 63073, this Board also approved a Redevelopment Plan for the Area, dated September 21, 1993; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest to amend the Redevelopment Plan approved by Ordinance 63073 by modifying the Plan to allow for residential use of the property in addition to commercial and parking use and to authorize and permit the demolition of the Century Building if its demolition is needed to provide a site for a parking garage to serve the renovated Syndicate Trust Building and other projects in the Old Post Office District; and

WHEREAS, the LCRA has recommended such an amended plan to the Planning Commission of the City of St. Louis (“Planning Commission”) and to this St. Louis Board of Aldermen ("Board"), titled "Amended Blighting Study and Plan for the Syndicate/Century Area," dated September 21, 1993, amended January 22, 2002, consisting of a Title Page, a Table of Contents Page, and fourteen (14) numbered pages, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B" ("Amended Plan"); and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Statute, and of the federal financial assistance statutes, it is required that this Board take such actions as may be required to approve the Amended Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that a public body, the LCRA, undertake and administer the Plan in the Area; and

WHEREAS, the LCRA and the Planning Commission have made and presented to this Board the studies and statements required to be made and submitted by Section 99.430 and this Board has been fully apprised by the LCRA and the Planning Commission of the facts and is fully aware of the conditions in the Area; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Plan has been presented and recommended by LCRA and the Planning Commission to this Board for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, a general plan has been prepared and is recognized and used as a guide for the general development of the City and the Planning Commission has advised this Board that the Plan conforms to said general plan; and

WHEREAS, this Board has duly considered the reports, recommendations and certifications of the LCRA and the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Plan does prescribe land use and street and traffic patterns which may require, among other things, the vacation of public rights-of-way, the establishment of new street and sidewalk patterns or other public actions; and

WHEREAS, this Board is cognizant of the conditions which are imposed on the undertaking and carrying out of a redevelopment project, including those relating to prohibitions against discrimination because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, marital status, age, sexual orientation or physical handicap; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Section 99.430 of the Statute, this Board advertised that a public hearing would be held by this Board on the Amended Plan, and said hearing was held at the time and place designated in said advertising and all those who were interested in being heard were given a reasonable opportunity to express their views; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Board take appropriate official action respecting the approval of the Amended Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. The finding of the Board of Aldermen, by St. Louis Ordinance 63073, that certain property described therein (and described herein as Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein) is a blighted area, as defined in Section 99.320(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1994, as amended (the "Statute" being Section 99.300 to 99.715 inclusive, as amended) is hereby confirmed.

SECTION TWO. The redevelopment of the Area as described in Exhibit "A", as provided by the Statute, is necessary and in the public interest, and is in the interest of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people of the City.

SECTION THREE. The Area qualifies as a redevelopment area in need of redevelopment under the provision of the Statute, and the Area is blighted as defined in Section 99.320 of the Statute.

SECTION FOUR. The Amended Blighting Study and Plan for the Area, amended January 22, 2002 ("Amended Plan") having been duly reviewed and considered, is hereby approved and incorporated herein by reference, and the President or Clerk of this St. Louis Board of Aldermen ("Board") is hereby directed to file a copy of said Amended Plan with the Minutes of this meeting.

SECTION FIVE. The Amended Plan for the Area is feasible and conforms to the general plan for the City.

SECTION SIX. The financial aid provided and to be provided for financial assistance pertaining to the Area is necessary to enable the redevelopment activities to be undertaken in accordance with the Amended Plan for the Area, and the proposed financing plan for the Area is feasible.

SECTION SEVEN. The Amended Plan for the Area will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the City as a whole, for the redevelopment of the Area by private enterprise, and private developments to be sought pursuant to the requirements of the Statute.

SECTION EIGHT. The Amended Plan for the Area provides that the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Louis ("LCRA") may acquire any property in the Area by the exercise of eminent domain or otherwise**.**

SECTION NINE. The property within the Area is currently partially occupied. All eligible occupants displaced by the Redeveloper ("Redeveloper" being defined in Section Thirteen, below) shall be given relocation assistance by the Redeveloper at its expense, in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations and policies.

SECTION TEN. The Amended Plan for the Area gives due consideration to the provision of adequate public facilities.

SECTION ELEVEN. In order to implement and facilitate the effectuation of the Amended Plan hereby approved it is found and determined that certain official actions must be taken by this Board and accordingly this Board hereby:

(a) Pledges its cooperation in helping to carry out the Amended Plan;

(b) Requests the various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City, which have administrative responsibilities, likewise to cooperate to such end and to execute their respective functions and powers in a manner consistent with the Amended Plan; and

(c) Stands ready to consider and take appropriate action upon proposals and measures designed to effectuate the

Amended Plan.

SECTION TWELVE. All parties participating as owners or purchasers of property in the Area for redevelopment ("Redeveloper") shall agree for themselves and their heirs, successors and assigns that they shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, marital status, age, sexual orientation or physical handicap in the sale, lease, or rental of any property or improvements erected or to be in the Area or any part thereof and those covenants shall run with the land, shall remain in effect without limitation of time, shall be made part of every contract for sale, lease, or rental of property to which Redeveloper is a party, and shall be enforceable by the LCRA, the City and the United States of America.

SECTION THIRTEEN. In all contracts with private and public parties for redevelopment of any portion of the Area, all Redevelopers shall agree:

(a) To use the property in accordance with the provisions of the Amended Plan, and be bound by the conditions and procedures set forth therein and in this Ordinance;

(b) That in undertaking construction under the agreement with the LCRA and the Amended Plan, bona fide Minority Business Enterprise ("MBE's") and Women Business Enterprise ("WBE's") will be solicited and fairly considered for contracts, subcontracts and purchase orders;

(c) To be bound by the conditions and procedures regarding the utilization of MBE's and WBE's established by the Community Development Commission of the City;

(d) To adhere to the requirements of the Executive Order of the Mayor of the City, dated July 24, 1997.

(e) To comply with the requirements of Ordinance No. 60275 of the City;

(f) To cooperate with those programs and methods supplied by the City with the purpose of accomplishing, pursuant to this paragraph, minority and women subcontractors and material supplier participation in the construction under this Agreement. The Redeveloper will report semi-annually during the construction period the results of its endeavors under this paragraph, to the Office of the Mayor and the President of this Board; and

(g) That the language of this Section Fourteen shall be included in its general construction contract and other construction contracts let directly by Redeveloper.

The term MBE shall mean a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, profit or non-profit organization owned, operated and controlled by minority group members who have at least fifty-one percent (51%) ownership. The minority group member(s) must have operational and management control and interest in capital and earnings commensurate with their percentage of ownership. The term Minority Group Member(s) shall mean persons legally residing in the United States who are Black, Hispanic, Native American (American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut or Native Hawaiian), Asian Pacific American (persons with origins from Japan, China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Korea, Samoa, Guam, U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Laos, Cambodia or Taiwan) or Asian Indian American (persons with origins from India, Pakistan or Bangladesh). The term WBE shall mean a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, profit or non-profit organization owned, operated and controlled by a woman or women who have at least fifty-one percent (51%) ownership. The woman or women must have operational and managerial control and interest in capital and earnings commensurate with their percentage of ownership.

The term "Redeveloper" as used in this Section shall include its successors in interest and assigns.

SECTION FOURTEEN. The Redeveloper may seek ten (10) year real estate tax abatement pursuant to Sections 99.700 - 99.715, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1994, as amended, upon application as provided therein. Such real estate tax abatement shall not include any Special Business District taxes which may be assessed for the property located in a Special Business District.

In lieu of the ten (10) year abatement outlined above, a Redeveloper which is an urban redevelopment corporation formed pursuant to Chapter 353 of the Missouri Statutes shall hereby be entitled to real property ad valorem tax abatement which shall not include any Special Business District taxes which may be assessed for the property located in a Special Business District for a total period of up to ten (10) years from the commencement of such tax abatement, in accordance with the following provisions:

If property in the Area is sold by the LCRA to an urban redevelopment corporation formed pursuant to Chapter 353 of the

Missouri Statutes, or if any such corporation shall own property within the Area, then for the first ten (10) years after the date the redevelopment corporation shall acquire title to such property, taxes on such property shall be based upon the assessment of land, exclusive of any improvements thereon, during the calendar year preceding the calendar year during which such corporation shall have acquired title to such property. In addition to such taxes, any such corporation shall for the same ten (10) year period make a payment in lieu of taxes to the Collector of Revenue of the City of St. Louis in an amount based upon the assessment on the improvements located on the property during the calendar year preceding the calendar year during which such corporation shall have acquired title to such property. If property shall be tax-exempt because it is owned by the LCRA and leased to any such corporation, then such corporation for the first ten (10) years of such lease shall make payments in lieu of taxes to the Collector of Revenue of the City in an amount based upon the assessment on the property, including land and improvements, during the calendar year preceding the calendar year during which such corporation shall lease such property.

