



# City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
DISTRICT 5

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division  
**FROM:** Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council  
**DATE:** January 9, 2023  
**RE:** Resolution Urging the Adoption of Local Rent Control

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With the seating of a new Democratic Majority in the Michigan State Legislature for the first time in four decades, there is a rare opportunity to state lawmakers to make progressive changes that allow local municipalities more control.

Due to a state level prohibition on Rent Control laws in Michigan, Detroit is unable to enact any legislation that would protect renters from rapidly rising rents. Please draft a resolution urging the Detroit Delegation to the Michigan State Senate and House of Representatives to introduce and enact legislation rescinding the ban on rent control laws. Please contact Ari Ruttenberg from my office at [ruttenberga@detroitmi.gov](mailto:ruttenberga@detroitmi.gov) if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues  
City Clerk