

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TENANT PROTECTIONS

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) call on the State Legislature to affirm housing as a human right and to codify that right into law;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WSDCC call on the State Legislature to pass tenant protections including Just Cause eviction protection which requires landlords to provide a legitimate reason for terminating a tenancy; extended notice to vacate for terminations with cause; relocation assistance; eviction reform to allow tenants more time to catch up on late rental payments; 60-day notice to increase rent; the right to organize without retaliation; installment payments for move-in costs; notification to tenants of landlords' open code violations; and distribution of tenant rights by landlords to tenants;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WSDCC call on the State Legislature to repeal the state preemption on rent control;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with HB 1493 the WSDCC and the State Legislature to authorize municipalities to increase the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) for low income housing by up to 0.5% and to establish a progressive REET that would be collected statewide and distributed in block grants;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WSDCC call on the State Legislature to allow local communities to retain a portion of the state's sales tax to invest directly into low income housing;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WSDCC call on the State Legislature to create a statewide enforcement agency to uphold landlord tenant law and the human right to housing;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Inslee and the Pierce County legislative delegation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be edited to conform to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) rules for resolutions and submitted to the WSDCC for consideration at their January meeting.

Submitted by the Pierce County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its January 25, 2019 meeting in Olympia. (Date Submitted 1/16/2019)

The Resolutions Committee recommend a "DO PASS as amended". 1/25/2019

The Washington State Democratic Central Committee passed this resolution on January 27, 2019.