



WASHINGTON LOW INCOME
Housing Alliance

2021 Legislative Session!

Lead Agenda Items

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Additional Lead Agenda Items

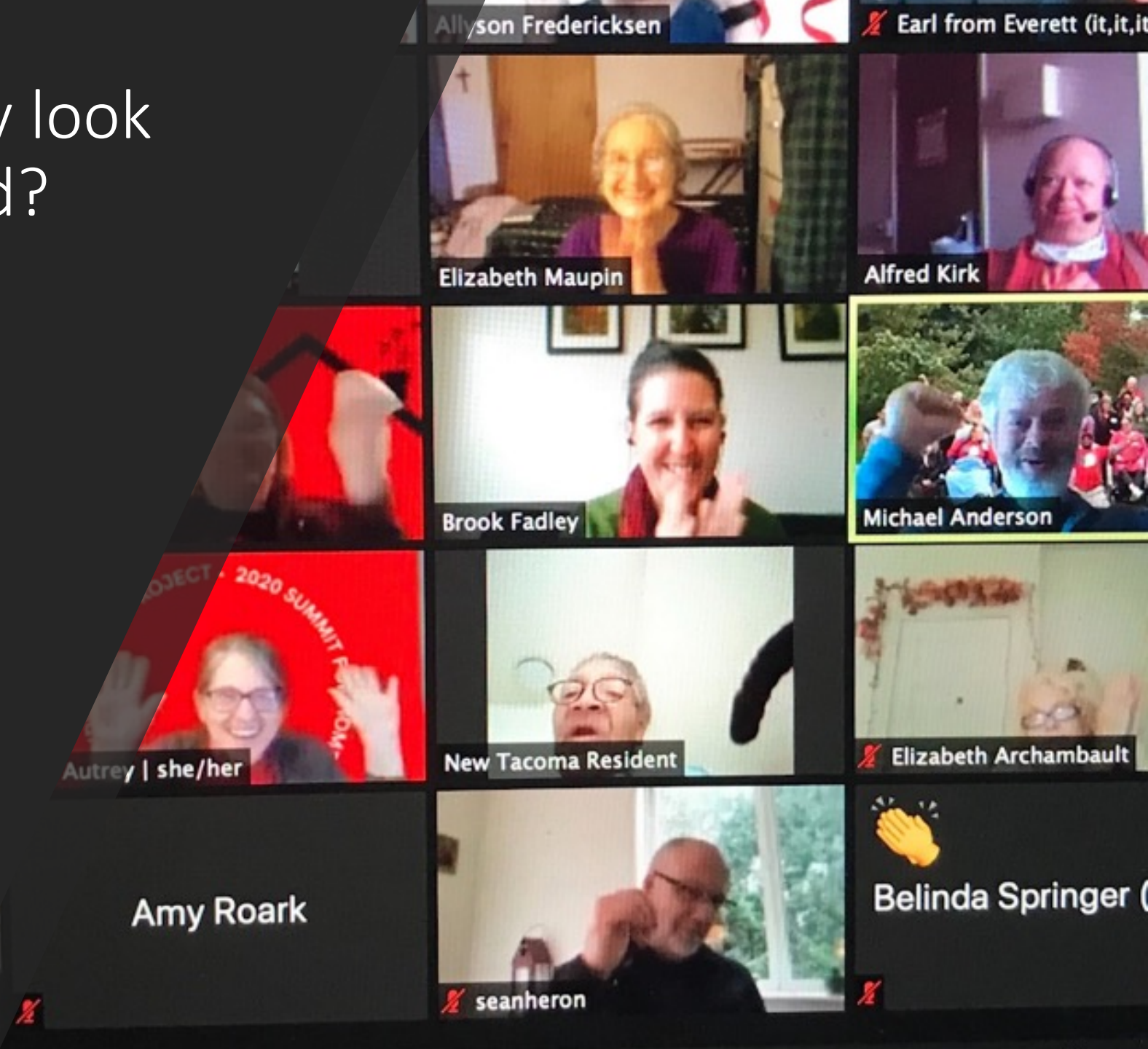
- Ban discrimination against renters based on a prior criminal record (Housing Justice Act).
- Foreclosure prevention.
- Invest \$6 million into the Digital Navigator Program to help close the digital divide for Black, Indigenous and People of Color. This will help address opportunity gaps by improving access to remote educational learning, access to employment and access to public benefits including affordable housing.
- Prevent any expansion of the Multifamily Tax Exemption program without requirements for deeper rental housing affordability, tenant and anti-displacement protections.
- Support the state Health Care Authority's ask to the legislature for Foundation Community Supports (FCS) renewal authority and a state funding match.

Contact Michele Thomas, Director of Policy and Advocacy with any questions: MicheleT@wliha.org

Watch recordings of our Building Momentum webinar series with Michele Thomas and John Stovall: <https://www.wliha.org/advocacy/building-momentum-2021-policy>

What does advocacy look like in a virtual world?

- No traveling to Olympia!
- Expect committee hearings in both chambers to be conducted via Zoom
 - Accessibility will be key. You can help make this happen.
- Ask your lawmakers' staff how they want to conduct meetings
- Get creative to liven up the digital box with zoom backgrounds!
- <https://leg.wa.gov/> will be a crucial resource, as usual



Speak TRUTH to POWER!



Speak your
truth! Tell your
story!

- Do you have a story to share?
- Do you know someone who may want to share their experiences of housing instability or of housing success?
- Get connected with us!

<https://forms.gle/RU3Z7aunHNEM83aW8>

Join our growing advocacy community!



- Testify in a legislative committee!
- Send emails or make phone calls to your state lawmakers!
- Share petitions, sign-on letters and action alerts around your community!
- Join us for (virtual) Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Days! Feb. 8-12!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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**HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
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ALL VIRTUAL!

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1, 2, 3! Take action today!

- 1) Sign up for Housing Alliance action alerts!
<https://wliha.salsalabs.org/wlihaemailsSignup/index.html>
- 2) Email your lawmakers urging them to prioritize affordable homes and housing stability this session!
<https://housingalliance.salsalabs.org/firstdayofsession/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=1b5780ee-e52e-4212-b1dc-132d76700c17>
- 3) Are you a nonprofit board member or director? Pass a board resolution in support of progressive revenue! Email John Stovall at johns@wliha.org

TAKE ACTION NOW!



Questions?

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