



# City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

**MARY SHEFFIELD**  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
DISTRICT 5

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Julie Schneider, Director, Housing and Revitalization Department  
**FROM:** Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council  
**DATE:** March 6, 2023  
**RE:** MLK Homes Update

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A previous report from HRD indicated that the affordability contract between HUD and the Martin Luther King Jr. Homes is set to expire in 2023. Rising housing costs have made the need for safe, affordable housing in Detroit ever more vital. Please issue a report on the future of the King Homes, including answering the following questions:

- What is the expiration date of the Martin Luther King Jr. Homes contract with HUD?
- Have the owners of the King Homes notified HUD of their intent to go market rate?
- If not, do the owners plan to renew the affordable contract with HUD?
- Is the City contributing any funds or assistance to preserve the MLK homes affordability?

Please contact Ari Rutenberg from my office at [rutenberga@detroitmi.gov](mailto:rutenberga@detroitmi.gov) if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues  
City Clerk