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MOTION

As part of the 41st Program Year Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan (2015-2016), in which the City budgeted nearly \$130M in federal grants for affordable housing and community development projects, \$50,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding was allocated for Slum Blight Area Documentation. Federal law puts numerous restrictions on CDBG dollars, which can present challenges to funding worthwhile projects that will improve low-income communities. A category of projects that are CDBG eligible include those that eliminate "Slum and Blight." The focus of projects under this designation is to improve the physical environment of a deteriorating area. In order to designate a slum and blighted area and thereby make it potentially eligible for additional federal funding, a detailed study must be performed. The Council should instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to report on what steps have been taken to begin such studies so that this underused category of CDBG projects can be utilized effectively.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department to report on what steps have been taken to use Program Year 41 (2015-16) CDBG resources to fund slum/blight studies.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council District 15 areas be included in such studies.

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