

City of Cincinnati



Interdepartment
Correspondence Sheet

January 30, 2012

To: Vice Mayor Roxanne Qualls
From: John P. Curp, City Solicitor *JPC*
Subject: Resolution – Opposing HB 408 and SB 280

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Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

EXPRESSING City Council's opposition to House Bill 408, as introduced on January 5, 2012, and Senate Bill 280, as introduced on January 10, 2012, which alter the composition of the board of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority and effectively makes it more difficult to provide affordable housing accessible to all the residents of Hamilton County.

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WHEREAS, House Bill 408 and Senate Bill 280 single out only the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, out of all the public housing authorities throughout the State of Ohio, by altering the composition of the board to include two additional board members that may be approved or rejected by the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to directly approve one of five CMHA board members; and

WHEREAS, two of the current CMHA board members are appointed by the Hamilton County Probate Court and the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas; and

WHEREAS, if the bills are passed, the Board of County Commissioners will have the authority to directly approve three of the seven CMHA board members; and

WHEREAS, access to affordable housing dispersed throughout a region ensures access to quality public education and jobs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati currently has 90% of the subsidized housing in Hamilton County and only has the authority to appoint two of the five members to the CMHA board; and

WHEREAS, with non-City jurisdictions in control of the CMHA board, it will be increasingly difficult if not impossible to ensure access to affordable housing in suburban areas of Hamilton County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Council hereby expresses its opposition to House Bill 408, as introduced on January 5, 2012, and Senate Bill 280, as introduced on January 10, 2012, which alter the composition of the board of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority and effectively

makes it more difficult to provide affordable housing accessible to all the residents of Hamilton County.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be sent to Governor John Kasich; William G. Batchelder, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives; Senate President Thomas E. Niehaus; State Senator Eric Kearney; State Senator Bill Seitz; State Representative Denise Driehaus; State Representative Alicia Reese; State Representative Dale Mallory; and State Representative Peter Stautberg.

Passed: _____, 2012

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Roxanne Qualls and Councilmember Yvette Simpson