

Economic Development General Manager Graves reported that the City of Gardena decided not to accept the funds at all.

Administration of Oath

Mayor Dear requested that all persons wishing to testify to stand and take the Oath, which was administered by City Clerk Kawagoe.

Public Testimony

Latrice Carter, 19018 Belshaw Avenue, Carson, California 90746, discussed her concern that this would be more of an issue than a benefit for Carson. She believed that there were other remedies and that the City should not add more problems that can be handled at this time.

Maria Guadalupe Manuela Reyes Adame, 8 Cactus Lane, Carson, California 90745, urged that the City Council approve the staff recommendation and invest in Scottsdale.

Oudie T. Wall, Jr., 8 Cactus Lane, Carson, California 90745, referred to previous comments relative to figures and money and clarified that this issue dealt with people's morals and values.

Dr. Rita Boggs, 21328 Island, Carson, California 90745, stated that she was neither in support of or against this issue and discussed the following concerns: 1) understood that there was a moratorium on foreclosures in California; 2) to not fix up homes and sell to an investor; 3) although she had no objection to using this in Scottsdale, it may make people think that the City will fix up the homes and may discourage anyone from fixing up the house.

Louis Cogut, 17701 S. Avalon Boulevard, No. 50, Carson, California 90746, echoed the previous speakers and the concerns expressed by Dr. Boggs and stated that he was neither in support of or against this issue and discussed the following concerns: 1) whether the targeted areas were just within Lynwood and Carson; 2) with respect to the cities of Lynwood and Carson, who would watch from the other side; and 3) the number of homes under consideration.

There being no further testimony to be provided, Mayor Dear declared the Public Hearing closed. He requested staff to respond to the issues raised. Whereupon, staff discussed the following issues:

- That HUD had set up standards of transparency and accountability;
- Carson was handling the administrative aspects;
- Funds would stay in Lynwood and in Carson;
- There was not a moratorium in California.
- There was more than an adequate supply of bank-owned properties that might benefit.

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