

Affordable Housing Assistance

1 **WHEREAS** Public Housing Authority' budgets are severely impacted by insufficient
2 investment in the HUD Section 8 voucher program and by further cuts due to
3 'sequestration';
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5 **WHEREAS** administrative dollars for such agencies have been sequestered to 68% of
6 prior levels, causing severe problems for these local agencies to comply with regulatory
7 requirements;
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9 **WHEREAS** rising costs in housing and utilities has meant higher housing-related costs
10 for our low-income citizens;
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12 **WHEREAS** schools, social-service, and law-enforcement agencies agree that
13 homelessness has risen significantly in the last six years;
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15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the WA State Democratic Central Committee
16 supports a funding level in excess of pre-2009 levels for HUD Section 8 vouchers and
17 USDA Rural Development affordable housing programs; and
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19 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the WSDCC calls for our US
20 Congressional Delegation to organize committee hearings on homelessness, plus the
21 quantity and quality of 'affordable housing' in the USA.
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24 Submitted by the Skamania County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee
25 for consideration at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 1/20/2014)
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27 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A
28 PASS" at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver.

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30 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver.