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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin Murphy, City Manager
Diane Tradd, DPD Director

FROM: R. Eric Slagle, Director of Development Services

RE: **INFORMATIONAL: PRESENTATION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
OFFICE OF A NEW RECEIVERSHIP INITIATIVE TO COMBAT ABANDONED
PROPERTIES IN THE CENTRALVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD OF LOWELL.**

For the past several months, Development Services staff has been working with the Attorney General's Office on a new pilot program of targeted receivership. With the assistance of Middlesex County Registrar of Deeds, Richard Howe, Jr., City staff has worked with the Attorney General's Abandoned Housing Initiative to compile a list of properties in the Centralville neighborhood which are vacant and otherwise potentially eligible for receivership. The AG's Office has performed all of the title work on the properties and will be initiating the receivership process in the coming weeks. Members of the Attorney General's Abandoned Housing Initiative will be presenting an overview of the project at the January 16, 2018 City Council meeting.

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