Ann Arbor Renters Commission Resolution Requesting a Right to Organize Ordinance

Whereas, the ability of renters to organize collectively is a fundamental component of housing stability, tenant protections, and fair housing practices, and supports safer, healthier living conditions;

Whereas, renters in Ann Arbor face power imbalances in the rental housing market that make it difficult for individuals to raise concerns about habitability, safety, and fair treatment without fear of retaliation;

Whereas, a Right to Organize ordinance can help protect tenants' ability to form and participate in tenant organizations, engage in collective advocacy, and communicate with one another about housing conditions, while clarifying permissible landlord conduct and anti-retaliation protections under local law;

Whereas, the Ann Arbor Tenants Union has developed and presented a proposed Right to Organize ordinance draft to the Ann Arbor Renters Commission, reflecting renter experiences and community-based policy development;

Resolved, the Ann Arbor Renters Commission supports the adoption of a Right to Organize ordinance to protect renters' ability to organize collectively and advocate for safe, stable, and fair housing conditions;

Resolved, the Ann Arbor Renters Commission respectfully requests that Ann Arbor City Council work collaboratively with the Ann Arbor Tenants Union, Ann Arbor City staff, housing advocates, property owners, and other stakeholders to refine, introduce, and adopt a Right to Organize ordinance for the City of Ann Arbor.