

# Detroit Affordable Housing



### Affordable Housing Values



- Housing is a Human Right: I believe everyone deserves a quality place to live that meets their household needs no matter their life choices.
- <u>Developer Accountability for Housing Crisis</u>: I believe that developers are accountable to the residents of the city they build in to develop housing that prioritizes the needs of current residents vs housing that makes the most money.
- **Responsibility:** I believe that Detroit's elected officials and government representatives are carrying out Detroit's revitalization efforts in a way that works against the best interest of those who need affordable housing in the city.













### Affordable Housing is a Human Right



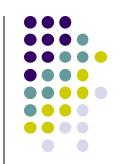






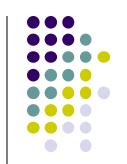
### Why Does Detroit Need Affordable Housing?





- In Detroit, the median income is under \$30,000.
- The data that is currently used to calculate "affordable housing" in Detroit includes incomes from residents in 6 higher-income counties
- Therefore Most Affordable Housing in Detroit is Created with the idea that the Detroiter make double their true median income
- Emphasis on luxury vs. affordable

## Building a Housing Justice Movement





We need a Housing Justice Movement b/c the Housing Crisis is Invisible:

#### **Components of the Housing Justice Movement:**

- Racial Equity Lens
- Policy protections for affordable accessible housing for people experiencing homeless and low to moderate incomes.
- Investment of public and private money in real affordable housing solutions

#### ORGANIZING FOR IMPACT



#### Why Organize?

Standard Organizing Rule: Anything About Us, Without Us, Isn't For Us.

- US = Community.
- Community are the residents that are most Impacted by the current lack of affordable housing now or in the future.

**Best Solutions**: Affordable housing impacts so many residents of the city, the people impacted MUST shape the solutions for success and sustainability.

- No affordable housing solution will be sustainable unless it is created as part of a bottom up process.
- The best solutions will always come from the people that will need the policy