



**Memorializing Resolution of the City Council** #0004-23  
Sponsored by: **Kim Smith** Councilmember, At-Large

August 8, 2023

To The Honorable  
Rochester City Council  
30 Church Street  
Rochester, New York 14614

***RE: Memorializing the Governor and Members of the State Senate and Assembly to Support the Monroe County Housing Advocate Pilot Program***

Honorable Council Members:

I ask you to join me by signing your name on this Memorializing Resolution to urge New York State leaders to support the Monroe County Housing Advocate Pilot Program and, in doing so, to collectively **State and Resolve**:

**WHEREAS**, We, the undersigned members of Rochester City Council, urge Members of the State and Assembly to pass and the Governor to sign Legislation S7176 to establish the Monroe County Housing Advocate Pilot Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Housing is a basic need, a source of identity and emotional value, a defining component of the built environment, and a large and complex economic sector; and

**WHEREAS**, Housing instability impacts the health and well-being of every person, which can lead to public safety concerns, mental health issues and runs counterintuitive to anti-poverty concern and mental efforts in Monroe County; and

**WHEREAS**, We, the undersigned members of Rochester City Council are beginning to understand housing instability and its far reaching effects including crime, neighborhood quality and local relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, Establishing a Monroe County Housing Advocate Pilot Program will provide information and resources on housing matters to residents such as, but not limited to, eviction matters and conflict resolution with landlords; and

**WHEREAS**, Referrals could be made to legal assistance or social service providers when applicable; and

**WHEREAS** Collaborate with relevant housing organizations, advocacy groups and housing courts in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, The program would facilitate collaboration with our communities would be better served by establishing a Monroe County Housing Advocate Pilot Program within our region; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, We, the undersigned Members of Rochester City Council, affirm the critical importance of establishing a Monroe County Housing Advocate Pilot Program, which will help mitigate housing instability and mental and health issues while delivering programs and information for the people of the City of Rochester by improving support, public health, housing stability and decreasing homelessness; and, be it further

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved**, we shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor and Members of the State Senate and Assembly Delegation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kim Smith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Kim Smith**, Councilmember  
At-Large

Attachment