



December 19, 2024

Honorable City Council
City of Detroit
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Abolishment of the Vernor Scotten Brownfield Redevelopment Plan

Dear Honorable Council Members:

The Vernor Scotten Brownfield Redevelopment Plan (the “Plan”) was approved by City Council on September 14, 2005. The legal descriptions for the subject Plan are attached (Exhibit A).

At the regularly scheduled October 23, 2024 DBRA Board of Directors meeting, DBRA staff recommended abolishment of the Plan on the basis that the project has been completed and the purposes for which the plan was established are accomplished in accordance with Section 14(8)(a) of Act 381. The DBRA subsequently adopted a resolution (Exhibit B) approving the abolishment of the Plan and authorizing the submission of a copy of its resolution to request that City Council adopt a resolution abolishing the Plan.

The DBRA, as authorized by City Council, sent a notification of abolishment of the Plan (Exhibit C) in accordance with Section 14(8)(b).

Authority's Request

The Authority is respectfully requesting the following action from the City Council:

- a.) January 7, 2025
Referral of the resolution abolishing the Plan to Detroit City Council Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee on January 9, 2025.
- b.) January 9, 2025
Consideration of the City Council's Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee to abolish the Plan and opportunity for the Developer to be heard during public comment.
- c.) January 14, 2025
City Council adoption of the Resolution (Exhibit D), abolishing the Plan.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kanalos
Authorized Agent

C: Detroit City Council
City Clerk
Lakisha Barclift
Jai Singletary
Raymond Scott
Brian Vosburg
Malik Washington

Exhibit A
Legal Descriptions of Plan to be Terminated

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Description of Eligible Property (Section 13 (1)(g))

The area comprising the eligible property consists of one (1) parcel, with two buildings, an approximately 14,400 square foot vacant mixed use building at 4200-22 W. Vernor Highway and an adjacent residential building at 1921-23 Scotten (the "Property"). The buildings are "Functionally Obsolete". Please note that this project has been referred in some documents as the LASED Partners I project.

The Vernor/Scotten Partners I project, a development of Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development ("LASED"), an area non-profit serving the community, being managed by Southwest Non Profit Housing Corporation, is proposed to be renovated for retail and residential uses. The project will have multiple storefronts on Vernor that will be marketed for retail/commercial tenants on the first floor and eight (8) residential apartments on the second floor of 4200-22 W. Vernor. The 1921-23 Scotten building will be renovated into four (4) residential units. Please note that while there are two buildings involved, both are on a single lot. The project will entail extensive systems replacement in both buildings including heat, plumbing and electrical. Life safety systems will be installed in both buildings. It is estimated that the total eligible investment will be approximately \$2 million.

Attachment A includes a site map of the eligible property parcel. The eligible property is generally located on the southwest side of Detroit, bounded by the property line to the north and west, Scotten to the east, and W. Vernor Highway to the south.

The eligible property will include all tangible personal property to be located on the real property. Parcel information is outlined below.

Address	4200-22 W. Vernor Highway and 1921-23 Scotten
Tax ID	Ward 14, Item 000366
Owner	LASED
Legal Description	N VERNOR HIGHWAY S 130 FT 5 SCOTTEN & LOVETTES SUB L1 P198 PLATS, W C R 14/34 100 X 130
Dimensions	100' X 130'

The parcels and all tangible personal property located thereon will comprise the eligible property and is referred to herein as the "Property."

Exhibit B
DBRA Resolution



CODE DBRA 24-10-99-03

VERNOR SCOTTEN BROWNFIELD PLAN: RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO ABOLISH PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the “DBRA”) was created pursuant to Michigan Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended (“Act 381”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Detroit (“City Council”) is the governing body (as that term is defined by Act 381) of the DBRA; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2005, the DBRA Board of Directors approved the Vernor Scotten Brownfield Plan (the “Plan”) and recommended the approval of the Plan to City Council; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2005, City Council approved the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 14(8)(a) of Act 381 of 1996, as amended, permits a governing body to abolish a brownfield plan when it finds that the purposes for which the plan was established are accomplished; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2017, City Council delegated developer termination notices to the DBRA; and

WHEREAS, the “developer” for the Plan is Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (the “Developer”); and

WHEREAS, the DBRA has determined that the project identified in the Plan has been completed and the purposes for which the Plan was established have been accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the DBRA Board of Directors desires to recommend abolishment of the Plan to City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, subject to the notice authority delegated to the DBRA by the City Council, the DBRA Board of Directors hereby authorizes a written termination notice to the Developer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the completion of the notice requirement described in Section 14(8)(b)(i) of Act 381 and the provision to the Developer of an opportunity to be heard at a public meeting pursuant to Section 14(8)(b)(ii) of Act 381, the DBRA Board of Directors hereby recommends termination of the Plan to City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the abolishment of the Plan by City Council, that the DBRA Board of Directors hereby authorizes the termination of any other agreements or contracts between the Developer and the DBRA that were executed in conjunction with the Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any two Officers, or any one of the Officers and any one of the Authorized Agents or any two of the DBRA’s Authorized Agents, shall hereafter have the authority to

negotiate and execute all documents with such other terms and conditions that are determined by such Authorized Agents and/or Officers to be customary or appropriate and not inconsistent with this resolution, and to negotiate and execute all other documents, contracts, or papers, and take all actions, necessary or appropriate to implement the provisions and intent of this resolution on behalf of the DBRA.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all of the acts and transactions of any officer or authorized agent of the DBRA, in the name and on behalf of the DBRA, relating to matters contemplated by the foregoing resolutions, which acts would have been approved by the foregoing resolutions except that such acts were taken prior to execution of these resolutions, are hereby in all respects confirmed, approved and ratified.

October 23, 2024

Exhibit C
Notice of Abolishment



December 10, 2024

SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Latin Americans for Social and Economic
Development
4138 W. Vernor Hwy
Detroit, MI 48209

RE: Notice of Intent to Abolish the Brownfield Plan for Vernor Scotten

To Whom it May Concern:

Per Act 381 of 1996 Section 14(8)(a), this letter is to inform you that the Detroit City Council has authorized this notice to inform you that abolishment of the Brownfield Plan for Vernor Scotten Project (the "Plan") will be considered in no less than thirty ("30") days.

On July 20, 2005 the DBRA adopted and on September 14, 2005 the Detroit City Council approved the Plan.

It is our understanding that the project as described in the Plan has been completed, the associated Single Business Tax Credit has been utilized, and the purposes for which the plan was established have been accomplished. Because the project has been completed, the Brownfield Plan will be abolished for the subject project per Act 381 of 1996 Section 14(8)(a). While you are welcome to speak at any public meeting of City Council regarding the proposed abolishment, the following public meetings have been tentatively scheduled at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Avenue, 13th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226 regarding the abolishment of the Plan where, should you desire, you will also have an opportunity to be heard:

- Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM – Detroit City Council Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee
- Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM – Detroit City Council of the Whole Meeting

In no event would any abolishment be effective until at least 30 days after the date of this notice. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Brian Vosburg at (313) 237-4612 or bvosburg@degc.org.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kanalos
Authorized Agent

CC: Rebecca Navin, DEGC
Brian Vosburg, DEGC/DBRA
Ngozi Nwaesei, Lewis & Munday

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Latin Americans for Social and Economic
Development
4138 W. Vernor Hwy
Detroit, MI 48209



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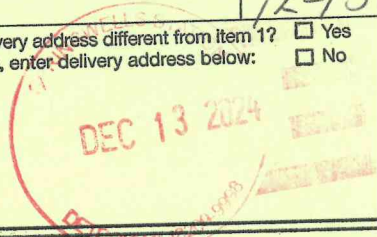
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Latin Americans for Social and Economic
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4138 W. Vernor Hwy
Detroit, MI 48209

PS Form 3800, April 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9047 See Reverse for Instructions

Exhibit D
City Council Resolution

**RESOLUTION
ABOLISHING THE BROWNFIELD PLAN
OF THE CITY OF DETROIT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FOR THE VERNOR SCOTTEN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT;**

City of Detroit
County of Wayne, Michigan

WHEREAS, pursuant to 381 PA 1996, as amended (“Act 381”), the City of Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (“Authority”) has been established by resolution of the City Council of the City of Detroit (the “City Council”) for the purpose of promoting the revitalization of eligible properties in the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2005, City Council approved the Brownfield Plan for Vernor Scotten (the “Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the eligible property described in Exhibit A, attached hereto, is the eligible property subject to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 14(8)(a) of Act 381 permits a governing body to abolish a brownfield plan or plan amendment for an eligible property if finds that the purposes for which the plan was established are accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body (as that term is defined by Act 381) of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s staff has confirmed that the project has been completed and the purposes for which the plan was established are accomplished; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Authority adopted a resolution recommending abolishment of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2017, City Council authorized the Authority, on behalf of City Council, to manage and/or administer the notices required by Act 381 in connection with any brownfield plan or plan amendment terminations; and

WHEREAS, a notice of the abolishment of the Plan was given in accordance with Section 14(8)(b)(i) of Act 381, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 14(8)(b)(ii) of Act 381, the developer identified in the Plan was provided with an opportunity to be heard at a public meeting on January 9, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The Plan is hereby abolished by City Council in accordance with Section 14(8)(a) of Act 381.
2. City Council hereby ratifies the termination, if any, of any agreements or contracts between the developer of the Plan and the Authority that were executed in conjunction with the Plan, including, but not limited to, the reimbursement agreement.

The City Clerk is requested to submit one (1) certified copies of this Resolution to the DBRA, 500 Griswold Street, Suite 2200, Detroit, MI 48226

AYES: Members

NAYS: Members

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Janice Winfrey, City Clerk
City of Detroit
County of Wayne, Michigan

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on _____, 2024, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Janice Winfrey, City Clerk
City of Detroit
County of Wayne, Michigan