

RESOLUTION NO. 79-17

BY: **DEBORAH LIME**

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PRESIDENTIAL PROPOSAL FOR THE 2018 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council and Administration of the City of Parma, Ohio, oppose the Presidential budget proposal for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed HUD budget could potentially result in more than \$6 billion in cuts, shrinking the budget by approximately 14% with the primary losses seen within building maintenance, community development projects and the department's emergency discretionary funding; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Parma is opposed to the proposed HUD budget which would drastically cut the housing voucher program, and affordable housing for both the elderly and disabled. The inability to offer affordable housing could have potentially dangerous consequences such as deplorable living conditions, eviction, homelessness, and even health issues; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed HUD budget would also completely remove the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which has been in existence for over four (4) decades focusing on improving the quality of life for persons of low and moderate income levels. The City of Parma relies on this grant for funding to keep seniors in their homes instead of in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. In addition, over \$250,000 in CDGB funding per year goes to improve local infrastructure in Parma neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Council and the Administration of the City of Parma hereby oppose the proposed 2018 Presidential budget for Housing and Urban Development.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, Congressman Jim Renacci, Senator Sherrod Brown, and Senator Rob Portman.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to upcoming discussions on this budget, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO