

# County backs B'ham in its fight with HUD

By MICHAEL MATUSEWSKI  
The Birmingham housing fight has finally engulfed the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and the county executive.

The board last week overwhelmingly voted to support the city in its showdown with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

By refusing to force Birmingham to reverse the decision of its voters disapproving two senior-citizens and low-income housing proposals, the commissioners have further jeopardized the county's \$4.3 million block grant program, some county officials said.

Observer & Eccentric-area commissioners voting to support the city included: Henry Hoot (R-Troy), Robert McConnell (R-Farmington Hills), Lillian Moffitt (R-Bloomfield Township), Ralph Mosley (R-Birmingham), Dennis Murphy (R-Now), Robert Page (R-Birmingham), Lawrence Pernick (D-Southfield), Alexander Perinoff (D-Southfield), and John Peterson (R-Rochester).

Commissioner John McDonald (R-Farmington) was absent.

The only dissenting votes belonged to Pontiac commissioners Hubert Prie and Margarette Simpson. OAKLAND COUNTY collects federal money on behalf of 45 local communities and distributes it according to a federal formula. HUD warned the county that by not deleting Birmingham

from its grant proposal, it was risking losing the entire \$4.3 million.

County commissioners not only kept Birmingham in the grant application, they defended the city's housing program.

The controversy blossomed after Birmingham voters April 3 turned down a plan to build a senior citizens apartment complex with financing provided by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. To qualify for the state funding, however, the city also would have had to provide between 50 and 75 housing units for low- and moderate-income families.

COMMISSIONERS LAST week praised the city's efforts to provide senior citizens and low-income housing and said the federal government's tactics smacked of "big brotherism." "The issue is not one of non-compliance," said Commissioner James Lanni (R-Royal Oak), "but whether the federal government can override the will of the people."

"This gets to the point of 1984" with Big Brother looking over everything we do. That's wrong.

"As Birmingham goes, so goes the rest of the country," he said.

HUD IS EXPECTED to decide the fate of Oakland County's block grant application by July 15, County Executive Murphy said.

HUD can approve the county grant as submitted, delete the \$36,000 earmarked for Birmingham, delay the

grant or reject it altogether.

The county executive would face off in federal district court if HUD holds back the entire grant. Birmingham officials are considering court action if the city's share is withheld.

BIRMINGHAM OFFICIALS have said throughout the controversy that HUD has not leveled any specific charges. A HUD review of the county's block grant program, however, said that Birmingham, by rejecting the April 3 ballot proposals, was not meeting low-income housing needs.

The commissioners, though, called Birmingham a "leader" in providing subsidized low-income housing.

"The board of commissioners is fully supportive of the very comprehensive community development program being carried out by the City of Birmingham," said Page, a former Birmingham mayor who led the fight to gain county support for the city.

Page said the intent of the community development program was to "alleviate blight and deterioration in neighborhoods." Birmingham, he said, has done this and provided decentralized low-income housing in the process.

Page and city officials said Birmingham has rehabilitated 25 homes for low- to moderate-income families.

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