

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Cavell introduces resolution to address housing security in Oakland County**

*Four proposed interventions aim to support families, seniors, veterans and the homeless*

**February 4, 2022, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.** – Commissioner **Charlie Cavell** (D-Ferndale) introduced a resolution at last night's Oakland County Board of Commissioners meeting that is aimed at increasing housing security for families, seniors, veterans and the homeless. The resolution will make housing more attainable for families through a generational investment fund for working families. In addition, it addresses the growing needs of those on a fixed income, including seniors, veterans and the homeless, and it will help ensure those already in houses are able to keep up with critical home maintenance.

"After almost a year of meetings and collaboration with community members, housing advocates, property developers and county departments, I'm so excited that we are taking this great step forward to ensure housing stability for all Oakland County residents," Cavell said.

The resolution details four policy interventions to support housing security efforts in Oakland County communities. Those four interventions include:

- the creation of the Oakland Together Attainable Housing Trust Fund to increase available attainable rental and homeowner occupied housing throughout Oakland County
- the creation of a Shelter Capacity Fund to increase the number of available emergency shelter beds for both individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community, and to de-congregate currently available units to improve safety and privacy
- increase funding for the Roofs, Ramps and Repairs program, which provides critical home repairs to residents throughout Oakland County
- a comprehensive scan of zoning policies and processes in all Oakland County communities

"With these proposals, Oakland County will lead the way when it comes to removing barriers to attainable housing and increasing opportunities for everyone," Board Chairman **David T. Woodward** (D-Royal Oak) said. "A sustainable and strong economy requires access to attainable housing for all."

The resolution was referred to the Public Health and Safety Committee and the Finance Committee.

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