

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JANUARY 22, 2019 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Granting authority to accept the donation of the properties located at 5301 Blueberry Drive and 5509 Blueberry Drive.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>In an effort maximize the Land Bank’s revitalization efforts, the Land Bank Commission and City Staff would like to accept the donation of the properties located at 5301 Blueberry Drive and 5509 Blueberry Drive. Both properties are vacant corner lots, 5301 Blueberry Drive is .24 acres (10,335 square-foot) and 5509 Blueberry Drive is .36 acres (15,522 square-foot).</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The 2017 Real Estate Taxes have been paid.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Land Bank Commission recommends approval by a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>The City has studied numerous methods to assemble and convey property that may pose an environmental or adverse impact to Little Rock neighborhoods. Accepting the donation of underutilized parcels of property is an efficient and cost effective means of reaching the City’s revitalization goals. For a number of years, various neighborhood groups, the Community Housing Advisory Board and the Little Rock Land Bank Commission have studied ways to improve neighborhood quality through the acquisition, purchase, and conveyance of underutilized properties.</p>	