

STAFF REPORT
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DATE: February 26, 2013

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

FROM: Vern Lawson, Economic Development Director

SUBJECT: **Authorize the City Manager to Accept Transfer of Properties from the Successor Agency**

Recommendation:

Approve future transfers of property from the Successor Agency to the City of Lancaster, subject to State Department of Finance approval and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents to accept said properties from the Successor Agency.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

The dissolution of redevelopment by the State of California requires that the properties previously owned by Redevelopment Agencies, which have since been replaced with Successor Agencies, be liquidated and that the resulting funds be passed on to the State. However, the State allows cities to retain properties that will be used for legitimate public purposes rather than liquidating them. Several such properties which were formerly owned by the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency have already been approved by the State Department of Finance for retention by the City of Lancaster.

Moving forward, a number of additional properties, such as the City Maintenance Yard and the Lancaster University Center, will also need to be transferred. To expedite this process, it is staff's recommendation that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to execute all documents related to future transfers of property, subject to State Department of Finance approval, in order to facilitate retention of these properties by the City for use by our citizens.

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