Thereafter any such corporation shall pay the full amount of taxes.

All payments in lieu of taxes shall be a lien upon the property and, when paid to the Collector of Revenue of the City shall be distributed as all other property taxes. These partial tax relief and payment in lieu of taxes provisions, during up to said ten (10) year period, shall inure to the benefit of all successors in interest in the property of the redevelopment corporation, so long as such successors shall continue to use such property as provided in this Plan and in any contract with the LCRA.

In no event shall such benefits extend beyond ten (10) years after the redevelopment corporation shall have acquired title to the property.

SECTION FIFTEEN. Any proposed modification which will substantially change the Amended Plan, shall be approved by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen in the same manner as the Amended Plan was first approved. Modifications which will substantially change the Amended Plan include, but are not necessarily limited to, modifications on the use of eminent domain, to the length of tax abatement, to the boundaries of the Area, or to other items which alter the nature or intent of the Amended Plan.

The Amended Plan may be otherwise modified (e.g. urban design regulations, development schedule) by the LCRA, provided that such revisions shall be effective only upon the consent of the Planning Commission of the City. Changes which are not substantial are those that do not go to the crux of the Amended Plan.

SECTION SIXTEEN. The sections of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any section of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining sections of this Ordinance are valid, unless the court finds the valid sections of the Ordinance are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void section that it cannot be presumed that this Board would have enacted the valid sections without the void ones, or unless the court finds that the valid sections standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

EXHIBIT "A"

Syndicate/Century Area
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A tract of land being all of Block 273 of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northern line of Olive Street, 60 feet wide, at its intersection with the eastern line of Tenth Street, 60 feet wide, said point being the southwest corner of Block 273; thence northwardly along said eastern street line, 228.48 feet to its intersection with the southern line of Locust Street, 60 feet wide, said point being the northwest corner of Block 273; thence eastwardly along said southern street line, 270.17 feet to its intersection with the western line of Ninth Street, 60 feet wide, said point being the northeast corner of Block 273; thence southwardly along said western street line 228.40 feet to its intersection with the northern line of Olive Street, as aforementioned, said point being the southeast corner of Block 273; thence westwardly along said northern street line270.17 feet to the point of beginning

EXHIBIT "B"
Form: 01/14/02

BLIGHTING STUDY AND PLAN
FOR THE
SYNDICATE/CENTURY AREA
PROJECT #489
LAND CLEARANCE FOR REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
September 21, 1993
Amended January 22, 2002

MAYOR
FRANCIS SLAY

BLIGHTING STUDY AND PLAN FOR
SYNDICATE/CENTURY AREA

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A. EXISTING CONDITIONS AND FINDINGS OF BLIGHT

1. DELINEATION OF BOUNDARIES

The Syndicate/Century Area ("Area") encompasses approximately 1.4 acres in the Old Post Office District of the Downtown neighborhood of the City of St. Louis ("City") and is bounded by 9th St. on the east, Olive St on the south, 10th St. on the west and Locust St. on the north.

The legal description of the Area is attached and labeled Exhibit "A". The boundaries of the Area are delineated on Exhibit "B" ("Project Area Plan").

2. GENERAL CONDITION OF THE AREA

The Area comprises all of City Block 273 and includes the following addresses: 900-24 Locust, 301-23 N. 9th St., 901-23 Olive St. and 300-24 N. 10th St. The Area is in poor condition. The physical conditions within the Area are shown on Exhibit "B" (Project Area Plan). For the purpose of this Plan, "Fair Condition" means (1) property that is generally structurally sound but suffers from inadequate maintenance and upkeep, or (2) vacant unimproved property that is under-utilized. "Poor Condition" means (1) buildings that are structurally unsound and/or substantially deteriorated, requiring major improvements such as new roofs, windows, systems, etc., in order to be used productively, or (2) property without buildings which is poorly maintained, has crumbling pavement, and/or is used for open storage.

Unemployment figures, computed by the Missouri State Employment Service, indicate a 7.8% unemployment rate for the City as of November, 2001. It is estimated that this rate is prevalent for residents of the neighborhoods surrounding the Area.

There are currently approximately 20 jobs within the Area.

