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The 2018 Detroit General Election Matters
Make your plan to **VOTE**
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MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE! WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT:

Detroiters and people throughout Michigan are being hurt by decisions made, or not made, in

Lansing and Washington. This year provides an opportunity to influence our representation. Here are some of the items that *may* appear on your ballot. (source: ballotpedia.org)

CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

United States Congress

- ☐ U.S. House
- ☐ U.S. Senate

State of Michigan

- ☐ Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- ☐ Michigan Secretary of State
- ☐ Michigan State Senate
- ☐ Michigan House of Representatives
- ☐ Attorney General of Michigan
- ☐ Michigan Supreme Court
- ☐ Michigan Court of Appeals
- ☐ 3rd Circuit Court
- ☐ Michigan Judicial 36th District Court
- ☐ Michigan State Board of Education
- ☐ U of M Board of Regents
- ☐ MSU Board of Regents
- ☐ WSU Board of Governors

Wayne County

- ☐ Wayne County Executive
- ☐ Wayne County Commission
- ☐ Wayne County Probate Court
- ☐ Wayne County Community College Board of Trustees
- ☐ Wayne County Community College District, Replacement Operating Millage Proposal

City of Detroit

- ☐ DPS Board of Education
- ☐ Detroit City Charter Revision Commission

STATE BALLOT PROPOSALS

○ Proposal 1 - Marijuana Legalization Initiative

A "yes" vote supports legalizing the recreational use and possession of marijuana for persons 21 years of age or older and enacting a tax on marijuana sales.

A "no" vote opposes legalizing the recreational use and possession of marijuana for persons 21 years of age or older and enacting a tax on marijuana sales.

○ Proposal 2 - Independent Redistricting Commission Initiative

A "yes" vote supports transferring the power to draw the state's congressional and legislative districts from the Michigan State Legislature to an independent redistricting commission.

A "no" vote opposes transferring the power to draw the state's congressional and legislative districts from the Michigan State Legislature to an independent redistricting commission.

○ Proposal 3 - Voting Policies in State Constitution Initiative

A "yes" vote supports adding eight voting policies to the Michigan Constitution, including straight-ticket voting, automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, and no-excuse absentee voting.

A "no" vote opposes adding eight voting policies to the state constitution, maintaining that straight-ticket voting, automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, and no-excuse absentee voting are not used in Michigan.

WHAT WILL NOT BE ON THE BALLOT!

As a result of the hard work and organizing of people like you, Detroiters and workers across Michigan will receive an increase in the minimum wage and the opportunity to be paid when they have to take sick time.

One Fare Wage and **Earned Paid Sick Leave** will not be on the ballot in November because they were voted on in Lansing prior to the election. **We will need you to defend and protect these WINS** if the current lawmakers in Lansing try and take them away in December.

CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

In the August Primary Detroiters voted on whether or not to "open" and revise the City Charter. The City Charter can be likened to the U.S. or Michigan Constitution. Proposal R was successful by only a slight margin of 184 votes. Since it passed, Charter Revision Commission Candidates will be on the ballot in November. There will be 16 candidates on the ballot for this 9 seat commission.

Learning as much a possible about these candidates before the election is important because they will be shape the 3 year revision process.

BE PREPARED. THERE ISN'T A "STRAIGHT PARTY" VOTE ON THIS BALLOT!
Give yourself time at the polls. Each partisan public office must be voted on separately.



5 YEARS OF DETROIT PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

In 2013 we

- Hosted the Detroit People's Platform 2013 Convention that facilitated the creation of the People's Platform in response to State Takeover and the Consent Decree.
- Conducted a city-wide assessment of activists and residents that will become the People's Atlas.
- Launched the People's Platform Newspaper.
- Were a founding member of the Equitable Detroit Coalition and published the CBA Toolkit.

In 2014 we

- Began our Public Health Campaign around Mass Water Shutoffs
 - Published the Democracy by Authority guide.
 - Supported multiple protests against Emergency Management and Bankruptcy.
- We partnered with**
- Detroiters Resisting Emergency Management
 - The People's Water Board Coalition

In 2015 we

- Organized a prayer vigil at the home of Wayne County Treasurer in protests to the Foreclosure Auction.
- Joined the national Right to the City Alliance to support our local housing campaigns.
- Hosted meet the candidate gatherings.
- Continued to support EDC's work to get a CBO.



TRANSIT JUSTICE TEAM PICKS UP SPEED!

DDOT Undergoes Major Changes in September: Restored Access to Woodward in downtown Detroit and Proposed Fare Increases

Keep Woodward on Woodward Campaign a success!

