

How Pasadena Tenant Organizers Helped Win a Historic Rent Control Law



What Are We Here For?

- To create Tenant Solidarity
- To fight against exploitation from Landlords and Property Management Companies
- To demand housing as a human right
- To demand living wages
- To build Tenant Power

How did we get here?

- Economic system of Capitalism that sees housing as a commodity, not as a right for everyone.
- In response to the 2008-2009 economic crash, the US Congress provided a \$700 Billion bailout, the primarily went to Wall Street, to large Banks, to Insurers and to the Auto Industry.
- Currently in the US, there are 7.4 million families that live in poverty.
- If Congress had bailed out the 7.4 million familis living in poverty, each of those families would have received \$94,594.00
- In addition, the 2008-2009 economic crash saw the rise of corporate housing owners, like Blackrock, which is worth \$120 Billion

WHAT THE FUCK ARE WE GONNA DO ABOUT HOUSING?!

A COMMUNITY FORUM FOR AFFECTED FOLKS
TO COME TOGETHER, TALK, AND PLAN ACTION

Have you been displaced from your housing?

Is your landlord selling out from under you?

Are you worried about eviction
or have you been evicted?

Are you navigating houselessness?

Do you want to act in solidarity with folks
experiencing these struggles?

please join us.

Sunday, Aug. 29th, 5pm

near the pavilion @ Carrier Park

~ Childcare is available at this event ~

~ Call 828.515.4431 for support with transportation or any other questions ~

Hosted by: Asheville Solidarity Network
and Asheville Survival Program

HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT



Housing Authority of Asheville (HACA)

1. HACA must pay immediate restitution to the displaced family in the amount the family desires.

2. City of Asheville and Buncombe County must immediately forgive back or overdue rent for those living in public housing and cease threatening residents with evictions.

3. City of Asheville must forgive all unpaid or overdue water bills, including interest, for all residential customers.

4. Buncombe County Sheriff's Department must declare an indefinite moratorium on eviction enforcement; no one should be evicted during a pandemic—or ever.

5. City of Asheville and Buncombe County must make camping legal on city and county property, provide 24/7 access to clean public restrooms where facilities exist, continue offering regular trash and recycling disposal, and add permanent sharps disposal containers to all public park infrastructure.

In **Michigan**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$1,126**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$3,752** monthly or **\$45,025** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

\$21.65
PER HOUR
STATE HOUSING
WAGE

FACTS ABOUT MICHIGAN:

STATE FACTS	
Minimum Wage	\$10.10
Average Renter Wage	\$19.11
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	\$21.65
Number of Renter Households	1,106,036
Percent Renters	28%