3. PRESENT LAND USE OF THE AREA

Existing land uses within the Area include the totally unoccupied Syndicate Trust Office Building and the

Century Office Building which is occupied only by a first floor tenant.

The land use, including the location of public and private uses, streets and other rights-of-way is shown on Exhibit "B".

4. PRESENT LAND USE AND DENSITY OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES

The properties surrounding the Area are primarily used for commercial purposes.

Residential density for the surrounding neighborhoods is approximately 1.25 persons per acre.

5. CURRENT ZONING

The Area is zoned "I" Central Business District pursuant to the Zoning Code of the City, which is incorporated in this Plan by reference.

6. FINDING OF BLIGHT

The property within the Area is almost completely unoccupied and in poor condition (as defined in Section A(2) above). The existence of deteriorated property constitutes both an economic liability to the City of St. Louis and presents a hazard to the health and well-being of its citizens. These conditions, therefore, qualify the Area as blighted within the meaning of Section 99.300 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority Law).

B. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATIONS

1. DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of this Plan is to facilitate the development of the Area into productive commercial/residential/parking uses.

2. PROPOSED LAND USE OF THE AREA

The proposed land uses for the Area are commercial, residential and parking uses permitted in Areas designated "I" Central Business District by the City of St. Louis Zoning Code. Redevelopers authorized by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Louis ("LCRA") to develop property in the Area (hereafter referred to as "Redeveloper") shall not be permitted to use said property for the following:

adult bookstores, X-rated movie houses, auto and truck dealers (new or used), storefront churches, secondhand or junk shops, tattoo parlors, truck or other equipment rentals requiring outside storage, blood donor facilities, free standing package liquor stores or check cashing centers.

Exhibit "C" (Proposed Land Use) shows the proposed uses for the Area.

3. PROPOSED ZONING

The zoning for the Area can remain "I" Central Business District. All land coverage and building intensities shall be governed thereby.

4. RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL OBJECTIVES

The proposed land uses, zoning, public facilities and utility plans are appropriate and consistent with local objectives as defined by the General Plan of the City of St. Louis which includes the "Comprehensive City Plan" (1947), the "St. Louis Development Program" (1973), and the "Economic Development Strategy" (1978). Any specific proposal to the LCRA for development of the Area or any portion of the Area shall contain, among other things, adequate provisions for traffic, vehicular parking, safety from fire, adequate provisions for light and air, sound design and arrangement and improved employment opportunities.

5. PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT FOR THIS AREA

Approximately 25 to 500 new permanent jobs will be created if the Area is developed in accordance with this Plan. The exact number of jobs created will depend upon the specific nature of the proposed development.

6. CIRCULATION

The Proposed Land Use Plan (Exhibit "C") indicates the proposed circulation system for the Area. The layouts, levels and grades of all public rights-of-way may remain unchanged.

Rights-of-way changes will be subject to the review and approval of the City Department of Streets, and all vacations of rights-of-way are subject to approval by ordinance.

7. BUILDING AND SITE REGULATIONS

The Area shall be subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations and codes, including but not limited to, the City Building Code, Zoning District Regulations, and stipulations of the Planning and Urban Design Agency ("PDA") of the City. The population densities, land coverage, and building intensities of redevelopment shall be governed by the Zoning Code. No changes in the building codes or ordinances are required.

Each Redeveloper shall develop the Area in accordance with this Plan and the Redevelopment Agreement, and shall maintain all structures, equipment, paved areas, and landscaped areas controlled by the Redeveloper in good and safe order both inside and outside, structurally and otherwise, including necessary and proper painting. Failure to meet this requirement may result in suspension of tax abatement.

8. URBAN DESIGN

a. Urban Design Objectives

Upgrade the appearance, condition and function of this distinctive block and provide adequate parking to support the new uses. Any new structure on the site shall be consistent in terms of massing and design elements with other buildings in the Old Post Office District.

b. Urban Design Regulations

The exterior of the Syndicate Trust Building shall be carefully restored and made functional for intended new uses. The Century Building should be demolished if, in the sole discretion of the Board of Commissioners of the LCRA, its demolition is needed to provide a site for a parking garage to serve the Old Post Office Building, the renovated Syndicate Trust Building and other projects in the Old Post Office District.

c. Landscaping

The property shall be well-landscaped. Perimeter street trees of a minimum caliper of 2-1/2 inches and generally 30-35 feet on center, as determined by the Parks Department of the City depending upon tree type, utilities, curb cuts, etc., shall be provided along all public or private streets - preferably in tree lawns along the curb. Existing, healthy trees and shrubs shall be retained, if feasible.

9. PARKING REGULATIONS

Parking shall be provided by a parking garage to be constructed on the site of the Century Building pursuant to paragraph B.8.b and/or by parking within one of the buildings in the Area, in accordance with the applicable zoning and building code requirements of the City, including PDA standards. This will provide adequate vehicular parking for the Area.

All permanent at-grade parking areas shall be screened on street-facing sides with a decorative wall and/or fence

of masonry, cast metal, wrought iron, or a combination thereof, with eight foot masonry piers capped with appropriate stone material located at gates, corners and every twenty-five (25) feet along the perimeter. All such cast metal or wrought iron fencing must be planted with a continuous evergreen hedge at least two and one-half (2-1/2) feet high on planting and which is maintained at a minimum height of three and one-half (3-1/2) feet at maturity.

If parking lots exceed twenty-five (25) spaces, three percent (3%) of the interior of the parking lots shall be landscaped with trees, at least two and one-half (2-1/2) inch caliper in size on planting. These trees shall be planted on islands, the largest dimension of which shall be at least five (5) feet, planted with low-lying ground cover or other plant material.

10. SIGN REGULATIONS

All new signs shall be limited as set out in the City Code, PDA stipulations, this Plan and contracts between the LCRA and the Redeveloper. A uniform signage plan must be prepared by the Redeveloper for the entire project. All new signs shall be restricted to those identifying the names and/or business of the person or firm occupying the premises.

New wall signs shall not obstruct any architectural building elements, and shall project no more than eighteen (18) inches from the face of the building: **Upper Level** signage shall be located just below or above the top floor windows facing in any direction regardless of street orientation, shall not exceed 2% of the area of the façade on which it appears nor have letters more than one foot in height for each ten foot (10') of building height provided that the maximum shall be ten foot (10') high letters (i.e. maximum sign letter height on a fifty foot (50') high building shall be five feet (5'). **Pedestrian level** signage shall be below the second floor window sill of a structure and/or above the store front windows or on the sides of building perpendicular to the street. The total pedestrian level signage per business per façade shall be the lessor of fifty (50) sq. ft. on ten percent (10%) of the ground floor façade area.

Canvas awnings with signs are permitted, provided they are compatible with the overall design and architectural details of the building upon which they are to be placed and are placed neatly within the window or door opening. Signage on awnings may be located on the sloping portion of the canvas awning, on the front of a canopy or on the awning valance. In no case shall signage be allowed on both an awning and a building for the same business. Logos and graphic elements may be up to ten (10) sq. ft. in size (depending on the size of the awning), while names or brand copy shall be in proportion to the size of the awning, but in no case shall lettering be more than twelve inches (12") high.

Businesses having more than 40,000 square feet of ground floor area may have signs proportionately larger than the maximum size set out in this section, provided that the LCRA confirms that there is need based upon the use, location, or siting of the building.

Painted wall signs, roof signs, pole signs, monument signs, moving signs, animated or flashing signs, or permanent or portable message board signs shall not be permitted in the Area, and no regular or mini billboards (free standing or mounted on structures) shall be erected or maintained in the area, except that construction and leasing signs may be maintained during construction and for a period of one (1) year after completion of improvements on any respective parcel or part thereof.

11. BUILDING, CONDITIONAL USE AND SIGN PERMITS

No building, conditional use, or sign permits shall be issued by the City without the prior written approval of the LCRA.

12. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

No additional schools, parks, recreational and community facilities or other public facilities will be required. Additional water, sewage or other public utilities may be required depending on development. The cost of such utility improvements will be borne by the Redeveloper.

If funds are available to the LCRA, it may provide public improvements including, but not limited to, measures for the control of traffic, improvements to street lighting, street trees, and any other improvements which may further the objectives of this Plan.

When developed in accordance with this Plan, the Area will comprise a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development that promotes the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, the general welfare, efficiency and economy of the City.

C. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT

The implementation of this Plan shall take place either in a single phase initiated within approximately two (2) years of approval of this amended Plan by ordinance and completed within approximately five (5) years of approval of this Plan by ordinance or in two phases, with the first phase initiated within approximately two (2) years of approval of this amended Plan by ordinance and completed with approximately five (5) years of approval of this amended Plan by ordinance, and the second phase initiated within approximately three (3) years of approval of this amended Plan by ordinance and completed with approximately three (3) years thereafter.

The LCRA may alter the above schedule as economic conditions warrant.

D. EXECUTION OF PROJECT

1. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCING

The LCRA is empowered by Missouri law to administer development of all types pursuant to this Plan and can do so to the extent and in the manner prescribed by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority Law of Missouri.

Implementation of this Plan may be financed by funds obtained from private and/or public sources, including, without limitation, revenue bonds, bank loans, and equity funds provided by the Redeveloper.

2. PROPERTY ACQUISITION

The Property Acquisition Map, Exhibit "D" attached, identifies all the property located in the Area. The LCRA may acquire any property in the Area by the exercise of eminent domain or otherwise.

3. PROPERTY DISPOSITION

If the LCRA acquires property in the Area, it may sell or lease the property to a Redeveloper who shall agree to develop such property in accordance with this Plan and the contract between such Redeveloper and the LCRA or convey such property to an appropriate public body as defined in R.S.Mo 99 to be used for public purposes. Any property acquired by the LCRA and sold to a Redeveloper will be sold at not less than its fair value, taking into account and giving consideration to those factors enumerated in Section 99.450, R.S.Mo. (1986) as amended, for uses in accordance with this Plan.

4. RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

The property within the Area is currently partially occupied. All eligible occupants displaced as a result of the implementation of the Plan shall be given relocation assistance in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations and policies.

E. COOPERATION OF THE CITY

The City and its Board of Aldermen, by enacting an ordinance approving this Plan, pledges its cooperation to enable the project to be carried out in a timely manner and in accordance with this Plan.

F. TAX ABATEMENT

A Redeveloper may seek ten (10) year real estate tax abatement pursuant to Sections 99.700-99.715, Revised Statues of Missouri 1994, as amended, upon applications as provided therein. Such real estate tax abatement shall not include any Special Business District, Neighborhood Improvement District, Commercial Improvement District, or any other similar local taxing district created in accordance with Missouri law, whether now existing or later created.

In lieu of the ten (10) year abatement outlined above, a Redeveloper which is an urban redevelopment corporation formed pursuant to Chapter 353 of the Missouri Statutes shall hereby be entitled to real property ad valorem tax abatement, which shall not include any Special Business District, Neighborhood Improvement District, Commercial Improvement District, or any other single local taxing district created in accordance with Missouri law, whether now existing or later created, for a total period of up to ten (10) years from the commencement of such tax abatement, in accordance with the following provisions of this Plan.

If property in the Area is sold by the LCRA to an urban redevelopment corporation formed pursuant to Chapter 353 of the Missouri Statutes, or if any such corporation shall own property within the Area, then for the first ten (10) years after the date the redevelopment corporation shall acquire title to such property, taxes on such property shall be based upon the assessment of land, exclusive of any improvements thereon, during the calendar year preceding the calendar year during which such corporation shall have acquired title to such property. In addition to such taxes, any such corporation shall for the same ten (10) year period make a payment in lieu of taxes to the Collector of Revenue of the City of St. Louis in an amount based upon the assessment on the improvements located on the property during the calendar year preceding the calendar year during which such corporation shall have acquired title to such property. If property shall be tax-exempt because it is owned by the LCRA and leased to any such corporation, then such corporation for the first ten (10) years of such lease shall make payments in lieu of taxes to the Collector of Revenue of the City in an amount based upon the assessment on the property, including land and improvements, during the calendar year preceding the calendar year during which such corporation shall lease such property.

All payments in lieu of taxes shall be a lien upon the property and, when paid to the Collector of Revenue of the City shall be distributed as all other property taxes. These partial tax relief and payment in lieu of taxes provisions, during up to said ten (10) year period, shall inure to the benefit of all successors in interest in the property of the redevelopment corporation, so long as such successors shall continue to use such property as provided in this Plan and in any contract with the LCRA. In no event shall such benefits extend beyond ten (10) years after the redevelopment corporation shall have acquired title to the property.

G. COMPLIANCE WITH AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS

1. LAND USE

The Redeveloper shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation or physical handicap in the lease, sale or occupancy of the Area.

2. CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

A Redeveloper shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation or physical handicap in the construction and operation of any project in the Area and shall take such affirmative action as may be appropriate to afford opportunities to everyone in all activities of the project, including enforcement, contracting, operating and purchasing.

3. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A Redeveloper shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, executive orders and regulations regarding nondiscrimination and affirmative action, including the City Guidelines for Maximum Utilization of Minority Enterprises dated January 1, 1981, as may be amended, and the "Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Guidelines" in Exhibit "E", attached.

4. ENFORCEMENT

All of the provisions of this Section G shall be incorporated in a Contract between the LCRA and a Redeveloper, which agreement shall be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds. The provisions of G (1) and G (3) shall be covenants running with the land, without limitation as to time, and the provisions of G (2) shall be for the duration of this Plan and any extension thereof.

All of the provisions of Section G shall be enforceable against the Redeveloper, its heirs, successors or assigns, by the LCRA, the City, any state having jurisdiction or the United States of America.

H. MODIFICATIONS OF THIS PLAN

Any proposed modification which will substantially change this Plan shall be approved by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen in the same manner as this Plan was first approved. Modifications which will substantially change this Plan include, but are not necessarily limited to, modifications on the use of eminent domain, to the length of tax abatement, to the boundaries of the Area, or other items which alter the nature or intent of this Plan.

This Plan may be otherwise modified (e.g. urban design regulations, development schedule) by the LCRA, provided that such revisions shall be effective only upon the consent of the Planning Commission of the City. Changes which are not substantial are those that do not go to the crux of this Plan.

I. DURATION OF REGULATION AND CONTROLS

The regulation and controls set forth in this Plan shall be in full force and effect for twenty-five years commencing with the effective date of approval of this Plan by ordinance, and for additional ten (10) year periods unless before the commencement of any such ten (10) year period the Board of Aldermen shall terminate this Plan as of the end of the term then in effect, except as provided in Section G (4) of this Plan.

J. EXHIBITS

All attached exhibits are hereby incorporated by reference into this Plan and made a part hereof.

K. SEVERABILITY

The elements of this Plan satisfy all requirements of state and local laws. Should any provisions of this Plan be held invalid by a final determination of a court of law, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby, and shall remain in full force and effect.

EXHIBIT "A"

Syndicate/Century Area
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A tract of land being all of Block 273 of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northern line of Olive Street, 60 feet wide, at its intersection with the eastern line of Tenth Street, 60 feet wide, said point being the southwest corner of Block 273; thence northwardly along said eastern street line, 228.48 feet to its intersection with the southern line of Locust Street, 60 feet wide, said point being the northwest corner of Block 273; thence eastwardly along said southern street line, 270.17 feet to its intersection with the western line of Ninth Street, 60 feet wide, said point being the northeast corner of Block 273; thence southwardly along said western street line 228.40 feet to its intersection with the northern line of Olive Street, as aforementioned, said point being the southeast corner of Block 273; thence westwardly along said northern street line270.17 feet to the point of beginning

See attached Exhibits B, C & D

EXHIBIT "E"
FORM: 08/02/99

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION GUIDELINES

In any contract for work in connection with the redevelopment of any property in the Area, the Redeveloper (which term shall include Redeveloper, any designees, successors and assigns thereof, any entity formed to implement the project of which the Redeveloper is affiliated), its contractors and subcontractors shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, or regulations governing equal opportunity and nondiscrimination (Laws). Moreover, the Redeveloper shall contractually require its contractors and subcontractors to comply with such laws.

The Redeveloper and its contractor will not contract or subcontract with any party known to have been found in violation of any such laws, ordinances, regulations or these guidelines.

The Redeveloper shall fully comply with Executive Order #28 dated July 24, 1997 relating to minority and women-owned business participation in City contracts.

The Redeveloper agrees for itself and its successors and assigns, that there shall be covenants to ensure that there shall be no discrimination on the part of the Redeveloper, its successors or assigns upon the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, marital status, age, sexual orientation or physical handicap in the sale, lease, rental, use or occupancy of any property, or any improvements erected or to be erected in the Area or any part thereof, and those covenants shall run with the land and shall be enforceable by the LCRA, the City, and the United States of America, as their interests may appear in the project.

The Redeveloper shall fully comply (and ensure compliance by "anchor tenants") with the provisions of St. Louis City Ordinance #60275 which is codified at Chapter 3.09 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of St. Louis.

Approved: March 18, 2002

ORDINANCE NO. 65445 - EXHIBIT B

ORDINANCE NO. 65445 - EXHIBIT C

ORDINANCE NO. 65445 - EXHIBIT D