CITY COUNCIL ITEM **COMMUNICATION:** OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA 00-073 **SYNOPSIS** -**AGENDA:** An analysis of the health of the Charter Neighborhoods and recommendation that all Charter Neighborhoods continue to be FEBRUARY 21, 2000 classified as Charter Neighborhoods. **SUBJECT: FISCAL IMPACT -**HEALTH OF THE No new impacts other than existing programmed Capital CHARTER **Improvements NEIGHBORHOODS RECOMMENDATION -TYPE:** Approval. **RESOLUTION ORDINANCE** RECEIVE/FILE **BACKGROUND** -In 1996 Council adopted a resolution to create a new **SUBMITTED BY:** classification for neighborhoods that had graduated out of the "Designated Neighborhood" phase of the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Program. This newly created "Charter JIM GRANT.

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Neighborhood" classification was put in place to recognize the achievements of those neighborhoods and methods for periodically analyzing the health of the Charter Neighborhoods.

Staff from the City's Neighborhood Development Division of the Community Development Department worked with the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) and the individual neighborhoods to analyze the health of each neighborhood.

The analysis of the neighborhood utilized certain "indicators" that could be measured over time to gauge the health of the neighborhoods. There are nine indicators. These indicators include housing conditions, sales activity and owneroccupied/rental mix to name three. Please refer to the Roll Call attachments for further information concerning the analysis of the Charter Neighborhoods. After several public meetings with representatives from the Charter Neighborhoods and the Evaluation Subcommittee of the NRB a recommendation was forwarded to the February 2, 2000 meeting of the NRB. At this meeting the NRB recommended approval of the subcommittee and staff finding that the Charter Neighborhoods had been successful in maintaining their health and should remain classified as Charter Neighborhoods.

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