

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THE BALLOT

**HOUSING INSECURITY CURRENTLY AFFECTS ALMOST EVERY COMMUNITY IN THE NATION, AND FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS AN AFFORDABLE PLACE TO CALL HOME REMAINS OUT OF REACH.**

From national to local levels of government, elected officials have an important role to play in passing policies and funding programs that address housing needs.



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## **WHAT THE RESEARCH SAYS**

- Housing is considered affordable if costs do not exceed 30% of a household's income. Yet, **31.3% of Michigan residents** spend more than 30% of their income on housing.
- Without affordable housing, people are more likely to fall behind on their rent or mortgage and face **eviction** or **foreclosure**. Spending a lot on housing also takes money away from purchasing food, paying other bills, and saving to cover emergencies.
- Strategies to increase access to affordable housing can include: **rent control** ordinances, **housing vouchers**, supportive **land contracts** as a path to homeownership, and **incentivizing developers** to build more affordable housing.

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## **ASK THE CANDIDATES**

- What steps will you take to address access to housing?
- What approach would you take to affordable rental housing?
- What strategies will you use to make homeownership more attainable?