A RESOLUTION CREATING A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ACQUISITION OF PERMANENT, SUSTAINABLE FUNDING TO PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND ASSOCIATED PREVENTIVE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES FOR ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 5, 2007

WHEREAS, the goal of ending homelessness in Washtenaw County by 2014 has been established as a major policy objective by public, private, and non-profit sector leadership across our community; and

WHEREAS, several hundred key stakeholders have contributed to the formation of "*A Home for Everyone: A Blueprint for Ending Homelessness in Washtenaw County"* as our community's comprehensive 10-Year Strategic Plan to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has charged the Washtenaw Housing Alliance with responsibility for implementing the *Blueprint to End Homelessness*; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw Housing Alliance has documented the cost-effectiveness of providing permanent supportive housing and related homeless prevention and supportive housing services in eliminating homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the *Blueprint to End Homelessness in Washtenaw County* has identified a goal of establishing and sustaining at least 500 units of permanent supportive housing targeted to individuals and families experiencing (or at risk of) homelessness by 2014; and

WHEREAS, initial funding to establish over 200 of these units has been identified or committed, but nearly all of these new units will require sustainable funding to assure long-term viability of supportive housing services; and

WHEREAS, securing permanent, sustainable funding to provide supportive housing services associated with the "500 Unit Plan" and other *Blueprint* initiatives will require thoughtful exploration of viable local alternatives and documentation of other communities' best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw Housing Alliance has demonstrated its effectiveness in creating broadly inclusive collaboration among public, private, and not-for-profit partners in its initial successes in implementing the *Blueprint to End Homelessness*; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby creates the Task Force on Sustainable Revenue for Supportive Housing Services for Ending Homelessness in Washtenaw County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force members shall include representatives from key local stakeholder systems, including:

Name	*Representing*
1. TBD	Washtenaw Housing Alliance Board of Directors
2. TBD	Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
3. TBD	Washtenaw County Treasurer's Office
4. TBD	Urban County Executive Committee
5. TBD	Ann Arbor City Council
6. TBD	Ypsilanti City Council
7. TBD	Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority
8. TBD	Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce
9. TBD	Washtenaw United Way Board of Directors
10. TBD	Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
11. TBD	St. Joseph Mercy Health System
12. TBD	Washtenaw Community Health Organization
13. TBD	Non profit sector representative
14. TBD	Non profit sector representative
15. TBD	Non profit sector representative
16. TBD	At-large representative (as designated by Chair)
17. TBD	At-large representative (as designated by Chair)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Task Force shall explore and recommend locally viable long-term revenue sources for the creation and sustainability of supportive housing units and related preventive and supportive housing services enabling achievement of the goals established by the *Blueprint to End Homelessness in Washtenaw County.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw Housing Alliance, working in close cooperation with the joint Washtenaw County and City of Ann Arbor Office of Community Development, shall be accountable for developing the work plan, organizing the logistics, and actively supporting the work of the Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw Housing Alliance shall be charged with coordinating the nominations for appointments from the organizations listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw Housing Alliance shall report back to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners when the Task Force appointments have been made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall complete their work and report back to the County Board of Commissioners by July 31, 2008.