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The Honorable Richard B. Austin
United States Judge
219 South Dearborn Street
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Re: Gautreaux v. Romney, 66 C 1460;
plaintiffs' pending motion for
further relief

Dear Judge Austin:

Last week a decision was rendered by the District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, in Garrett et al. v. City of Hamtramck and HUD, et al., Civil Action No. 32004. The gist of the Court's determination was that urban renewal programs had been carried out in a racially discriminatory way, and that both the local agencies and HUD were responsible for the discrimination and obliged to remedy its effects.

Because of its obvious relevance to the pending motion of the plaintiffs for an order directing HUD and the plaintiffs to prepare a remedial plan, I quote in full the ordering portion of the Court's decision:

"THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the defendant City of Hamtramck and the defendant Department of Housing and Urban Development, in cooperation with the plaintiffs, present to this court within ninety (90) days from the date of this order a program designed to remedy the wrongs suffered by virtue of defendants' conduct. It is essential to this order that the remedy devised include an increase of low and moderate income housing for those Black persons who have been and are scheduled to be displaced by renewal projects. Such a plan should encompass construction of new housing as well as a profound, meaningful,

comprehensive and enforceable program to eliminate the existing discrimination in housing within the City so as to make available to Black citizens those existing dwellings geared for low-income individuals. The plan should also provide for a sufficient number of units, either through construction of new homes or through the elimination of discriminatory real estate practices, so as to accommodate all those displaced, past and future. Along with the scheduled increase in housing, the plan should also provide a specific and scheduled program for the relocation of any additional persons displaced through code enforcement, renewal projects, or encroaching industry. Finally the plan must contain an acceptable time schedule in which all of the above is to be accomplished.

Although the plan to be submitted will pertain primarily to the land contained in the "Amended Wyandotte Area Project", it is not of necessity limited thereto, but may encompass the entire Hamtramck area. Both defendants shall do all things necessary to insure that a plan is developed which meets the legal requirements set forth by statute, results in marked progress in serving the poor and disadvantaged living in slum and blighted areas in Hamtramck, is in conformity with the requirements of this court's order, and is non-discriminatory so as to provide fair housing.

This court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter until further order."

A copy of the full memorandum opinion is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Alexander Polikoff

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cc: Mr. James Murray