



City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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RESOLUTION INVITING HUD SECRETARY TO DETROIT

WHEREAS, nearly 30,000 evictions are currently in process, with 1-in-5 renters in the City of Detroit facing eviction during the harshest weather of the year¹ ; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Detroiters are struggling with one of the most unaffordable housing markets in history, spending over half of their income on mortgages or rent² ; and

WHEREAS, HUD Area Median Income locks most residents out of qualifying for affordable housing—The AMI that HUD uses for purposes of affordable housing includes areas such as Livonia and Westland. The incomes in those areas are higher, and have the unintended consequence of making the threshold to qualify for affordable housing higher; and

WHEREAS, the housing voucher system in Detroit is long, laborious, and keeping many of our residents from accessing quality housing in Detroit; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Councilmember At-Large Mary Waters and the Detroit City Council officially invite HUD Secretary to Detroit to see these challenges first-hand and work cooperatively towards solutions; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to HUD Secretary Scott Turner and the Michigan Congressional Delegation.

¹ <https://www.evictionmachine.org/data-tools/trends/no-cause-evictions>

² <https://outliermedia.org/detroit-housing-costs-affordable-renting-buying/>