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Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Thank you for participating in our 2020 listening tour

Today's agenda

- Introductions
- Brief overview of how the Housing Alliance sets our legislative agenda
- Context setting
- Advocacy opportunities
- Discussion



Special thanks to the Washington State Housing Finance Commission for financially supporting our 2020 statewide listening tour.



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2020 Listening Tour

- May – September: 2020 Statewide Listening Tour
- August and September: Housing Alliance Public Policy Committee meetings on lead agenda
- September: Housing Alliance board of director vote on 2021 lead agenda
- September – October: Submission period for issues for Housing Alliance 2021 Support Agenda
- November: Housing Alliance Public Policy Committee meeting on support agenda
- September – December: Session prep including advocacy, bill development, etc.
- January 11 – April 26th : 2021 state legislative session



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Context Setting

- Project \$8.8 billion dollar revenue shortfall
- Progressive revenue vs. all cuts approach to balancing the budget
- Virtual session?
- New lawmakers (check out the Housing Alliance Action Fund's endorsed candidates!
www.housingactionfund.org)



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Advocacy Opportunities!

- Resident Action Project: www.residentactionproject.org
- Continue to contact your federal lawmakers to push for housing and homelessness investments!
- Join the Housing Alliance's Legislative District Leads program or the Board Advocacy Project!
- Take the pledge to support progressive revenue!



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Discussion Questions

- If you could ask for one thing from state lawmakers, either policy or spending, to make a significant difference in increasing affordable housing in your community and/or in reducing & preventing homelessness in your community, what would it be?
- What more could the legislature do to increase affordable housing in your community?
- What racial disparities related to housing and homelessness are experienced in your community? What other disparities are experienced by disability, LGBTQ + status, citizenship status, age, etc?
- What is the most pressing housing/homelessness issue in your community?
- What are the most significant barriers to housing that renters face?
- What makes it hardest for people in your community to exit homelessness?



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