On September 5th, the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) restored the Woodward #53 now referred to as #4 to its direct route on Woodward Ave all the way through downtown Detroit. The Detroit People's Platform Transit Justice Team organized the "Keep Woodward on Woodward" campaign collecting signatures from DDOT bus riders

The campaign demanded the restoration of the Woodward bus through downtown Detroit. This is a major win for residents, restaurant workers, security guards, custodians, and others who work, shop, and access social and government services in downtown Detroit.

We thank the petition signers for their support and the volunteers of the Transit Justice Team for making this win possible!

In early September, DDOT proposed a new fare structure. This proposed fare restructuring will increase the base fare by 33% from \$1.50 to \$2.00 and will increase the prices of bus passes compared to the current system. The new fare structure will eliminate transfers and replace it with a 4-hour pass for access to any DDOT and SMART bus. It also eliminates the \$0.50 fee when a DDOT bus rider transfers to the SMART bus system. Most importantly, all passes under this new proposed fare structure will be rolling passes which can be bought at any time and are only valid once activated. For example, if one purchases a 7-day pass on Tuesday and uses it that day, it will expire 7 days from Tuesday.

Proposed New Fare Structure

Fare Card	Standard Fare Rate	Reduced Fare Rate (ADA*/Senior/Student)
4-Hour pass: DDOT & SMART	\$2.00	\$0.50
24-Hour pass: DDOT & SMART	\$5.00	\$2.00
7-Day pass: DDOT-ONLY**	\$17.00	\$8.00
7-Day pass: DDOT & SMART	\$22.00	\$10.00
31-Day pass: DDOT-ONLY**	\$50.00	\$17.00
31-Day pass: REGIONAL	\$70.00	\$29.00

*ADA: American Disabilities Act ** DDOT-Only passes do not grant access to SMART buses.

Bus riders still cannot count on DDOT bus service for on-time and reliable access to work, school, medical appointments and worship. In Detroit, families and individuals are facing high rents, losing their homes to tax foreclosures, and experiencing water-shutoffs across the city at an alarming rate.

THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO RAISE BUS FARES.

Detroit Peoples Platform Calls for DDOT bus riders to take the following actions:

- Call your city councilmember and demand that council vote down the proposed bus fare increases. Urge council to adopt a low-income fare policy instead. This low income fare policy would allow low-income Detroit residents to pay the same reduced fares that seniors, students, and persons with disabilities currently pay.
- Attend city council meetings and offer public comment. Plan to arrive by 9:30am on Mondays and Tuesdays on the 13th floor of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center at 2 Woodward Ave. DPP urges bus riders to leave comments with DDOT regarding the proposed fare increase.

Detroit City Council main line: (313) 224-3443
Detroit Department of Transportation: (313) 933-1300
or email at: ddotcomment@detroitmi.gov

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While preparing for the 2018 Summit we went through the Detroit People's Platform Archive to create this timeline. It doesn't begin to capture all of the efforts over the last five years, but documents some of the work. Thank you!

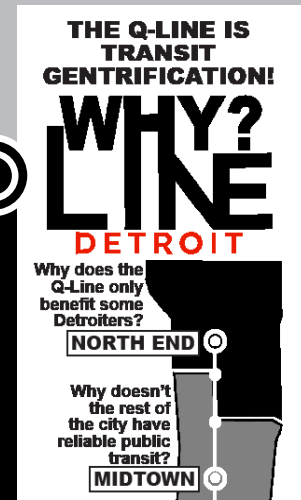
In 2016 we

Released A People's Story of Detroit. A project that brought together years of interviews with activists and community members.
In answer to the foreclosure crisis created the Keep Our Homes Detroit campaign to support the Store House of Hope Community Land Trust.
Published the Parks Matter Zine



In 2017 we

- Hosted an event to watch the State of the City.
- Called a successful action against the public funded Qline in it's grand opening.
- Achieved the creation of the Housing Trust Fund.
- Protested the ground breaking of the skyscraper on the Hudson's site.



Detroit City Council Pro Tem Mary Sheffield

On Monday September 17, 2018 Detroit City Council Pro Tem Mary Sheffield held a press conference announcing the "People's Bills". This legislative package includes policy that Detroit People's Platform and other allied groups have actively worked on. These include the Housing Trust Fund, with the Housing Trust Fund Coalition, the Community Benefit Ordinance Amendments through Equitable Detroit Coalition and Water Affordability through the People's Water Board Coalition.



