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Dear [Kalamazoo & Portage City Commissioners, Oshtemo & Kalamazoo Township Trustees and County Commissioners]

ISAAC, Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy & Action in the Community, has identified reversing the harm caused by the long history of "redlining" and also creating increased access to affordable housing as critical for building the Beloved Community in Kalamazoo County.

ISAAC shares the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s belief that we must create "the Beloved Community, a place in which our deepest values of abundance, equity, community, hope, and most of all love are infused into our policies and practices, so that every individual is held as beloved."

ISAAC invites you to affirm your commitment at ISAAC's Public Meeting:

Thursday, October 25, 2018

6:30pm

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

120 Roberson Street at North Burdick, Kalamazoo (49007)

After ISAAC Housing Task Force presents the reasons new commitment is needed, we believe you will want to reply "yes" to these questions. We will call for all City and County Commissioners and Township Trustees present who are willing to answer "yes" to come forward:

- Do you commit to attending a workshop on "Local History of Racism and Segregation" hosted by ISAAC and the Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT) at a date we set together in January 2019, and will you encourage staff from your municipality to also attend and work with you on creating solutions that reverse the harm?
- Do you commit to supporting a Fair Housing amendment that prevents "source of income" discrimination, and to supporting Fair Chance Law that prevents blanket rejection of renters' applications without considering their individual situations?

All city and county commissioners and township trustees for the Kalamazoo area and candidates for those positions are receiving this invitation.

Please indicate your response to this invitation by October 22, 2018. You may call the ISAAC office at 269-341-4213 or email Housing Task Force Co-Chair Tobi Hanna-Davies, <thd Davies@umich.edu>.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help build the Beloved Community!

Yours in faith,

Dr. Charlae Davis

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An interfaith organizing network of congregations and strategic partners
working together to build an equitable community