



NOAH Chair Underscores Serious Impact Referendum Would Have on Nashville’s Vulnerable Communities, Effort to Combat Affordable Housing Crisis

(NASHVILLE) – Rev. Edward Thompson, Chair of [Nashville Organized for Action and Hope \(NOAH\)](#), a faith-based coalition of congregations, community organizations and labor unions which works to combat economic injustice and give voice to traditionally marginalized people, underscored the serious impact the referendum would have on Nashville’s neighborhoods and efforts to combat the city’s affordable crisis.

“If national special interests succeed in rewriting the Metro Charter, Nashville would move backward and become unrecognizable,” said Rev. Thompson. “Thousands of Metro employees would be fired and needed services to neighborhoods would disappear. Nashville’s beginning efforts to deal with our affordable housing crisis would be obliterated and the city would become more and more unaffordable.”

NOAH is made up of 63 member groups, including Christian, Jewish, Islamic, and Unitarian-Universalist congregations, as well as labor unions and other community organizations.

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