

RESOLUTION

BY: COUNCIL MEMBER _____

WHEREAS, The City is experiencing severe and widespread blight: nearly one-third of the City's 139 square miles is empty or unused and approximately one-fifth of the City's housing stock is vacant. The City has determined that this blight is an ongoing health and safety risk to every resident, fosters and facilitates crime and unemployment, encourages resident flight from the City, depresses property values, and discourages investment in the City; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Land Bank Authority's property inventory is already large and is steadily increasing due to additional property transfers from the Michigan Land Bank as well as the City of Detroit Planning and Development Department; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Land Bank was created in order to assemble or dispose of vacant, tax foreclosed, and public property in a coordinated manner to foster the development of that property and to promote economic growth in the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Nonprofit faith based and community development organizations are strong and committed partners in the City's future, whether through blight removal, redevelopment, or engaging and serving residents; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit Land Bank Authority believes that in order to speed the reuse of abandoned property in the City of Detroit, partnerships with nonprofit faith based or community development organizations are essential; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Detroit City Council supports and approves the Detroit Land Bank Authority's Nonprofit Faith Based and Community Development Organization Partnership Policy dated July 1, 2014. Any changes made to that policy will be brought back to the Detroit City Council for approval.