#### Memorandum



October 2, 2015 DATE

Housing Committee Members: Scott Griggs, Chair, Carolyn King Arnold, TO Vice-Chair, Monica R. Alonzo, Tiffinni A. Young, Mark Clayton, and Casey Thomas, II

Land Bank Program Expansion SUBJECT

> On Monday, October 5, 2015, you will be briefed on the Land Bank Program Expansion. A copy of the briefing is attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Theresa O'Donnell

Chief Resilience Officer

c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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# LAND BANK PROGRAM EXPANSION

A Briefing to the Housing Committee

Housing/Community Services Department October 5, 2015



## **PURPOSE**

Provide follow-up discussion regarding recommended Land Bank Program expansion to include single family home development.

## BACKGROUND

- On September 21, 2015, the Housing Committee received a briefing on the Land Bank Program
- Recommendations from Neighborhood Plus and the Center for Community Progress are to expand the Land Bank Program
  - + Neighborhood Plus Strategic Goal: Fight Blight
  - + Action: Enable greater flexibility to acquire, sell, and redevelop land bank and City owned property
- Suggested activities include:
  - + Acquisition
  - + Assemblage
  - + Development
  - + Sales

#### LAND BANK PROGRAM

- Lot sizes range from 7,500-8,000 sq. ft.
- × Infill
  - + Most inventory is in Districts 4 & 7
  - + District 7 has had more sales than District 4
- Average sales price of homes is \$120,000
- Average square footage of homes is 1,500
- Typical homebuyer purchasing infill units
  - + Average household size is four (4) persons
  - + Average income is approximately \$40,000 per household
  - + Ethnicity is approximately 60% Hispanic and 40% African American
  - + Age of head of household is 35 years old

#### LAND BANK LOT





### HOMES BUILT



#### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

- City received \$1.5M in program income from the sale of homes built with HOME Investment Partnership Funds
- HOME funds must benefit persons at or below 80% AMFI
- Maximum subsidy per unit is \$198,590
- Maximum sales price is \$271,050
- These funds can be contracted to the Dallas Housing Acquisition Development Corporation (Land Bank) to build on vacant land bank lots
- Homebuyers would also be eligible to apply for Mortgage Assistance of up to \$20,000

#### PROJECT COST SCENARIO

1500 sq. ft. x \$100 per sq. ft.

= \$150,000	Hard Cost Construction	
+ \$5,000	Land Costs	
+ \$17,000	Soft Costs	
= \$172,000	Total Costs	
- \$120,000	Sales Price	
= \$52,000	Per unit subsidy	

Note: soft costs include: environmental review, permit fees, transaction and real estate fees

## LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME BUYER

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Family Size	80% of AMFI	Income per Month	30% of income paid for housing	40% of income paid for housing	45% of income paid for housing
1	\$39,450	\$3,287	\$986/mo	\$1,314/mo	\$1,479/mo
2	\$45,050	\$3,754	\$1,126/mo	\$1,501/mo	\$1,689/mo
3	\$50,700	\$4,225	\$1,267/mo	\$1,690/mo	\$1,901/mo
4	\$56,300	\$4,691	\$1,407/mo	\$1,876/mo	\$2,110/mo

# NEXT STEPS

- October 2015
  - + Council approval of contract with Dallas Housing Acquisition and Development Corporation (DHADC) for \$1,500,000 for development of ten (10) single family homes
  - + Select ten (10) Land Bank lots from current inventory in Council District 4
  - + Begin environmental review on lots to obtain clearance from HUD
- November 2015 Request applications from builders
- December 2015 Review plans & select builder(s)
- January 2016
  - + Sign agreements with builders
  - + Start predevelopment on construction
  - + Begin marketing homes
- April 2016 Expected first sales