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Community Petition to Protect Legacy Residents and Oppose Displacement-Oriented Development

We, the undersigned, stand in opposition to the Grow MKE initiative, the Housing Element, and any and all similar redevelopment plans that fail to protect the rights, homes, and health of legacy residents in historically Black neighborhoods and other marginalized communities.

These initiatives, while marketed as growth, have actively accelerated gentrification, displaced long-standing residents, and ignored the needs of:

- Black residents and historically marginalized communities
- Seniors (many of whom are second-generation homeowners)
- Veterans
- Persons living with disabilities
- Citizens reentering society after incarceration
- Individuals on fixed incomes, including those with Alzheimer's, dementia, and mobility impairments

Many of these residents **own their homes outright** and have invested their lives in maintaining and enriching their communities. They are being pushed out by rising property taxes, developer pressure, and lack of legal and zoning protections.

We Demand That the City Immediately:

1. Implement the safeguards and policy recommendations outlined in the "175 Protection" booklet, including but not limited to:

- Property tax freezes for fixed-income seniors and disabled homeowners.
- Legal support for estate planning and home retention.
- Anti-displacement zoning overlays and community land trusts.
- Investment in accessibility and aging-in-place infrastructure.
- Right-to-remain and right-to-return policies.
- Reentry-focused housing supports and protections.

2. Work directly with advocacy groups such as:

- NAACP
- AARP
- National Caucus and Center on Black Aging
- National Disability Rights Network
- Local organizations supporting returning citizens and community

reintegration

3. Pause or revise all existing development plans (including Grow MKE and the Housing Element) until safeguards for vulnerable residents are enacted.

**We believe that development without protection is displacement.
Gentrification without justice is policy violence.**

Let us not erase the people who built our neighborhoods.

**SIGN BELOW TO SUPPORT OUR ELDERS, OUR HISTORY, OUR
RETURNING CITIZENS, AND OUR RIGHT TO STAY:**

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