



Defend Glendale & Public Housing Coalition Demands to Protect Public Housing & Build More Public Housing

Defend Glendale & Public Housing Coalition is a grassroots campaign of residents organizing to prevent the privatization of Glendale & the rest of public housing in Minneapolis. The objective is to ensure zero displacement, eliminate systematic gentrification, protect, and build more public housing, and minimizes racial and economic inequities currently facing Minneapolis and Hennepin County. Below are eight demands to help us meet our goals:

- **Protect all public housing and build more:** Create a permanent-public policy, county, city- wide ordinances, and state bills to protect all public housing units as public housing in Minneapolis and build more public housing. This includes 42 high rises, over 740 homes, Glendale Townhomes, 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, RAD, Land Use Restrictive Agreements, any/ all forms of privatization methods, etc. Adhere to the permanent protection land trust Declaration of Trust (DOT).
- **Stop the sale and lease of public housing buildings:** Public housing properties 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. This also includes public housing buildings in Wards that predominantly house East African Somali and Oromo elders that are the first target, and all public housing properties.
- **Eliminate future displacements:** Build more public housing as is 30% of income for rent for low-income tenants, and stop the privatization of public housing to minimize displacement, homelessness, the housing crisis, social & economic crisis. In addition, approve Glendale Townhomes' application for local historical designation at Minneapolis City Council.
- **Fund public housing as a public good:** Access public funds from the State, County, and City to keep public housing public. Funding for public housing (through the City Levy, County Funds, Affordable Housing fund, etc.) must be added to the City of Minneapolis, County, and State legislative agenda. 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.
- **Hold MPHA accountable to fix & repair Glendale Townhomes:** MPHA must eliminate its "zero budget" policy for Glendale repairs and maintenance. This is the only option to preserve Glendale, as

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it is now (truly public housing) and to not convert Glendale to any private development, which would permanently displace current residents.