

## Information Item

**Date:** June 11, 2019

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Marla Y. Newman, Community Development Director  
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**Subject:**  
Status of backlog demolition cases

**Strategic Focus Area:** Livable Neighborhoods

**Strategic Objective:** Expand Housing Assistance Programs

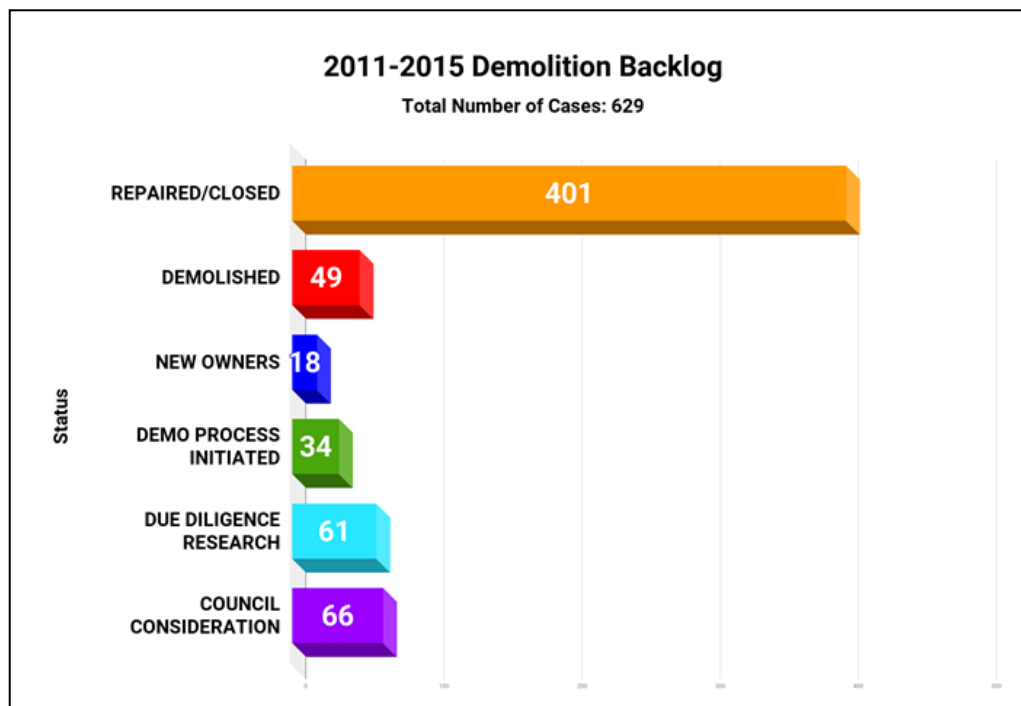
**Strategic Plan Action Item:** Yes

**Key Work Item:** Yes



The Community Development Department has been working to address unfit and vacant properties impacting neighborhoods. In January of 2016 staff presented a report to the Community Development Housing and General Government Committee on vacant properties with minimum housing violations. These cases reflected a backlog of properties qualifying for demolition review from January 1, 2011 through December 14, 2015 to be.

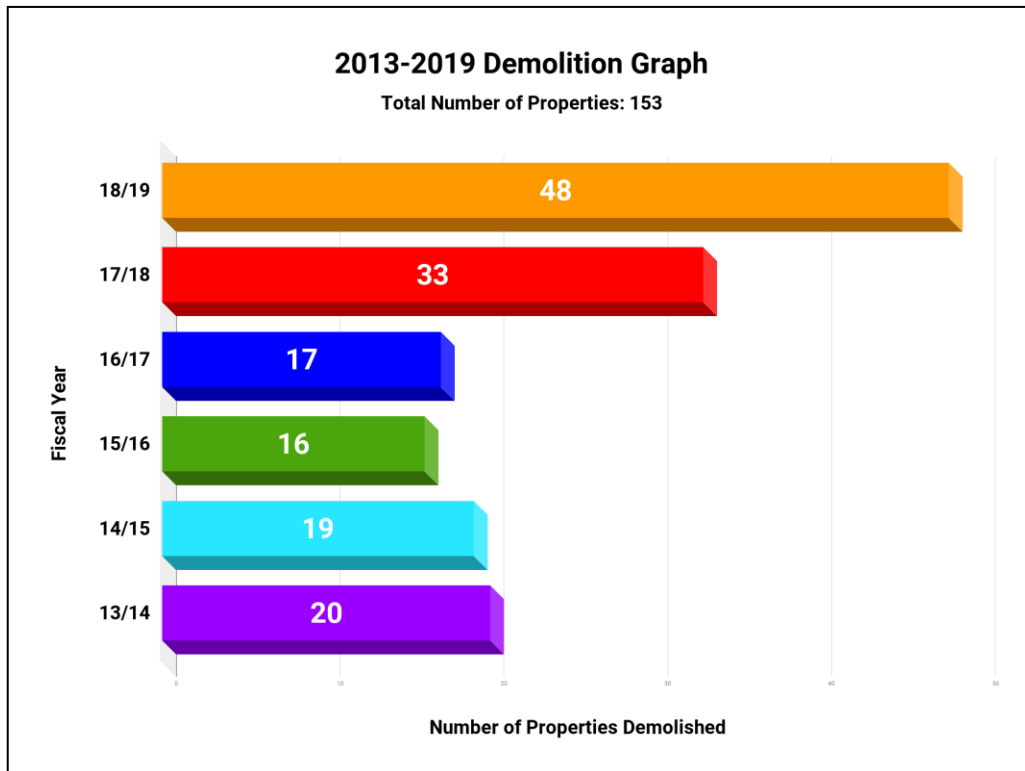
There were 629 backlog cases. The graph below shows the current status of the cases as of 5/14/19.



Staff has worked with owners to repair and bring into compliance 401 homes, 49 properties from the backlog have been demolished. New owners have purchased 18 properties from the backlog that will be repaired, 61 cases are in research with finding heirs for legal notifications and 66 are being prepared for the next fiscal year to be brought for Council consideration.

In an effort to not cause another significant backlog of cases, staff continually works on cases since 2015 that are also in violation, and are in deteriorating conditions approved by Council for demolition.

The following chart shows the total numbers of all properties in the last 5 years that have been demolished (including the 49 backlog cases).



<b>Cost of Demolition per Fiscal Year</b>		
<b>2018/2019</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>	<b>2016/2017</b>
\$574,086	\$265,755	\$148,136
<b>2015/2016</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>
\$160,959	\$123,375	\$122,895