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Defend Glendale & Public Housing Coalition Options to Keep Public Housing Public!

Create a permanent-public policy, city ordinance, and state bill to protect all public housing units as public housing in Minneapolis. This includes 42 high rises, over 730 homes, Glendale Townhomes, and more public housing homes, and over 6,040 current public housing units. Prohibit the sale or lease of land to private developers/investors or MPHA becoming a private investor, charging market prices for profit through Low-Income Housing Tax Credits or Land Use Restrictive Agreements. Keep the permanent protection land trust Declaration of Trust (DOT) that all public housing is under.

Stop the sale and lease of public housing buildings and homes that are currently the first target of conversion by MPHA to private developers and investors. This includes Glendale Townhomes, Cedar Riverside Public Housing, Elliot Twins, and Horn Towers, and all the public housing buildings in Ward 6 that predominantly house East African Somali and Oromo elders.

Preventing the privatization of public housing will minimize displacement, homelessness, the housing crisis, social & economic crisis, and gentrification in the coming decades in Minnesota.

Access public funds from the State and City to keep public housing public. Funding for public housing (through the City Levy, Affordable Housing fund, etc) must be added to the City of Minneapolis and State legislative agenda. Public funding is available, therefore there is a moral responsibility to fund public housing.

Public funding to private developers that build temporarily limited-income-based housing for low-income families must be eliminated. Instead, that funding should be used to build more public housing, as well as funding & sustaining public housing, which provides a long-term safety net, and provides social and economic stability to low-income residents of Minneapolis.

Support the option to hold MPHA accountable to fix & repair Glendale Townhomes with zero displacement, and zero privatization of Glendale Public Housing. MPHA must eliminate its “zero budget” policy for Glendale repairs and maintenance. This is the only option to preserve Glendale as it is now (truly public housing), and to not convert Glendale to any private development, which would permanently displace current residents.

The above Defend Glendale & Public Coalition Options guarantees zero displacement, eliminates systematic gentrification, and minimizes racial and economic inequities currently facing Minneapolis.

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