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Subject: Re: Blight Clean Up
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Hey, maybe I should include the letter?

In Solidarity,

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Subject: Blight Clean Up

We have sent this letter to Congressman Panetta in hopes that if FORA can move forward and bring fruition to the Bond proposal for clean up he can lobby Congress for money to finish the job. We will assist at whatever level we can.

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Honorable Congressman Panetta,

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The blighted areas of the former Ft Ord inhibit re-development of the area. Anti-development groups use the blight as an excuse to not develop until it is cleaned up, developers have trouble marketing to businesses that may want to move into the area but are reluctant because of the blight, and cleanup is costly.

Steve MacArthur
Recording Secretary

Clean up has been a piecemeal operation funded through land sales therefore it is a pay as you go endeavor. What is needed is an up-front effort to remove the blight, which in turn will remove the obstacles to redevelopment.

Ron Chesshire
Manuel Pinheiro
CEO

We are aware that a proposal is before FORA to float a bond for money to remove a major portion of the blight. This is a proactive approach on their part and we endorse it. Unfortunately it is not enough to do the whole job. Considering what is at stake we believe it is time for you to consider lobbying Congress for an appropriation to finish the job.

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As has been discussed in the past with Congressman Farr, yourself, and FORA blighted land is worth X, cleaned up land is worth X+. If FORA moves forward with the bond, the amount needed to complete the job would become the appropriation amount. Once the funds are received the funds would aid in removing the blight. Once the blight is removed the land value should increase. Once the land parcels are sold the appropriation would be returned to the Federal Government.

We understand this is a concept and work needs to be done to identify parcels to be cleaned, cost, and the value added to the cleaned up parcels to determine payback. We are sure FORA has a significant amount of data on hand. We are willing to do our part to move this effort forward. The issue is whether you are willing to consider this to see if it is feasible, viable, and if so, worthy of your effort.

Kindest regards and In Solidarity,

Ron Chesshire – CEO MSC BCTC

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