

Resolution No. 1258-17

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Council Member Brancatelli

Urging the Cuyahoga County Council to restore the 17 million dollars in the County Demolition Fund previously committed to eliminate blighted conditions in the City of Cleveland and our region.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Executive, Armond Budish announced recently that the County will cut the 17 million dollars in demolition funds previously committed to eliminate blighted conditions in the City of Cleveland and our region; and

WHEREAS, these County demolition funds are the most flexible resource that helped the City of Cleveland demolish condemned properties under our blight and nuisance laws to help stabilize our neighborhoods, lower crime rates, improve real estate values, and lower the foreclosure rate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland has an estimated 4,200 residential structures identified for demolition, and the elimination of the remaining 17 million dollars from the County Demolition Fund will detrimentally impact the progress the City has made in eliminating blight along with their Community Development partners and the Cuyahoga County Land Bank; and

WHEREAS, while County Executive Budish cites other sources of funding for demolition, the City of Cleveland does not receive direct funding from the Hardest Hit Funds, available only when ownership is first obtained, and the Neighborhood Initiative Program does not include demolition; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the progress made in blight elimination so far with the use of County demolition funds, and urges the Cuyahoga County Council to restore its commitment to providing the crucial remaining 17 million dollars in demolition funds of the 50 million promised and committed as the County's portion towards combating this regional crisis; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council urges the Cuyahoga County Council to restore the 17 million dollars in the County Demolition Fund previously committed to eliminate blighted conditions in the City of Cleveland and our region.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Armond Budish, Cuyahoga County Executive and all Cuyahoga County Council Members.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

