type of real estate transaction, leaving buyers with little protection against unscrupulous sellers. At a
accountable for providing a basic level of habitability, the court approves eviction. The law should
inspected.

Provide for eviction expungement:

water bills, increases certainty in the water supplier's revenue stream, and reduces the supplier's
certain financial hardships. Such a plan makes it more likely that families can stay current on their

given greater assurance of long-term benefits that will truly uplift their families and neighbors,

Strengthen the Community Benefits Ordinance (CBO):
targeting of affordable housing developments to ensure that they benefit the families most

the first fund, which includes creation of an Affordable Housing Task Force, in order to achieve its

Michigan's Foundation.

policy recommendations, see the League's first issue in the

Trauma of Housing Instability

racism in housing, it is not surprising that Detroit—the nation's largest majority-African American city

The policies and practices that have forced people of color into substandard rental housing and

redlined area, there were seven more foreclosures per 100 owner-occupied units from 2009 to 2011.

following the Great Recession. For every 10 percentage-point increase in a neighborhood's historical

experience worse health, more hospitalizations and greater developmental risks than their

relationships and routines in an unfamiliar environment. When children change schools, academic

for suburban peers.


The Great Recession caused the largest setbacks for African Americans, who already had lower

American families dropped from 51% to 40%

violence (often with the complicity of law enforcement) to prevent them from moving into the homes

to achieve homeownership in good neighborhoods despite these obstacles, Whites employed

wealth divide. In Detroit, as in so many communities across the country, the barriers to quality

poverty and

of the city's nearly 300 census tracts, mortgages were concentrated in nine of the

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