

Resolution for Affordable Housing

Whereas [on-campus apartments](#) available to graduate students cost between \$526 per month (a room in a 3-bedroom, 1-bath) and \$1,071 per month (a 1-bedroom),

Whereas the [median rent](#) for a 1-bedroom apartment in Bloomington is \$851,

Whereas \$851 represents over $\frac{1}{3}$ of the minimum base pay for SAAs on campus and workers paying more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of their wages in rent are considered rent-burdened,

Whereas the IU administration has released no plans to raise graduate student wages in the future, but off-campus rent is projected to [rise by 20%](#),

Whereas IU rents around [1,000 apartment units](#) (to undergraduate and graduate students), but the overall population of graduate students on campus exceeds 10,000,

Whereas providing affordable housing to graduate students makes graduate school more accessible and equitable to all, enhancing the quality of graduate programs at IU,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that:

- 1) The GPSG calls on the administration to release a plan for creating more affordable on-campus housing for graduate students within the next academic year;
- 2) The GPSG calls on the administration to take skyrocketing inflation into account when developing the timescale of their proposal to create more housing;
- 3) The GPSG urges the administration to look into subsidizing off-campus housing until more units can be made available on-campus for graduate students.