

BUFFALO ERIE NIAGARA LAND IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation
FROM: Brendan Mehaffy, Chairperson
SUBJECT: **Resolution #2018-56** Approval to Bid Properties at County of Erie Tax Foreclosure Auction – City of Buffalo Property
DATE: September 20, 2018

DISCUSSION:

The City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning (OSP) identified 34 absentee-owned properties slated to be auctioned in Erie County’s In Rem sale 2018. OSP used data from the City’s Housing Opportunity Strategy to analyze property and block conditions. The properties and blocks were rated from 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest). The list of 34 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 status. Four (4) properties of the original 34 were found to be vacant. BENLIC staff identified an additional seven (7) vacant properties as appropriate candidates considering their rating, vacancy status, and physical condition. OSP provided a Structure Acquisition Applications for the eleven (11) properties in accordance with BENLIC Rules and Procedures. The below properties are of interest to the Corporation.

Address	S-B-L	Address	S-B-L
204 Phyllis	90.42-2-54	360 Fargo	99.66-4-6
124 Mayer	77.65-4-14	117 Utica East	100.48-3-8
343 Hampshire	99.43-3-10	35 Glenwood	100.48-1-7
55 Norway	100.67-3-41	723 Prospect	99.58-5-2
776 Prospect	99.58-6-10	1008 West	99.26-9-9
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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 2018 Erie County In Rem Tax Foreclosure Auction to bid the amount of back taxes on eleven (11) targeted City of Buffalo properties; and be it further,

RESOLVED that Jocelyn Gordon and BENLIC legal counsel are authorized to take whatever actions are necessary subsequent to the 2018 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.