

**Developing an Opt-In Model for the County’s Land Bank Pilot Program**

On March 1, 2022, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a motion directing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to research and explore the possibility of establishing a Land Bank Pilot Program (pilot program) in LA County. The purpose of this pilot program is to create opportunities for affordable housing preservation and production in areas along the Los Angeles River (LA River). On June 15, 2022, the Board directed the CEO in consultation with the Los Angeles County Development Authority, Department of Public Works, the Anti-Racism Diversity and Inclusion Initiative (ARDI), Department of Regional Planning, Treasurer and Tax Collector, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), and other key County departments to report back with the necessary steps to create the pilot program. The CEO has identified a Roadmap for Implementing the Land Bank Pilot and allocated \$40 million in American Rescue Plan funds for this program.

Cities in the Fourth Supervisorial District that neighbor the LA River and the proposed West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) and Gold Line Eastside Phase 2 Extension

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projects have raised concerns about this pilot program and the impacts it may have on their ability to make decisions about land uses adjacent to these transit projects, in accordance with city needs and priorities. As stated in the CEO's August 30, 2022 report, the working group will collaborate with local cities and engage communities during the launch and ongoing implementation of the land bank pilot. However, cities should have the opportunity to decide to participate in this program rather than have that decision made for them by the County.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE** that, as part of the Chief Executive Officer's ongoing development of a Land Banking Pilot Program, the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Office to include cities as part of the working group responsible for the development of the interim and long-term organizational structure and program criteria of the land bank program; and
2. Request a report back in writing in 30 days on the feasibility of an opt-in mechanism to ensure that cities have a choice of whether or not to participate in the County's pilot program while also maintaining the County's existing authority to acquire and entitle property. Cities that do not opt-in to the program ~~would not be able to participate in the development and implementation of the pilot program, and their jurisdictions~~ would be excluded from consideration for locations for property acquisition in the pilot program.

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