Nearly a THIRD of all households in the Twin Cities region are renters – more than 355,570 families.

More than 45% of renter households in the Twin Cities pay more than they can afford for housing and 25% pay more than HALF their monthly income on rent.

In 2016 alone, 8,976 EVICTIONS were filed in Hennepin and Ramsey counties, but this doesn’t include the thousands of informal evictions that occur each year without any due process.

More than 90% of evictions are for non-payment of rent because rents are not affordable or because tenants withhold payment due to substandard conditions.

A survey of 117 eviction cases in Hennepin County Housing Court in summer 2017 found⁶

Households of color – especially African American women – are disproportionately impacted by evictions

BLACK FEMALES were the largest group (~25%)

55% of the tenants observed

Only 12% of the Hennepin County population is Black

The vast majority of tenants facing eviction did NOT have legal representation

Only 10% of tenants had legal representation*

30% of landlords had legal representation

*when tenants had representation there was some positive outcome

While 36% of residents remained in their homes 54% had to vacate

10% unknown

Affordable housing must be a top PRIORITY for policy makers – including more FUNDING.

The public, private and nonprofit sectors must COLLABORATE to ensure dignified homes for all.

Together, we can ensure homes for all

With low vacancy rates leading to few housing options, families confront a challenging rental market where RENT HAS INCREASED 28% across the Twin Cities since 2007⁸

Across the Twin Cities metro, there are just 34,000 rental units that are affordable and available to more than 102,000 extremely low-income households.⁷

Sources: 6- HOME Line and University of MN, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, 2017; 7- State of the State’s Housing, Minnesota Housing Partnership, 2017; 8- CoStar Realty Data

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