

★ Roll Call Number

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Date March 9, 2015

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY
COMMUNITY HOUSING INITIATIVES FOR FUNDING OF A PROPOSED HOUSING
REHABILITATION INITIATIVE IN THE EAST BANK NEIGHBORHOODS**

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2014, by Roll Call Nos. 14-0606 and 14-0607, the City Council approved the Capitol East Neighborhood Plan Update and the Capitol Park Neighborhood Plan Update, respectively, as elements of the Des Moines 2020 Community Character Land Use Plan; and,

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1227, the City Council approved the Martin Luther King Jr. Park Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and adopted it as an element of, and amendment to, the Des Moines 2020 Community Character Land Use Plan; and,

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1643, the City Council approved the Viva East Bank! Memoranda of Understanding, whereby the City agreed to provide City staff resources to the Partners Coalition and Steering Committee of the Viva East Bank! multi-sector coalition formed for implementation of the neighborhood plans for Capitol East, Capitol Park and Martin Luther King Jr. Park, collectively known as the East Bank neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, Community Housing Initiatives is a non-profit organization that cultivates opportunities for vibrant neighborhoods and communities through housing and development activities, and which is a partner in the Viva East Bank! coalition; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) and Wells Fargo have partnered to create the CommunityWins grant opportunity which funds non-profit initiatives or programs that address neighborhood stabilization, economic development, or job creation, and which offers a limited number of grants in amounts ranging from \$50,000-150,000 for a city of Des Moines' size; and,

WHEREAS, the USCM and Wells Fargo have allocated \$3 million for the CommunityWins program over the next three years; and,

WHEREAS, Community Housing Initiatives will be submitting a grant application to the USCM and Wells Fargo to aid in funding a proposed housing rehabilitation initiative in the East Bank neighborhoods, which initiative will assist in implementing the above-referenced East Bank Neighborhood Plan Updates; and,

WHEREAS, the CommunityWins grant application requires support from the Mayor as a member of the United States Conference of Mayors.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a letter of support or similar document, on behalf of the City, to provide support for Community Housing Initiatives' grant application to the United States Conference of Mayors and Wells Fargo for funding of a proposed housing rehabilitation initiative in the East Bank neighborhoods.

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

(Council Communication No. 15-115)

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

| COUNCIL ACTION | YEAS | NAYS | PASS | ABSENT |
|----------------|------|------|------|--------|
| COWNIE | ✓ | | | |
| COLEMAN | ✓ | | | |
| GATTO | ✓ | | | |
| GRAY | ✓ | | | |
| HENSLEY | ✓ | | | |
| MAHAFFEY | ✓ | | | |
| MOORE | ✓ | | | |
| TOTAL | 7 | | | |

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

T. M. Franklin Council Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk