

CDAD 2024 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD) is a membership-centered, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with over 150 dues-paying members. For over 25 years, CDAD has served as the leading voice of the community development sector in the City of Detroit. 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 priorities through education, facilitation, organizing, strategic partnerships, and information sharing.

2024 Policy Priorities

CDAD supports and advocates for thriving neighborhoods; equitable development; public funding for nonprofit organizations' and groups' housing and community development work; transparent, accountable, and responsive government; community benefits; and expanded housing options for Detroiters based upon their needs.

Building, Maintaining and Preserving Accessible, Affordable and Quality Housing

More affordable, accessible, and quality housing options for Detroiters in all Detroit neighborhoods. More naturally occurring and regulated housing options that are financially and environmentally sustainable. More funding for building, maintaining, preserving, and repairing owner occupied houses and rental housing owned by Detroit-based nonprofits. Push for housing development models such as community land trusts.

Budgeting and Spending Public Funds

More funding for affordable, accessible, and quality housing throughout the City, for community development in Detroit neighborhoods and for Detroit community development organizations and neighborhood-based nonprofit organizations. Prioritize public funding for owner occupied homes and rental housing owned by Detroit-based nonprofits. Advocate for the equitably spending of Community Development Block Grant, American Rescue Plan Act, City of Detroit Funds, Detroit Housing Trust Fund, and Tax Credits to directly benefit Detroit residents and neighborhoods and the nonprofits that serve them.

Reforming the Community Development Block Grant Program

Reform the City of Detroit CDBG program to reflect the needs of low- and moderate-income residents.

Preventing Evictions and Increasing Housing Stability

Fully funding and fully implementing the Detroit Right to Counsel Ordinance. Reduce the loss of affordable, accessible, and quality housing through evictions, foreclosures, displacement, and disinvestment.

Reforming Detroit's Property Tax System

Fully funding and fully implementing the Detroit Property Tax Reform Ordinance. Compensate Detroit residents who were illegally over-assessed. Ensure that residential and commercial parcels are properly and equitably assessed. Advocate for equitably use of tax incentives to benefit Detroiters and Detroit neighborhoods.

Advocating for Thriving Neighborhoods

Ensure that the City of Detroit Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance reflect neighborhood needs and priorities. Ensure that Proposal N and other funds are used equitably to demolish vacant houses. Identify ways and funding for nonprofits to rehabilitate vacant houses for Detroit residents.

Promoting Community and Civic Engagement

Encourage and support members' participation in community and civic engagement activities relating to Detroit City Council redistricting; State legislative redistricting; and voter education and engagement.