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**MAYOR GINTHER CALLS ON LANDLORDS  
TO HELP PEOPLE FIND SAFE, STABLE HOUSING**

(Columbus, OH) – In a public service announcement released today, Mayor Andrew J. Ginther called on Columbus landlords to help residents find stable housing.

“While Columbus is in a time of unprecedented growth, a third of our residents are struggling to make ends meet. Some live paycheck to paycheck . . . a flat tire or a doctor’s bill can start a cascade of events that leave residents without a home”, said Mayor Ginther.

The video features two partners in Community Shelter Board’s network – YMCA of Central Ohio and YWCA Columbus. “We are seeing an increase in families, especially mothers with young children, in our shelters. We all know that housing is a key to family stability. Children without homes struggle to learn and grow”, said Christie Angel, President and CEO of YWCA Columbus.

“At the YMCA, we are also strapped to place single individuals. Our shelters are already over capacity, and we are heading into winter, when the need will be even greater”, said Tony Collins, President and CEO of YMCA of Central Ohio.

“We are calling on landlords to help – some residents even receive rent subsidies”, said Mayor Ginther. “People experiencing homelessness are just like you and me . . . working families . . . parents with young children. Every person in every neighborhood deserves safe, stable housing. You can help. If you have apartments available, please call 614-645-3111.”



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The Mayor's Office is running the public service announcement on social media and sending it to their list of 600 faith leaders, inviting them to play at their services or send directly to their parishioners. Calls and inquiries made to the Mayor's Office in response are being captured for Community Shelter Board's landlord liaison to do immediate follow up.

View the public service announcement: <https://bit.ly/2pJ7ga8>

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home. The Columbus and Franklin County community has counted on Community Shelter Board for more than 30 years as a key component of a strong civic infrastructure and to help safeguard its most vulnerable neighbors. With the support of a compassionate community, our system of care served 15,000 people last year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing.

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