

RESOLUTION

Supporting HB602 and SB353, which authorized creation of countywide land reutilization corporations.

WHEREAS, it is determined and confirmed that the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners supports the passage of House Bill No. 602 and Senate Bill No. 353 also known as the County Land Reutilization Bills.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County continue to encourage regional collaboration for regional issues.

WHEREAS, the mortgage foreclosure crisis has dramatically increased the amount of vacant, abandoned and distressed properties, which pose a unique and growing problem in the County of Cuyahoga. Urban blight and land abandonment are rampant. Rehabilitation not always possible and demolition of appropriate property is too costly on city by city basis.

WHEREAS, the development and utilization of a county land reutilization corporation can facilitate the reclamation, rehabilitation and reutilization of vacant, abandoned, tax-foreclosed or other real property.

WHEREAS, this legislation is focused on the enormous job of dealing with thousands of vacant, distressed and/or dilapidated homes in Cuyahoga County and aims to address them in an effective and appropriate manner.

AND WHEREAS, the structure of the proposed bill provides multiple sources of funding and collaboration so as not to rely on any one entity too heavily to provide the best possible chance of addressing this aspect of the mortgage foreclosure crisis plaguing our cities, county, state and country in a effective and responsible manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners hereby lends its full support to the State of Ohio General Assembly's House Bill No. 602 and Senate Bill No. 353 authorizing the creation of a countywide land reutilization corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to James Rokakis, County Treasurer; James Corrigan, Government Relations Officer, Administrator's Office/Health & Human Services; Governor Ted Strickland; Ohio General Assembly and Mayor and Managers Association of Cuyahoga County.

On Motion of Commissioner Dimora, seconded by Commissioner Hagan, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Dimora, Hagan, Jones.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board**

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