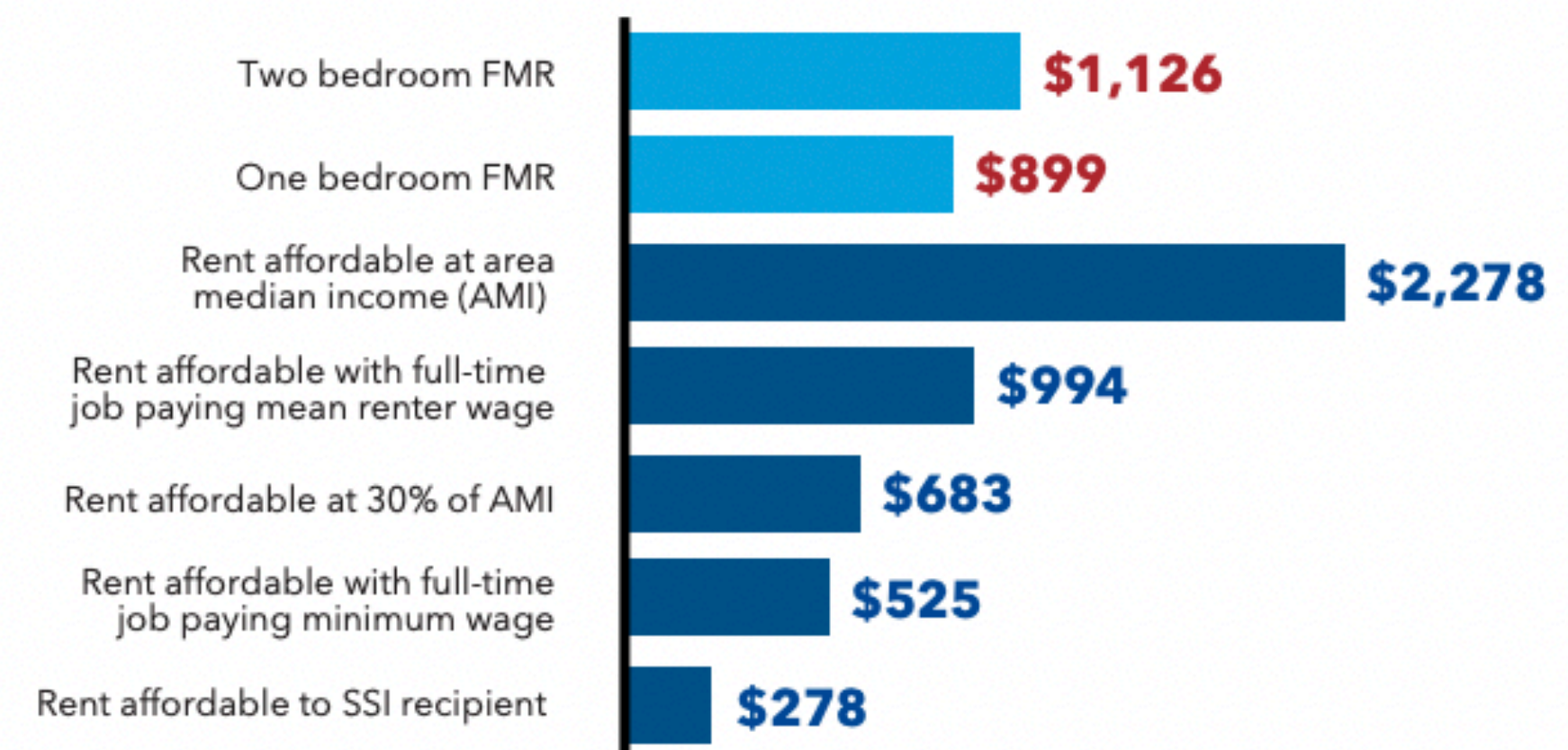
86
 Work Hours Per Week At
**Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom
 Rental Home** (at FMR)

68
 Work Hours Per Week At
**Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom
 Rental Home** (at FMR)

2.1
 Number of Full-Time Jobs At
**Minimum Wage To Afford a
 2-Bedroom Rental Home** (at FMR)

1.7
 Number of Full-Time Jobs At
**Minimum Wage To Afford a
 1-Bedroom Rental Home** (at FMR)

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS	HOUSING WAGE
Ann Arbor MSA	\$26.62
Grand Rapids-Wyoming HMFA	\$25.50
Livingston County	\$24.25
Detroit-Warren-Livonia HMFA	\$23.33
Holland-Grand Haven HMFA	\$22.08



MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

* Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.



Hank Meijer
net worth \$5.5 Billion



Doug Meijer
net worth \$5.5 Billion



Mark Meijer
net worth \$5.5 Billion

- Meijer family wealth increased from \$15 Billion to \$16.5 Billion in one year.
- With \$1.5 billion, it would cover 1 year of rent costs for 83,333 families.
- \$1.5 billion could build 6000 homes at a cost of \$250,000 each.

Lyon Square Project - \$12 Million



New homes for
48 families

Or

Rent vouchers
For 1 year for
500 families

How Oakland Tenants Forced Their Landlord to Turn Over the Keys

- **Created Oakland Community Land Trust**
- **Used City bond funds to purchase apartment complex**
- **Decommodified the housing that was purchased under the Land Trust.**
- **Tenants can continue to rent at no increased cost or they can purchase apartments with the Land Trust**
- **These action are a counternarrative to how cities have been dealing with housing issues, which are centered on investments and attracting tourists**



Non-Profit Housing Industrial Complex



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Community Partners





When Tenants are Organized they have Tenant Power!



Help us Fight for Tenant Rights!



Please Call immediately:
Orchard Place Apartments Property Manager
Cheryl 616-365-3213
Parent Company
Hispanic Housing Development Corporation
Linda 773-720-7165
Demands are listed in the narrative above.

Contact the Property Manager

To demnd that repairs be done
For the resident at
4040 Woodland Creek Dr SE Apt 102

Call 616-957-9000
E-mail wca@ampresidential.com