The People's Bills include: Mandatory 51% of Detroiters on construction projects, Water Affordability, Poverty Tax Exemptions, Community Benefits Ordinance Amendments, Homeless Bill of Rights, Parking Fines Reduction, increase funding for Housing Trust Fund, and eliminate Cash Bail Disparities.



HOMES FOR ALL!

WE BELIEVE DETROIT NEEDS DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT DISPLACEMENT AND THAT INCLUDES HOUSING FOR ALL DETROITERS ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH LOW INCOMES. JOIN OUR HOMES FOR ALL CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT FOR QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL DETROITERS!

Detroit is enjoying national attention for its revitalization efforts, but not everyone is benefitting equally. Corporations and investors from around the world have shifted enormous amounts of investment into Detroit.

Detroit is experiencing an explosion of investment. Investors are purchasing land and buildings from the City, the City is investing money in infrastructure improvements in selected neighborhoods, and developers are investing money in rehabilitating buildings for trendy new restaurants, luxurious apartments, hotels, condos, and upscale boutiques. The revitalization of Detroit's housing market includes building and renovating mostly market-rate housing that the average long-time Detroiters can't afford to live in.

However, the one thing that Detroit has not been willing to invest in is permanently affordable housing for current residents to continue living in their neighborhoods as housing costs begin rise.

Right now, the average Detroiters spends 60% of their monthly income on housing. This is one of the highest rental burdens in the country. One in five Detroit renters face eviction every year. That makes Detroit one of the top

10 cities for annual evictions. In order to reverse these trends that threaten to displace long-term Detroiters the City must commit to protecting and creating quality permanent affordable homes and apartments for the Detroit families who need them most.

The Mayor of Detroit has created many talking points about affordable housing. These include statements such as: "We will not support development that moves Detroiters out so others can move in" and "Every area of Detroit will have a place for people of all incomes."

To honor these commitments the City of Detroit must take action by creating and funding a housing plan for constructing and protecting a substantial amount of high-quality affordable homes for the Detroit families who need them most. This must be done simultaneously with the city's redevelopment efforts. This is the only way to reduce the threat of displacement.

For these reasons, Detroit People's Platform is joining with allies across the country to launch the Homes for All Campaign here in Detroit to demand the following:

- Commitment to fund the creation and protection of permanent and deeply affordable housing
- Increased renter protections
- Sufficient revenue stream to support the Housing Trust Fund

Detroit People's Platform will be meeting with residents and renters across the city to make sure our voices are heard around this critical policy issue.

Sources:
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EQUITABLE DETROIT COALITION UPDATE

CBO Amendment Process

Equitable Detroit Coalition has organized around the “RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS Detroit Community Benefits Ordinance” Report they published earlier this year. After a year of research on the City’s current CBO process the report recommends 12 Amendments. In July, City Council’s Legislative Policy Division released a report citing EDC’s recommendations. Momentum is gaining around the amendment process with Council Member Pro Tem’s inclusion of the CBO Amendments in her “People’s Bills” legislative package.

Jefferson Chalmers Community Advocates

Historically, The Jefferson Chalmers Community has been extremely active. With the Mayor’s Strategic Neighborhood Fund being rolled out, long time activist and new residents are organizing to protect their residents and benefit from the changes happening around them. After a robust community survey they are now circulating petitions with a list of demands for what they want to see in their neighborhood.


“The Platform” Projects

“The Platform” is a multi-site development project with numerous locations across the city. While they have avoided attention in the shadows of big names like Ford, Quicken/Bedrock and Olympia, they are also grabbing a great deal of public tax investments to cover the cost of their private projects. A Platform project around the Fisher Building in New Center/ North End is currently going through the city’s CBO Process.

Ford Motor Co. in Corktown

Ford Motor Co. promotes their reputation as a socially responsible corporation. They claim they want to be a good corporate neighbor but they only agreed to invest \$10 Million in community around their new project in Corktown. We’re disappointed the Ford hasn’t gone far enough for Detroit.

Ford Motor Co. has a net worth of nearly \$17 billion. They want \$239 million in tax breaks for their \$740 million project in Corktown. They want to “fast track” an abatement of \$104 million in city taxes over 35 years to catch another \$18.7 million in tax breaks from the state by the end of October. **For this kind of money and from this kind of corporation we want a REAL CBA.**



2018 SUMMIT MAJORITY BLACK DETROIT MATTERS

THANK YOU!
FOR MAKING THE
2018 SUMMIT A
HUGE SUCCESS!

