

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In the City of Chicago (the "City") thousands of people struggle with housing insecurity and homelessness.

WHEREAS, The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) is formally an independent government body with its own board, responsible for providing oversight and support for affordable housing in communities across the City.

WHEREAS, CHA implemented a scattered-site program in efforts to help desegregate the City's public housing and expand residents' access to housing opportunities.

WHEREAS, On November 30, 2023 *Block Club* and *Illinois Answers* provided an update for their ongoing report and found that nearly 500 of CHA's 2,900 scattered-site properties are empty across the City.

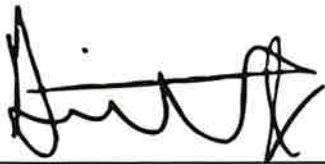
WHEREAS, With nearly one in every six of CHA's scattered-sites vacant — and in some cases decaying, many neighborhoods across the City have been left destabilized.

WHEREAS, High vacancy rates have led to less housing assistance for low-income families and more issues for neighborhoods of vacant buildings.

WHEREAS, Currently more than 200,000 people are on the agency's waiting lists for housing with up to a 20 year wait time.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby call upon the Committee on Housing and Real Estate to hold a hearing on CHA's plan of action to address this matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call upon Chicago Housing Authority CEO Tracey Scott and board members to testify and answer questions regarding the vacancies.



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