(SAMPLE)
Blighted Area Resolution

(CITY/TOWN/COUNTY) OF ______________________
RESOLUTION # ______________________

WHEREAS, the (city/town) of GRANTEE desires to eliminate blighted areas within the corporate limits of (city/town), California, and

WHEREAS, identifying such areas is necessary for effective action to eliminate blighting conditions, and

Choose One or More of the following:

• WHEREAS, public improvements such as (insert specific things in need of improvement) have severely deteriorated, contributing to blighting conditions, and

• WHEREAS, the area has experienced a cessation of private investment since DATE, and

• WHEREAS, (___) percent of first floor commercial space, (___) percent of second floor commercial space, and (___) percent of total commercial space in the area is currently vacant, and

• WHEREAS, (___) percent of buildings are deteriorated as evidenced by (insert specific information regarding the cause of deterioration),

WHEREAS, the project activities are designed to address blight on an area basis as defined by 24 CFR 570.483(c)(1),

BE IT RESOLVED by the GRANTEE that the following areas of GRANTEE hereby be designated as an area in need of redevelopment as defined by California Health and Safety Code 33030: (insert specific boundaries of the area).

WHEREUPON, This Resolution is declared passed and adopted on this ___day OF __, 20__

Attach the following:

• Map of the area boundaries or designated parcel
• Map showing location of all buildings and public improvements that are deteriorated
• Inventory and description of public improvements, and/or
• Inventory and description of deteriorated buildings which do not comply with local codes

1 HCD recognizes that lack of investment is often concentrated in lower income communities. Grantees are encouraged to include community members, particularly those of low-and-moderate income to participate in the identification of areas to be considered blighted and consider all unintended consequences of blight declarations and revitalization projects. More detailed information can be found in Appendix B: Equity and Belonging Toolkit.
(SAMPLE)
Spot Blight Resolution

(CITY/TOWN/COUNTY) OF __________________________
RESOLUTION # ______________________

WHEREAS, the (city/town) of GRANTEE desires to eliminate blighted structures within the corporate limits of (city/town), California, and

WHEREAS, the structure located at ADDRESS has experienced a cessation of private investment since DATE, and

WHEREAS, deterioration of the structure has taken place as evidenced by [insert specific description of deterioration].

WHEREAS, the project activities are designed to address blight on a spot basis as defined by 24 CFR 570.483(c)(2),

BE IT RESOLVED by the GRANTEE that the following property located in GRANTEE, hereby be designated as a structure in need of redevelopment as defined by California Health and Safety Code 33031: [insert legal address of property (can be found on deed and/or mortgage documents)].

WHEREUPON, This Resolution is declared passed and adopted on this ___day OF ___, 20__

Attach the following:
• Photographs of the designated parcel
• Aerial map showing location of the designated parcel
• Inventory and description of specific physical decay or environmental contamination that are considered blighting conditions.

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2 HCD recognizes that lack of investment is often caused by lack of access to affordable financing. Grantees are encouraged to consider all potential causes and consequences of a blight declaration and revitalization projects. More detailed information can be found in Appendix B: Equity and Belonging Toolkit.
CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE DEFINITIONS

Section 33030 defines a blighted area as an area in which the physical conditions that cause blight is so prevalent and so substantial that it causes a reduction of, or lack of, proper utilization of the area to such an extent that it constitutes a serious physical and economic burden on the community that cannot reasonably be expected to be reversed or alleviated by private enterprise or governmental action, or both, without redevelopment.

Section 33031 defines blight to include but are not limited to buildings in which it is unsafe or unhealthy for persons to live or work; conditions that prevent or substantially hinder the viable use or capacity of buildings or lots; adjacent or nearby incompatible land uses that prevent the development of those parcels or other portions of the project area; depreciated or stagnant property values; abnormally high business vacancies, abnormally low lease rates, or an abnormally high number of abandoned buildings.