City Council Resolution

WHEREAS, the city of Memphis is challenged by neighborhoods that are struggling to survive due to blighted conditions as the result of deteriorating infrastructure, abandoned properties and decreased investment; and

WHEREAS, reinvigorating our neighborhoods should be a top priority for this city and significant attention should be made in cleaning up blight and creating stronger, viable neighborhood communities; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has recently approved a bill that authorizes local governments to develop programs to encourage homeowners and developers to invest in blighted property for the purpose of stabilizing the value of the neighborhood and increasing the value of the facilities being constructed or rehabilitated; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the law, the municipality program for combating blight must be submitted for approval by the attorney general.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL the Chairman of the Memphis City Council shall appoint an eleven (11) member commission made up of two council members, the City's Director of Housing and Community Development and eight persons from outside city government who will develop the program to combat neighborhood blight and submit their plan to Council for delivery to the attorney general.

Jim Strickland