**POLICY PRIORITIES FOR DETROIT NEIGHBORHOODS: A CALL TO ACTION**

The Stakeholders of BECDD are committed to generating a policy environment that facilitates effective community development in Detroit. Toward that end, we issue a **Call to Action** to **improve existing** **policy** and **create new** **policy** at the **city and state level,** aimed at Long Term Affordability Strategies for Detroit Neighborhoods. **We Believe….**

* In the formation of a **comprehensive affordability plan** that meets the needs of **Detroiters at all income levels** in **every Detroit neighborhood**:
	+ Co-created among neighborhood leaders, community development, Detroit city government and other existing coalitions dedicated to this goal
	+ That includes capacity building for community development organizations to implement the strategies in all neighborhoods
* That affordability resources must include housing for families with **less than 50% of Area Median Income**
* In mechanisms to **assure permanent affordability** of housing:
	+ Including a set-aside of DLBA housing inventory for this purpose
	+ Including partnerships between DLBA, city government and community development organizations
	+ Including affordability of other property, commercial and green space
* That **repair and rehab strategies must be prioritized**
	+ Including support for repair and preservation of homes owned by the elderly
	+ Including “bundling” and other creative strategies to increase the supply of affordable homes
* That affordable housing must **accommodate families**
* That city, county and state policy and practices must be aimed at **eliminating housing loss from property tax foreclosure**
* That **new state policy should be created to generate an ongoing flow of resources into Detroit** **neighborhoods**
	+ through housing trusts, corporate linkage fees and other incentive programs