

DETROIT RIGHT TO COUNSEL

Detroiters Facing **Eviction** Deserve Legal Representation



WHO WE ARE

We are Detroiters and advocates who believe housing is a human right and are working together to establish and support a right to legal counsel for people facing eviction in Detroit

WHAT IS THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL?

A national movement that recognizes the need for **legal representation as a right for tenants**

- Legal representation is a right in criminal cases; but in eviction cases, people are not guaranteed the right to a lawyer
- A right to counsel would require city government to provide legal representation for tenants facing eviction
- A right to counsel in Detroit will help people who are at risk of losing their homes

WHY A RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR DETROIT?

"--in 2015 alone, the vast majority of landlords who took their renters to court were themselves operating illegally" - The Detroit News



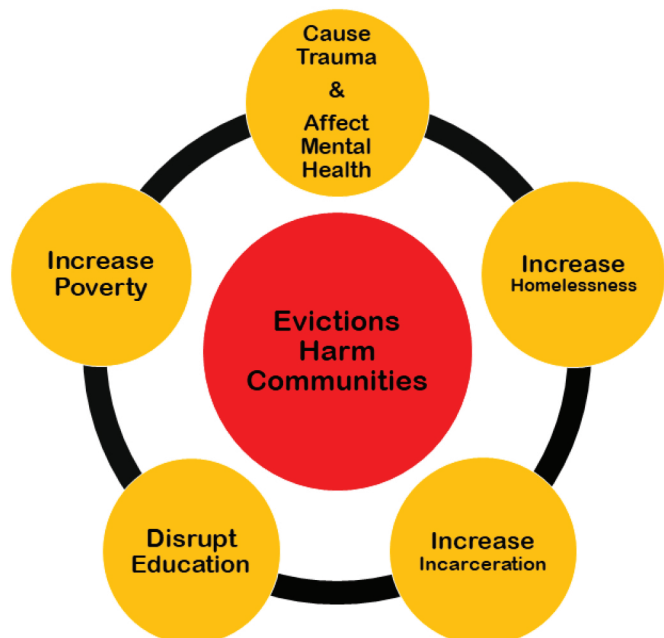
On average, 1 in 5 rental households face eviction each year

Detroit

- 90%:** of landlords have legal representation
- 5%:** of low income tenants had legal representation



Evictions disproportionately impact seniors, people with disabilities, and **households headed by Black women**



RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS A PART OF THE SOLUTION

Since 2017, several major cities and one state have passed right to counsel laws:

- New York City
- Philadelphia
- Newark
- Baltimore
- Cleveland
- Milwaukee
- Denver
- San Francisco

And many others are following...



New York City

86% of tenants who received right to counsel representation stayed in their homes

San Francisco

Eviction filings decreased by 10% between 2018 and 2019
67% of those with a lawyer stayed in their homes

Research shows that right to counsel **helps cities and states save money...**

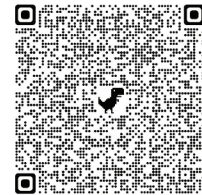


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