

**AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY**

**8021 TALLADAY RD. P.O. BOX 100**

**WHITTAKER, MICHIGAN 48190**

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED \$6 BILLION SPENDING CUTS  
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) IN FY 2018**

**RESOLUTION 17-06**

**WHEREAS** the United States Government may be considering reducing the budget of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by \$6 Billion;

**WHEREAS** the current proposal will include operational funds being reduced by \$600 Million, or 13 percent and funds for big-ticket repairs at public housing facilities being reduced by an additional \$1.3 Billion, about 32 percent, having devastating quality-of-life effects on the low-income families who rely on public housing, including continued delays in the tens of billions of dollars in backlogged repairs required by the country's existing 1.2 million public housing units;

**WHEREAS**, the current proposal will eliminate all funding to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) which has had bi-partisan support since its enactment under President Gerald Ford in 1974. These funds, which MUST benefit low-to moderate income persons, are vital to the ongoing efforts to ensure safe and affordable housing for our most vulnerable populations, increase neighborhood stabilization, create jobs through the development and expansion of local businesses, and for the maintenance and improvement of community infrastructure

**WHEREAS**, the current proposal is to also eliminate or significantly reduce the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, which provides block grants for local communities to build affordable housing, and Choice Neighborhoods, a program that invests in redeveloping low-income communities, along with the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) used for providing shelters and rapid rehousing services for the homeless and to reduce Rental Assistance and Housing Subsidy funds;

**WHEREAS** for the Fiscal Year 2017, Washtenaw County, in Southeastern Michigan was the recipient of almost \$3Million of funds from HUD to provide, build and maintain housing for low-income and homeless individuals, families and veterans, including CDBG, HOME and ESG monies, and

**WHEREAS**, significant cuts in these programs will put **thousands** of people in Washtenaw County in harm's way and reduce the ability to provide safe and adequate housing for individuals, families with children, veterans, and people struggling with health issues and disabling conditions. It will also severely limit the options that the urban, suburban and rural communities can draw upon to assist their constituents in need;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Augusta Charter Township of Washtenaw County stands opposed, along with many of their municipal neighbors and friends, to the proposed cuts to the Housing and Urban Development budget, especially of CBDG, HOME Emergency Solutions Grants and Rental Assistance monies. These drastic cuts will jeopardize the welfare of our most vulnerable populations

and tie the hands of communities that are valiantly attempting to reduce homelessness, blight and to rebuild safe neighborhoods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request our Local, State and Federal representatives to oppose this budget and ensure that these funds are protected. Copies of this Resolution will be provided to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners through Commissioner Ruth Ann Jamnick, State Rep. Adam Zemke, Gov. Rick Snyder, U.S. Representatives Debbie Dingell and Tim Wahlberg and U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters

Motion made by Knick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Domas to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Roll Call: Burek-Aye, Chie-Nay, Domas-Aye, Howard-Aye, Knick-Aye, Ortiz-Nay, Shelby-Aye.

Aye: 5 Nay: 2 Absent: 0

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Brian Shelby 3/16/17  
Brian Shelby, Supervisor Date

Belynda Domas 3/16/17  
Belynda Domas, Clerk Date

CERTIFICATE

I, Belynda Domas, the elected and acting Clerk of Augusta Charter Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Augusta Charter Township Board, as presented at the meeting of said Board held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present, by a roll call vote of said members as herein before set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take effect April 1, 2017.

Belynda Domas 3/16/17  
Belynda Domas, Clerk Date