



CDAD Public Policy & Advocacy Agenda

Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD) is a membership-centered organization with over 200 dues paying members. CDAD advocates for public policies and resources that advance the work of nonprofit, community-based organizations and resident-led groups in Detroit neighborhoods who are engaged in physical development, land use planning, community organizing, and other activities designed to stabilize and revitalize the quality of life for residents living in Detroit.

As a trusted resource and respected advocate on policy issues, CDAD is regularly sought out by public officials, community organizations, coalitions, and the media to provide information and insights on what the needs and concerns of our members who are working in and across Detroit neighborhoods. CDAD works to achieve our policy and advocacy goals through education, facilitation, organizing, strategic partnerships, and information sharing.

2023 Policy Priorities

CDAD's 2023 Policy Agenda is grounded on policy priorities which will directly benefit Detroit residents, nonprofits and community development organizations and will result in more responsive governance and increased accountability and transparency.

- Increase the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of natural and regulated affordable and accessible housing options that are financially and environmentally sustainable.
- Ensure that the City of Detroit Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance reflect neighborhood needs and priorities.
- Prevent evictions through fully funding and implementing the Right to Counsel Ordinance.
- Push for affordable and accessible housing development models such as community land trusts.
- Advocate for property tax reforms to prevent foreclosures and compensate residents that were illegally assessed.
- Support participation by CDAD members in the City of Detroit budget process.
- More city, state, and federal funding for CDOs and neighborhood-based nonprofit organizations for affordable and accessible housing and community development.
- Reform the City of Detroit Community Development Block Grant program to reflect the needs of low- and moderate-income residents.

