## City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, March 16, 2020 Regular Meeting

## **Item Reports4**

Council to discuss and consider action to approve writing a letter in support of the Land Bank Bill, LB424 and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter.

Staff Contact: Rick Kuckkahn, Interim City Manager

## City of Wakefield

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Dear Governor Ricketts,

The members of the Wakefield City Council and the Mayor endorse LB 424 and the concept of regional land banks in the State of Nebraska.

We need building lots in Wakefield. Our community can not expand to the north or east because of the Logan Creek and its flood plain. Most farm ground to the south and west is not available at this time.

Our community is blighted by many distressed properties. Many of the properties are abandoned or vacant. Liens held by banks or government entities make the properties hard to acquire.

We believe the creation of a regional land bank could help us obtain properties, remodel existing homes, or build new homes. The City of Wakefield strongly urges you to support LB 424.

Sincerely,

Paul Eaton

Mayor

Mayor Paul Eaton City Administrator
Jim Litchfield

City Clerk/Treasurer Zach Dolen City Attorney Leland Miner

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