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Date June 22, 2015

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY PROGRESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has acknowledged that vacant and blighted properties are an issue citywide and pose a significant threat to some neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-0734, the City of Des Moines endorsed the Capital Crossroads Capital Core Neighborhood Improvement Implementation Plan, which lists proactively addressing blighted residential properties and revitalizing neighborhood commercial areas as two of five strategic initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Community Progress, a national non-profit organization solely dedicated to helping communities develop solutions to address blighted, vacant, and other problem properties, is seeking applications from public entities that want to assess, reform, develop, and/or implement systems to address the issue of vacant and blighted properties in their community; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Community Progress will select up to four communities to receive up to 200 donated hours of technical assistance in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City will request assistance to investigate the root causes leading to vacant and blighted properties in Des Moines, including an assessment of current local policies, systems and practices, and recommend an implementation plan for more effectively and efficiently addressing the issue.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the Community Development Department is authorized and directed to submit an application to the Center for Community Progress's Technical Assistance Scholarship Program.

(Council Communication No. 15-344)

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

MOVED BY Gatto TO ADOPT.

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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.

Y. M. Franklin Council Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk