

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation
FROM: Brendan Mehaffy, Chairperson
SUBJECT: **Resolution #2017-44** Approval to Bid Properties at County of Erie Tax Foreclosure Auction – City of Buffalo Property
DATE: September 21, 2017

DISCUSSION:

The City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning (OSP) identified 22 absentee-owned properties slated to be auctioned in Erie County's In Rem sale 2017. OSP used data from the City's forthcoming Housing Opportunity Strategy to analyze property and block conditions. The properties and blocks were rated from 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest). The list of 22 identified properties comprised of properties rated *at or below* the various block's average, with a strategy to consider acquisitions and improvement of properties that were adversely affecting the block.

BENLIC Staff subsequently worked to obtain information regarding properties' vacancy statuses. A single property – 236 Brunswick – was determined to be an appropriate candidate considering its rating, vacancy status, and physical condition. OSP provided a Structure Acquisition Application for the property in accordance with BENLIC Rules and Procedures. The property is of interest to the Corporation.

ACTION:

The Board of Directors is hereby requested to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that BENLIC waives section II(4)(ii)(e) regarding request by BENLIC to municipality (in the present instance, City of Buffalo) to adopt an acquisition request resolution requesting BENLIC acquire the property; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that BENLIC authorizes Jocelyn Gordon, BENLIC Executive Director, to attend the 2017 Erie County In Rem Tax Foreclosure Auction to bid the amount of back taxes on 236 Brunswick, Buffalo (SBL# 100.27-3-36); and be it further,

RESOLVED that Jocelyn Gordon and BENLIC legal counsel are authorized to take whatever actions are necessary subsequent to the 2017 Erie County In Rem Tax Foreclosure Auction to execute an agreement with the County, close on the properties and ensure that BENLIC holds clear title to the properties.