

# John Dorsey

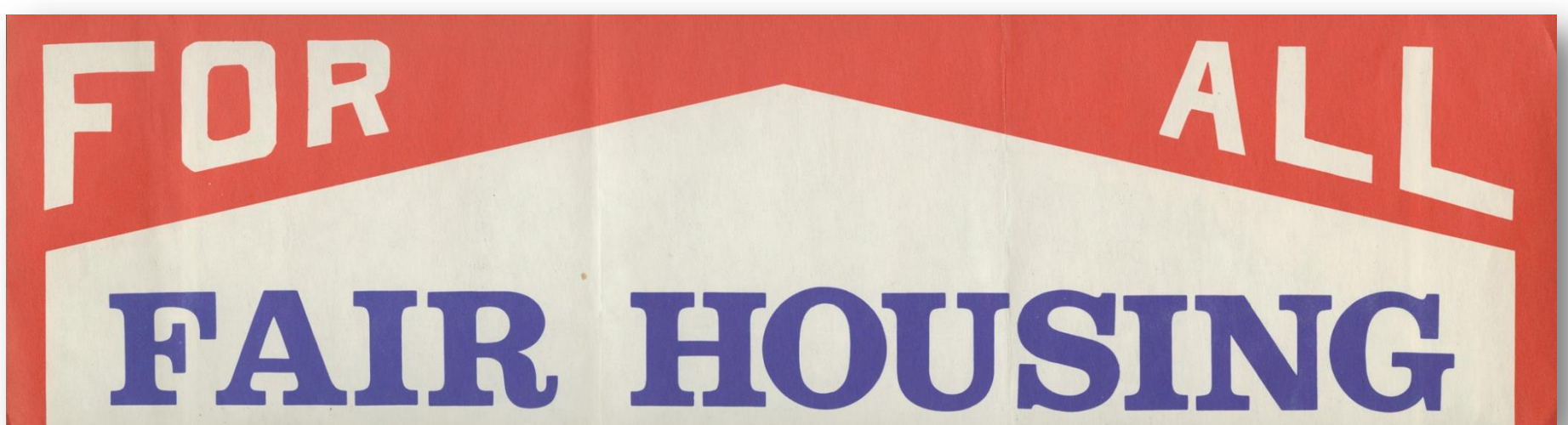


***Dr. John Dorsey***

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Birmingham's fair housing referendum. Its passage made Birmingham the first all-white city in the nation to do so. Dr. John Dorsey Jr. served as the chairman of Birmingham Residents for Fair Housing committee and served a critical role in gaining community support.

Dr. Dorsey was born in Iowa, raised in Highland Park, and spent five years in the US Navy Reserves from 1945-1950. He married Sally Stanton in Detroit in 1951 and later moved to Birmingham, where they raised 3 children.

Dr. Dorsey's community involvement has been enormous. A few highlights include cofounding Common Ground Sanctuary and was a chairman on the Migrant Health and Child Safety Committee. Dr. Dorsey served three years on the Birmingham City Commission and served as board president of Oakland Family Services.



***Bumper sticker from the Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University***

Today, you will still find Dr. Dorsey in his pediatric office seeing patients three times a week. At age 90, he says he has no plans on retiring. With all that he has done in his life, it seems unlikely he will change that soon.

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*Why I was inspired: I was inspired by Dr. Dorsey's seemingly endless commitment to improving the lives of others.* --Submitted by Amy Wells