

**City of East Lansing
Neighborhood Stabilization Task Force**

*Final Report
and Recommendations*



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The Honorable Douglas J. Jester
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Dear Mayor Jester and City Council Members:

The Neighborhood Stabilization Task Force was created by a resolution of the City Council adopted on January 16, 1996. The Task Force consisted of 12 members, including representatives of the City Council, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Commission, the Commission on Housing and Community Development, the Transportation Commission, the University Student Commission, past sub-committee chairs of the Task Force on Neighborhood Density, a landlord, and other neighborhood representatives.

The charge given the Task Force was to review prior initiatives recommended by the Task Force on Neighborhood Density and the Housing Moratorium Committee and, where appropriate, to recommend draft legislation to implement them, along with recommended sequencing, if necessary. The Task Force was expected to complete its work on or around April 15, 1996.

Since its creation, the Task Force has met formally five times; several subcommittees have held additional meetings to review specific issues in greater depth. This letter summarizes the efforts of the Task Force and presents its recommendations.

Organization and Process

Before beginning with the work, the Chairperson of the Task Force and the Chairperson of the former Task Force on Neighborhood Density met with staff to review the recommendations of the earlier report, to determine which items had been previously addressed and which remaining actions were legislative in effect. From this meeting we distilled a list of nine items to be considered by the Task Force, as listed in a February 26, 1996, memorandum from Bradford L. Pryce, included in the appendix attached to this letter. During our meetings, some additional concerns arose which were also added to our work objectives. Although Task Force members respected opposing views on issues, it was apparent on several issues that neighborhood preservation interests and commercial interests were often at odds with each other.



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