

To: Minneapolis City Council and Mayor Betsy Hodges

From: Defend Glendale Campaign

Date: February 1, 2016

Re: Is Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) serving Glendale

Residents and our community?

The mission of MPHA is to “promote and deliver quality well managed homes to a diverse low-income population and with partners to contribute to the well-being of the individuals, families and community [they] serve.” The mission of MPHA is to serve residents and the community. Disbursing Glendale residents by building new development does not serve the community. Displacing residents violates the mission of MPHA.

**Residents of Glendale Townhomes are asking:**

1. **To fix/repair Glendale units as stated in the vision/petition signed by over 100 residents of Glendale, Prospect Park neighbors and city residents. These repairs are routine work neglected by MPHA for the last 6 years. Our vision/petition of Defend Glendale aligns with the mission of MPHA.**

1. **For a formal and independent financial audit of Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA)**

* Why is Glendale facing chronic disinvestment while other MPHA properties are not?
* How is the Moving to Work Program impacting spending patterns of MPHA?

<http://www.cbpp.org/research/sharp-expansion-of-huds-moving-to-work-demonstration-raises-serious-concerns>

<https://newrepublic.com/article/125056/rahm-emanuels-next-scandal-chicagos-public-housing>

1. **For a full study MPHA’s redevelopment plans & its financing.** (These plans were introduced by the MPHA Board to the media on Jan.27th without the knowledge of Glendale residents.)

* How is MPHA serving Glendale by disbursing its residents?
* How are these plans going to benefit Glendale residents and greater Minneapolis?
* How will these plans negatively impact residents in Glendale, i.e. schools, jobs, instability, neighbors, community, and families on a waiting list for Glendale? Does this serve the community?
* All of the financial statements, budget, line items and specific details of the plans.
* Who will finance these plans & where will the funds come from?
* Analysis of these plans by the Center of Urban & Regional Affairs (CURA) of the University of Minnesota before any community meetings or public hearings are conducted by the MPHA Board.
* Translation of these plans provided in Oromo, Somali and Hmong before community meetings or public hearings are conducted by the MPHA Board.
* Who will own the new development, the structure, and be responsible for the management?
* What kind of public ownership or private partnership will it be (Section 8, leasing the land, voluntarily conversion, full public housing, etc.). More specifics are needed.
* Where will residents go in the mean time? Public housing/Section 8?
* What will happen to people on the waiting list if/when development takes place?

1. **To support, advocate and protect transparent process that engage Glendale residents throughout any, all planning and decision making regarding our homes, and to ensure their voice and vote matters.**
2. **To change the leadership on the MPHA Board of Commissioners to honor the mission of MPHA, prevent homelessness, and serve vulnerable population in great need of stable homes.**
3. **To support Defend Glendale Campaign to preserve and protect Glendale as it is and affordable housing in Minneapolis, and prevent gentrification.**
4. **To support the nomination of Glendale Townhomes as a local historic designation.** <http://tinyurl.com/Glendale-Historical-Review>

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