

Dear Chair Calley and Members of the Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee,

I am a resident of Brookfield Heritage neighborhood in East Lansing. The owner's association covenant of our neighborhood includes racist and exclusionary language that, because of the language of the original document, is extremely difficult to amend without losing the entire covenant. Our neighborhood residents have worked on and advocated this issue for several years.

I am emailing you today to urge your support in passing HB 4416 and HB 4417, which will allow us to amend our covenant and continue building a neighborhood that represents our values, values where everyone is welcome..

We are clear and vocal that this language is offensive and unenforceable, but nevertheless, continuing to have that historical language in the documents every homeowner receives today has created a climate of exclusion and discrimination. We have appealed to lawyers, our City Council, and the Human Rights Commission of East Lansing (of which I am a member) to no avail. HB 4416 and HB 4417 will allow us a path forward.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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