On Saturday, September 8, the Detroit People’s Platform held our 2018 Summit. It’s been over 5 years since the 2013 Platform Convention at Marygrove College. The last five years have found us shifting to adapt to economic and political changes in post-Bankruptcy and post Emergency Management Detroit.

The summit was well attended with over 16 important morning and afternoon sessions. Morning sessions were dedicated to learning more about the issues that Detroit Peoples’s Platform and our allies and partners have been working on. The afternoon sessions focused on local and statewide campaigns and organizing our efforts in Detroit. We closed out the day with District Report Outs and sign-ups for numerous follow-up workshops.



LINDA CAMPBELL OPENED THE DAY. WE SAT TOGETHER IN OUR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND COORDINATED A PLAN FOR ATTENDING SESSIONS TO MAXIMIZE LEARNING.



CREATING A RADICAL SOCIAL SAFETY NET
PANELIST: MONICA LEWIS PATRICK, WE THE PEOPLE OF DETROIT; MONIQUE TATE, INTERNET EQUITY INITIATIVE; BERNADETTE ATUAHENE, COALITION TO PREVENT UNCONSTITUTIONAL FORECLOSURES; AND SHAKARA TYLER, DETROIT BLACK COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY NETWORK.



THE ROLE OF MEDIA IN SHAPING MOVEMENT BUILDING IN DETROIT
PRESENTERS: KIM HUNTER ENGAGE MICHIGAN; MARTINA GUZMAN, DETROIT EQUITY ACTION LAB (DEAL); ERIC CAMPBELL (RIVERWISE) AND SHEA HOWELL, BOGGS CENTER



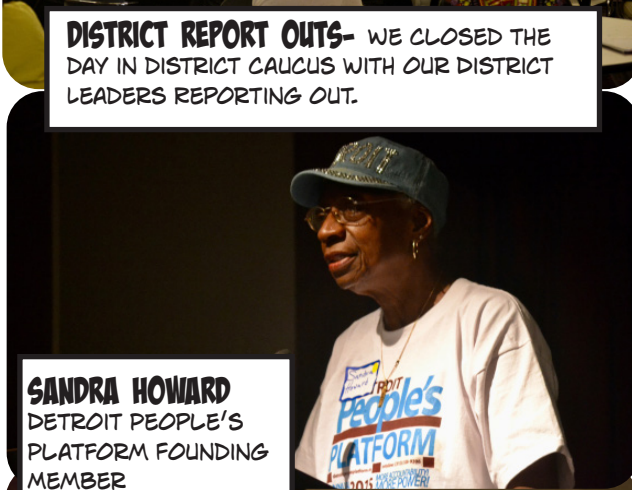
DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT DISPLACEMENT & EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
PANELIST: PETER HAMMER, DAMON KEITH CENTER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND DETROIT EQUITY ACTION LAB (DEAL); AMINA KIRK, DETROIT PEOPLES PLATFORM; COMMUNITY LEADERS: JOCELYN HARRIS AND LINDA BOWIE, JEFFERSON CHALMERS COMMUNITY GROUP; LINDA BAIN, RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY; MIGUEL POPE, MT ELLIOTT BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (MEBCA)



WEALTH STRIPPING & RACE IN DETROIT'S RESTRUCTURING PRESENTER: MAURICE WEEKS, CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ACTION CENTER ON RACE AND THE ECONOMY (ACRE)



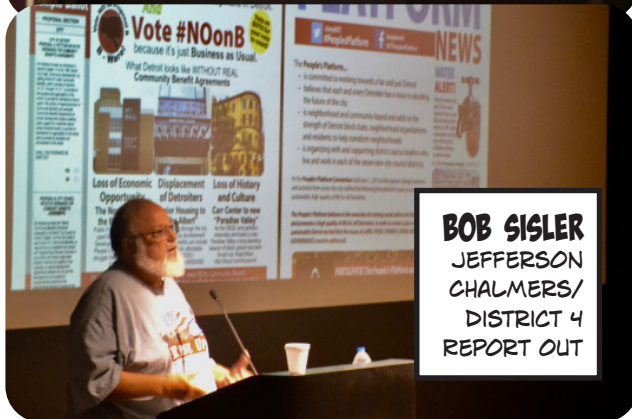
DISTRICT REPORT OUTS- WE CLOSED THE DAY IN DISTRICT CAUCUS WITH OUR DISTRICT LEADERS REPORTING OUT.



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DETROIT PEOPLE'S PLATFORM FOUNDING MEMBER



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DISTRICT 6
REPORT OUT



BOB SISLER
JEFFERSON CHALMERS/
DISTRICT 4
REPORT OUT

