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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director   
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: April 6, 2023

RE: **RESOLUTION URGING HUD TO PROVIDE TENANT PROTECTION  
VOUCHERS TO RESIDENTS OF THE HIMELHOCH APARTMENT BUILDING**

Council Member Gabriela Santiago Romero requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a RESOLUTION URGING HUD TO PROVIDE TENANT PROTECTION VOUCHERS TO RESIDENTS OF THE HIMELHOCH APARTMENT BUILDING.

Please contact our office if we can be of any further assistance.

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER GABRIELA SANTIAGO ROMERO**

**RESOLUTION URGING HUD TO PROVIDE TENANT PROTECTION VOUCHERS TO RESIDENTS OF THE HIMELHOCH APARTMENT BUILDING**

**WHEREAS,** On March 21, 2023, several senior residents of the Himelhoch Apartments, located at 1545 Woodward Avenue in Detroit, MI, attended the City Council formal session and expressed their concerns that they may be forced to relocate as part of a new Brush Park development plan by American Community Developers (ACD); and

**WHEREAS,** Mike Essian, vice president of ACD, told the Council that the tenants' concerns were based on a misunderstanding of the notices that ACD provided to tenants regarding the new development, and that ACD does not intend to force any residents to relocate. On April 4, 2023, Essian stated before City Council that Himelhoch residents will have the option to relocate to the new Brush Park development, and their rent would continue to be based on their income; and

**WHEREAS,** Essian also informed the Council that ACD has requested tenant protection vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which would allow tenants to stay in their current apartments without any increase in rent; and

**WHEREAS,** City Council fully supports all efforts that will prevent the displacement of the senior residents of the Himelhoch Apartments; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** The Detroit City Council strongly urges HUD to approve the requested tenant protection vouchers for residents of the Himelhoch Apartments who wish to stay in their apartments; **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Clerk is directed to send this resolution to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Housing Choice Vouchers and to American Community Developers.