***Motion calling for support for the 9 October 2021 Campaign Against Empty Homes National Day of Action***

**“We are in a housing, climate and health emergency - we need to take action on empty homes”**

**This ......... notes There are:**

1. a)  Over 250,000 long-term empty homes in England
2. b)  Over 120,000 whole-house Airbnb-type lets in England
3. c)  Over 100,000 families living in Temporary Accommodation
4. d)  More than enough empty homes and under-utilised properties to give homes to those households in temporary accommodation
5. e)  Calls (e.g., from the Royal Institute of British Architects) to refurbish old buildings rather than demolishing them, because of the environmental damage involved in constructing a replacement building.

**This ......... believes the inequality in housing distribution in the country is being driven by:**

1. a)  The mass ‘right-to-buy’ sell-off of council housing over the last 40 years and the failure to replace that stock, much of which has been and is being bought by wealth and corporate investors as rental properties.
2. b)  The ongoing and environmentally damaging demolition of council estates across the country and subsequent construction of unaffordable private housing developments on the underlying land.
3. c)  The construction of tens of thousands of unaffordable wealth investment properties across the country.
4. d)  The absence of a national government ‘retrofit and refurbish’ programme to bring the 250,000 empty homes in England back into use.

**This ......... calls for**

1. a)  A national government-funded strategy for bringing the 250,000 empty homes back into use to help tackle the housing and climate emergencies that we face.
2. b)  An end to the socially and environmentally harmful demolition of council estates, and the development of a proper retrofitting strategy to make them fit for the 21st century.

c) A planning model which focuses on retrofitting and on building net zero social housing.

**This ......... welcomes**

1. a)  The first ever Campaign Against Empty Homes Day of Action on 17 April 2021, organised by Action on Empty Homes and Homes For All, which received support from local and national organisations.
2. b)  The breadth of the coalition supporting the Day of Action, including trade unions, na- tional and local housing and homelessness campaigns, and the Big Issue.
3. c)  The call by the Campaign Empty Homes for a second Day of Action on Empty Homes on 9 October 2021, demanding action on the housing, climate and health emergency we all face.

**This ......... resolves to**

1. a)  Sponsor the 9 October 2021 Day of Action on Empty Homes
2. b)  Make a donation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Action on Empty Homes to help ensure it has the widest impact possible.
3. c)  Send this resolution to relevant regional bodies and ask them to both sponsor and financially support the 9 October Campaign Against Empty Homes Day of Action.

**Sponsors of the 17 April 2021 Empty Homes Day of Action:**

Action on Empty Homes, Homes For All, Unite The Union London and South East Region,
The Big Issue, Acorn Leeds, Greater Manchester Housing Action, Defend Council Housing, Renters Rights London, Southwark Group of Tenants Organisations, SHAC, Harlow Trades Council, Unite Com- munity, London and Eastern Region, Street Storage, Disabled People Against Cuts, People Before Prof- it.