



## DEPARTMENTAL SUBMISSION

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development

FILE NUMBER: Planning & Development-0472

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**\* RE:**

Submitting reso. autho. Sale of Wayne County Tax Foreclosed Occupied Homes to the United Community Housing Coalition

**\* SUMMARY:**

The City of Detroit ("City") has an annual right of refusal to acquire tax foreclosed property from Wayne County ("County") upon payment of a minimum bid or fair market value as determined by the County pursuant to the Act. Such right of refusal allows the City to acquire tax foreclosed properties prior to any sale by the County through auction.

In 2017, the City and the United Community Housing Coalition ("UCHC"), a Michigan nonprofit corporation that specializes in homeless prevention and has worked with the City through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding programs to provide tenants with eviction and other landlord/tenant related assistance, homeless individuals/families with housing assistance and homeowners with mortgage, tax foreclosure and other housing support, partnered to create the "Make it Home" Program, a pilot program to help stabilize Detroit neighborhoods by providing assistance to those who found themselves occupying a tax foreclosed home (the "Program"). Under the Program, the City acquires certain residential properties that are tax foreclosed by Wayne County and occupied by qualified Program participants vetted by the United Community Housing.

The City wishes to capitalize on the success of the Program by transferring to UCHC additional tax foreclosed residential properties acquired by the City under its 2023 right of refusal. UCHC will purchase the properties from the City at the City's acquisition cost.

The City of Detroit Planning and Development Department ("P&DD") requests the following: 1) authorization for the City to transfer the properties listed in Exhibit A to the Resolution (the "Properties") to UCHC for the Purchase Price listed in Exhibit A, 2) authorization for the City to utilize the purchase money from UCHC to acquire the Properties from the County under the City's 2023 right of refusal and 3) authorization for the City to acquire the Properties.

**\* RECOMMENDATION:**

Request that Resolution be forwarded to the Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee ("PED"), and then returned to the Council-of-the-Whole with a

formal recommendation for approval by PED. Request for approval at the Council-of-the-Whole with a Waiver.

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