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DISCRIMINATION AT HOME

RALPH BUNCHE COOP VIOLATES ADA POLICIES AS ORGANIZATION CELEBRATES 35-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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Slowly and cautiously Katarina Brown guides her disabled daughter Chassidy’s wheelchair down a ramp onto a sidewalk, as her daughter cradles her 3-month old twin sons in each arm. “Watch the bump,” Chassidy yells out. “I don’t want to tip over and hurt my babies. The sidewalk is uneven up ahead.” Brown’s family lives in Ralph Bunche Cooperative near downtown Detroit. The complex’s parking lots are riddled with potholes, crumbled cement curves, and uneven sidewalks. There is no handicapped parking, and Brown has to push her daughter down to the end of the parking lot dodging potholes and back around to get into their vehicle.

Members own a percentage of their dwelling and are accessed a monthly Home Owners Association fee of nearly \$900 that includes water, gas, heat, mechanical repairs, and grounds maintenance.

“I asked the previous board for permission to level the ground in the back of my property with cement to accommodate a wheelchair ramp, so that my daughter can enter and exit our home safely. My request was approved by the board,” Brown said. “I paid for a company to come out and pour the concrete. I also got permission from the city of Detroit to extend the pathway down to sidewalk that the city owns.”

After making the modification, Brown was served with an eviction notice and banned from the coop’s office who refused to accept her HOA payment.

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Health, Love & Music Festival and Love Walk



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When one thinks about love songs, Stevie Wonder’s “I Just Called to Say I Love You” and “My Cherie Amour” comes to mind.

“We all have hearts.... If you have a heart, love somebody. If you have enough heart, love everybody,” Wonder is quoted as saying.

Full & Fabulous, a non-profit organization, is displaying their love for everybody during their “Health, Love & Music Festival and Love Walk” taking place on July 27 from 11 am to 7 pm at 2974 W. Grand Blvd. in Detroit.

“The love walk aims to promote love peace and community connection while raising awareness about minority mental health together we will walk to uplift the minds and hearts of our community and to promote love and peace with our youth,” Dr. Sharon DuMas, founder, said.

DuMas was instrumental in getting Milwaukee Street changed to Stevie Wonder Avenue.

“Stevie Wonder is my cousin, and when we were younger we all will always spoke about love. If you notice many of his songs are talking about love the one that was inspired by me is I just called to say I love you because there was a time when I would call him and say I just called to say I love you, DuMas said.

A feeling of love is promoted during the walk that first took place in 2023 following the murder of two of DuMas’ relatives.

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