

## **Statement to Metro Council on Funding the Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund (LAHTF)**

by Beverly Duncan, Co-President,  
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Good evening. I'm Beverly Duncan, co-president of CLOUT, Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together, and for the last three years I have served as chair of CLOUT's Affordable Housing Trust Fund issue committee.

We appreciate Council members Leet and Magre for coming out and joining about 1,000 citizens from all parts of Louisville at our annual Nehemiah Assembly this past Monday evening. We regret others of you were not in attendance at the largest gathering of citizens in Louisville each year to address serious community problems.

We hope that next year more of you will join us to receive support from the community and show your leadership in solving critical community problems.

We were pleased to get commitments from TARC, KIPDA, Riverport employers, and Metro Council members to support TARC's \$3 million grant application to improve bus service in the Riverport Industrial Park, to make it easier for people who depend solely on public transportation to get and keep jobs there. And we will be in touch with the others of you who indicated you would be willing to contribute NDF funds to this initiative.

At our assembly, we also addressed our city's affordable housing crisis, and the need to fully fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Mike