

The Rent is Too Damn High!

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Rally at State Capitol



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- Repeal State Ban on Rent Controls
- \$4B Investment in Social Housing
- Housing First Strategy
- Renter's Bill of Rights



1. Repeal Rent Control Ban

Rent Control:

- directly regulates or limits landlords' ability to raise rents on an annual basis.
- by a certain percentage or some other formula.
- provides tenants with the security of knowing they won't be priced out due to excessive increases in rent.



Repeal Rent Control Ban

In 1988, the State Legislature banned local municipalities from enacting rent control policies.

MIRentIsTooHigh seeks to repeal that ban.



2. Social Housing Investment

Housing that is publicly owned by the government or under democratic community control by non-profit and cooperative entities.

Housing that is built to house people well, rather than deliver a profit to developers & managers.



Social Housing Investment

MI Rents Is Too High seeks:

a \$4 billion state infusion into social housing, to be administered regionally by public developers.

Which they say will support the development of 40-50,000 new social housing units



3. Housing First Strategy

- successful and evidence-based approach to reducing homelessness
- focuses on providing housing to people
- rather than criminalizing or pathologizing them



Housing First Strategy

MI Rents Too High seeks

- a \$1 billion state infusion into programs of direct service, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing, with a housing first lens.
- funds should be distributed and administered regionally.



4. Renter's Bill of Rights

- Renters around the country are insisting on more protections against landlord abuse and empowerment of renters as a class.



Renter's Bill of Rights

- fair chance housing for returning citizens
- tenants' right to organize and have counsel
- relocation assistance in case of red tagging
- increased safety inspection standards
- legal protection against discrimination based on housing status
- just cause eviction
- renter agency for repairs
- a ban on hidden rental fees... and other such policies.



MichiganRadio : History of Rent Control Ban

<https://www.michiganradio.org/politics-government/2023-03-22/an-abridged-history-of-michigans-rent-control-ban>



Resources

1. Michigan Radio: An Abridged History of Michigan's Rent Control Ban <https://www.michiganradio.org/politics-government/2023-03-22/an-abridged-history-of-michigans-rent-control-ban>
2. The Hill Opinion by Cea Weaver <https://thehill.com/opinion/finance/573841-theres-no-denying-the-data-rent-control-works/>
3. MI Rent is too High <https://mirentistoodamnhigh.com/>
4. JW Mason Consideration on Rent Control <https://jwmason.org/slackwire/considerations-on-rent-control/>



Pamphlet at a table at the rally

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**ARE YOU FED UP WITH HIGH ENERGY
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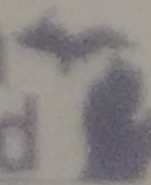
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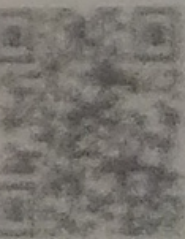


**⚡ JOIN US IN THE FIGHT TO BREAK THE ⚡
MONOPOLY AND TAKE BACK OUR POWER!**

- DTE & Consumers Energy provide unreliable service time and time again, yet the Michigan Public Service Commission keeps allowing them to raise rates.
- Utility companies shield themselves from accountability by paying off politicians. According to a report from Bridge Detroit, at least 69% of Michigan's sitting lawmakers received campaign funds from DTE or Consumers Energy PACs in the last five years. We need to get money out of politics!
- Utilities are a human right. Michigan residents deserve better. Utilities should be accountable to you, not shareholders!

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Join us in keeping up the fight for **a better Michigan.**

For Our Future is a statewide, community-based outreach organization that is dedicated to listening to and lifting up your voice. We have made progress by joining together, but our fight for a better Michigan continues.

There are many ways to get involved.




From speaking with community members to contacting our legislators and sharing your story, there are many ways you can make a real difference in the fight for Michigan's future!

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