



TACOMA / PIERCE COUNTY
**AFFORDABLE
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CONSORTIUM**

NEWS UPDATE 01-17-2014

**→ The Future of Housing After the Crisis
Congressman Denny Heck Housing Forum
Special Guest HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan**

Panel of industry experts, housing analysts, advocates to discuss current policy and economic trends affecting WA State real estate and financial markets in 2014

Date: Wed 01-22 Time: 9 – 12

Location: Murano Hotel, Tacoma – Venice Ballroom

RSVP: David Bremer 360.459.8514 or david.bremer@mail.house.gov

→ Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day Tuesday, January 28th Olympia
Advocacy Day is earlier than ever this year. We always have a great turnout and I have no doubt we will this year too, but we're a bit behind on registrations for being so close to the big day. If you have networks or staff/co-workers who might attend, please consider sending a reminder to register asap.

Register: https://org.salsalabs.com/o/2685/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=81084

AHC is a sponsor of this event, and Connie will be visiting Pierce County Legislators about housing issues that day. Please join us for this important opportunity to advocate for affordable housing!

→ WLIHA State Legislative Agenda: 2014 Lead Items

- Invest in the Washington State Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
- Protect & Strengthen the Housing & Essential Needs (HEN) & the Aged, Blind & Disabled (ABD) Programs
- Enact Part 3 of the Fair Tenant Screening Act
- Prevent the Sunsetting of the State's Document Recording Fees
- Leverage Medicaid Expansion to End Homelessness & Improve Health
- Enact Revenue to Avoid Cuts to Services and Programs
- Protect TANF and the families that rely on this important program
- Extended Foster Care: Protect youth aging out of foster care
- Protect the Foreclosure Fairness Act

Background information: → <http://wliha.org/advocacy/state>

→ 2014 Legislative Update

On 01-16 (4th day of the 60 day session) the Housing Alliance held a briefing in Olympia for lawmakers & staff on the Housing Trust Fund. 23 legislators attended - 19 House members and 4

Senators, plus many staff. Rep. June Robinson (Snohomish), Rep. Riccelli (Spokane) and Sen. McCoy (Snohomish Co.) hosted. They all spoke passionately; June in particular was articulate and persuasive about how important the HTF is as a tool for community development. According to our lobbyist, Nick Federici, "This was the biggest group of lawmakers getting together to talk about the Housing Trust Fund ever!" We had 45 minutes with them to talk about the need for affordable housing, how the HTF helps meet that need, and how the HTF works. Lawmakers were engaged through the entire presentation and it ended with a commitment to getting people back together again in the future to keep the momentum for affordable housing going.

Unfortunately we did hear from some lawmakers that there is still a fair amount of lobbying going on by providers to "get on the list" for HTF funds. As you're moving in your circles, please be alert for that and continue to convey the message that it's not helpful. We're building new champions for the HTF and they need to be able to work together with their colleagues in Olympia to support a robust investment in the Housing Trust Fund; it's harder to do that if they're in competition with one another. Let's advocate for HTF for the entire state!

HB 2368, sponsored by Rep Sawyer (29LD, Pierce), proposes to eliminate the sunset on the document recording fees that fund homelessness services. The Senate bill, sponsored by Senator Darneille (28LD, Pierce), is still circulating for signatures and will drop soon. We're hopeful for hearings next week.

Fair Tenant Screening Act bills are being circulated for signatures in both the house and senate and will have bill numbers soon. The house sponsor will be Rep. Robinson (38LD) and the senate sponsor will be Sen. Frockt (46LD, Seattle).

➔ **AHC Executive Director on City Line – Talking Affordable Housing & the Consortium**

Replay times:

Friday 01-17: 1am, 8am & 9pm

Saturday – 2am, 1pm & 7pm

Sunday – 10am, 2pm, & 11pm

Monday – 11am & 6pm

Tuesday – 2am, 8am & 7pm

Wednesday – 4am & 11am

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The program is also available as a Video On-Demand selection on our web site.

