

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2011

Expressing Support and Encouragement for the Award by Franklin County of HOME Program Funds to Acquire, Rehabilitate and Sell a Vacant and Abandoned Single-Family Residence in the Davis Estates Subdivision.

WHEREAS, the federal HOME Program, authorized under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act and administered by the federal Housing and Urban Development agency (HUD), provides formula grants to States and localities to fund the build-out, purchase, and/or rehabilitation of housing opportunities for rent or homeownership by low to moderate-income persons; and,

WHEREAS, the HOME Program is the largest federal block grant to State and local governments designed to create affordable housing for eligible households, with funds allocated nationwide as formula grants to participating jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin County is the local administer of HOME Program funds, reviewing and awarding annual applications from local governments for the use of such funds and provides them to awardees on a grant basis; and,

WHEREAS, program funds may be used to build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership, with eligible expenses including the costs associated with site acquisition or improvement and demolition of dilapidated housing; and,

WHEREAS, the City submitted on October 28, 2011 to Franklin County an application for HOME Program grant funds to acquire, rehabilitate and sell the abandoned Davis Property at 141 Sharon Springs Drive; and,

WHEREAS, although located in a stable residential subdivision, the Davis Property currently is vacant and abandoned, serving as a marker of neglect and/or blight; and,

WHEREAS, the Davis Property would be acquired with HOME Program funds, rehabilitated and placed for sale to an eligible buyer under the HOME Program guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Worthington does hereby support and encourage the award by Franklin County of the City's application for HOME Program funds to acquire, rehabilitate, and sell the Davis Property at 141 Sharon Spring Drive, thereby representing a unique opportunity for the City to obtain control over the property, make necessary improvements, and then sell the home to a qualified buyer.

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SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council be instructed to forward a duly certified copy of this Resolution to the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department and to record said Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted December 5, 2011

[Signature on File]
President of Council

Attest:

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Clerk of Council