

## **Despite protests, Sims joins Land Bank board**

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Carolyn Sims, Flint's 5th Ward councilwoman, has been appointed to the Genesee County Land Bank Board of Directors.

Sims was appointed Tuesday by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners despite a recommendation from Flint City Council President Darryl Buchanan that another councilman get the spot.

Buchanan recommended that commissioners appoint first-term Councilman Jim Ananich to represent Flint. However, county commissioners Raynetta P. Speed and Woodrow Stanley, both Flint Democrats, said few properties taken over by the Land Bank are in the area of south Flint that Ananich represents.

Sims represents parts of Flint's north side where Land Bank contractors have demolished hundreds of homes.

"We've been asked to concur with something that doesn't make any sense," Stanley said of the recommendation.

Sims' appointment to the seven-member Land Bank board runs until Sept. 30, 2009.

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