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In the left hand navigation bar click on "REGULAR PROGRAMMING"

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**➔ Tacoma Planning Commission considering affordable housing policy ...and
January 22 4 pm City Council Chambers, 747 Market Street**

Affordable Housing Policy and Code Amendments (Annual Amendment #2014-06)

Review staff analysis of the application and, if appropriate, authorize the distribution of the proposal for public review. (See "Agenda Item D-1"; Elliott Barnett, 591-5389, elliott.barnett@cityoftacoma.org)

Draft Hilltop Subarea Plan – Public Hearing (5:00 p.m.)

Conduct public hearing and accept written comments through January 24, 2014.
(See "Agenda Item D-4"; Brian Boudet, 573-2389, bboudet@cityoftacoma.org)

➔ What's in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill for Nonprofits?

For the first time in many years, the federal government will operate under something other than a continuing resolution. Conservatives don't like it, liberals don't like it, but will nonprofits like the details of federal government spending for the remainder of this fiscal year?

[READ THIS ARTICLE ON NONPROFITQUARTERLY.ORG »](http://NONPROFITQUARTERLY.ORG)

➔ NeighborWorks Training Institute Los Angeles February 24 - 28, 2014

With its tremendous revitalization efforts on display, LA is a perfect backdrop for our gathering of affordable housing and community development professionals to learn and network. Join us in Los Angeles to build your skills and enhance your career. The Los Angeles NTI will focus on:

- Symposium - ML921 - Achieving Impact thru Regional & Collaborative Approaches
- Community development in action - courses with site visits
- Courses on Green and Sustainability
- Training in comprehensive community revitalization
- Focus on financial capability
- Innovations in Nonprofit Management and Leadership
- New Training in Single-Family and Small Business Lending
- Career enhancement opportunities, including degree credits and the NeighborWorks Professional Certificate Programs

Please visit NeighborWorks on-line to register today to for this great training opportunity:

<http://nw.org/network/training/upcoming/LANTI2014.asp>

➔ Housing First Partners Conference

"Housing First and Systems Change"

Pre-conference: March 11, 2014 Conference: March 12-14, 2014 Swissôtel, Chicago

register: hfpartnersconference.com

➔ **Seattle Business Magazine – Green WA Awards – 2 AHC Members!**

Walsh – Building & Construction

GGLO – Architecture

<http://www.seattlebusinessmag.com/seattle-event/green-washington-awards-2013>

Housing-related employment opportunities

Associated Ministries

Chief Development Officer: <http://associatedministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Chief-Development-Officer-2014-01-10.pdf>

Washington State Housing Finance Commission

Director - Multifamily Housing & Community Facilities

<http://wshfc.org/admin/careerMFHCFdirector.pdf>

Puget Sound Regional Council

Associate Planner - Housing position in Growth Management Planning Department.

<http://www.psrc.org/about/careers>

➔ **[Mercy's Sister Lillian to Retire After 27 Years](#) - AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCE**

Mercy Housing's Sister Lillian Murphy will retire as CEO in June. Jane Graf will step into the top post. [Read More](#)

➔ **Neighbors complain new Proctor apartment project too big for the neighborhood** TNT 01-17-2014

http://www.thenewtribune.com/2014/01/16/2997316/neighbors-complain-new-proctor.html#emlnl=Morning_Newsletter

➔ **Housing Construction Rising**

While interest rates are on the rise, so is economic growth. At this stage in the business cycle, growth has the upper hand. While rising interest rates dampen home buying activity, better growth and the concomitant increase in employment more than make up for it. That is why I expect new single-family construction activity to rise by 25% to 775,000 and multifamily activity to rise by 11% to 382,000.

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➔ **Economists tell Pierce County business leaders that the recovery will continue**

Steady. Slow. But still a recovery. That was the message January 9 at the annual Horizons Economic Forecast breakfast meeting sponsored by the...

http://www.thenewstribune.com/2014/01/09/2985323/economists-tell-pierce-county.html#emlnl=Morning_Newsletter

➔ **Healthy Energy Improvements for Rental Homes – Community Symposium**
02-13 12 – 4:40 Thurston County Public Health & Social Services – 412 Lilly Rd NE, Olympia
www.vision2action.us 360.789.9669

➔ **“The Bridge” is HUD’s Office of Housing Counseling Newsletter**
for Housing Counselors. You can read the latest edition of “The Bridge” online at:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=OHC_BRIDGE112713.pdf