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MEDIA ADVISORY

News Conference: Commissioners to unveil new Oakland County Fair Housing Initiative to prevent source of income housing discrimination

WHO: David T. Woodward, Oakland County Board of Commissioners Chairman, District #19
Charlie Cavell, Oakland County Commissioner, District #18
Dan Martin, Ferndale Housing Commission
Dana Paglia-King, Community Housing Network
Yolanda Charles, Oakland County Commissioner, District #17
Angela Powell, Oakland County Commissioner, District #10

WHAT: The Oakland County Board of Commissioners (BOC) and local fair housing leaders will unveil the proposed new Oakland County Fair Housing Initiative to prevent source of income housing discrimination and eliminate other barriers to fair housing. Source of income discrimination prevents residents who participate in the federally funded housing choice voucher program, or other forms of rental assistance, from accessing housing. The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's program for assisting low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled afford suitable housing in the private market. When those who participate in the program are discriminated against, their access to adequate housing is unfairly limited.

To address this issue, commissioners will be unveiling a legislative package slated for introduction.

WHEN: TOMORROW, Tuesday, April 20, 10 a.m.

WHERE: Ferndale Housing Commission, 415 Withington St., Ferndale, MI, 48220

ADDITIONAL INFO: Attendees will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to entering the outdoor event area. A mask will be required, and one will be provided for those who do not have one. Hand sanitizer will also be available.

News media will be expected to socially distance six feet apart. Those who are unable to attend will be able to watch the news conference on the Board of Commissioners Facebook page (@oakgov.boc).

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