



## → 2013 Changes to Low-income Housing Tax Credit Policy in Washington State

### Final policy recommendations & notice of 09-27 Public Hearing: Go to

<http://www.wshfc.org/tax-credits/>

Please review and submit any comments or questions to [askusTC@wshfc.org](mailto:askusTC@wshfc.org) by 5PM, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 or contact Mr. Steve Walker at 206-287-4467.

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## → Affordable Rental Housing A.C.T.I.O.N. Campaign – Enterprise Community Partners

Legislative Update: Congress is back in session after the August recess, with the main objective of passing a six-month continuing budget resolution to keep the government running through March 27, 2013. The resolution was passed in the House of Representatives on Thursday, September 14, and there appears to be sufficient support in the Senate to pass the resolution next week. Congress will be adjourning for the election no later than Friday, September 21.

Senate Update: Senate Majority Leader [Harry Reid](#) (D-NV) has said he intends to bring tax extenders legislation to the Senate floor, and filed a motion to do so on September 12. Though he sees the bill as a bipartisan piece of legislation that should be considered without amendments, some Republicans are planning to offer amendments unrelated to the tax extenders. Sen. Reid is unlikely to agree to these amendments, but may agree to a list of amendments that are related to the extenders. Staff for Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Senator [Orrin Hatch](#) (R-UT) has suggested that there is a low likelihood that the tax extenders bill will be brought up for consideration before the election.

House Update: It is still unclear whether the [House Ways and Means Committee](#) will have a markup on tax extenders during the lame duck session. As of September 14, a [sign-on letter](#) in support of tax extenders had the signatures of 49 House freshman Republicans, representing over half of their class. Though the deadline for signing on to the letter was originally Friday, September 14, the deadline has been extended to Tuesday, September 18. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman [David Camp](#) (R-MI-4<sup>th</sup>) has indicated that he is supportive of including the 9 percent Housing Credit floor in the extenders bill.

The Policy Director for Speaker of the House of Representatives [John Boehner](#) (R-OH-8<sup>th</sup>) indicated that there is growing momentum to take up tax extenders during the lame duck session so that filing season is not disrupted in the coming year. If there are any particularly contentious extenders, however, they may be deferred until the new session while allowing the others to pass. He also suggested that A.C.T.I.O.N. Campaign members focus on housing policy arguments (in addition to efficiency arguments) when lobbying to include the Housing Credit in tax reform. He noted that the mortgage interest deduction may be reformed next year on housing policy grounds (and it should be noted that Republican Party Platform did reject a plank in support of the mortgage interest deduction during tax reform), and the A.C.T.I.O.N. Campaign should be mindful to underscore the reasons that the Housing Credit is good housing policy as well as an efficient tax expenditure.

A.C.T.I.O.N. Campaign members are encouraged to use the Congressional recess period for meetings with legislators and candidates, including groundbreakings and openings in their districts.

## → mdc Share Breakfast

making a difference in community

First-ever event to support those in need of housing, healthcare, and education for employment

September 18 7:30 – 9 am

Landmark Convention Center – 47 St Helens Av – Tacoma

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## → Rebuilding Together South Sound – Oktoberfest Beer Tasting Event

September 21 4 – 8 pm

Chambers Bay Pavilion at Chambers Bay Golf Course, 6320 Grandview Drive W, University Place

Information: [rsvp@rebuildingtogether.org](mailto:rsvp@rebuildingtogether.org) or 253.238.0977

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## → Equity and Health in Transportation: Metrics and Best Practices

September 28 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma

Sponsors include: PSRC Growing Transit Communities

Tacoma Pierce County Health Department

Information & registration:

<http://psrc.org/growth/growing-transit-communities> click “register now” upper right corner

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## → TACID 2012 Independence Luncheon

*Keynote Speaker: Lt. Col. Jason Wing, Commander of Warrior Transition Battalion*

September 28 11:30 am-1:00 pm Hotel Murano

RSVP: 253.565.9000

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## → Revenue Reform: Your values, Your tax money, Your priorities.

The state budget is a reflection of our shared values and goals. The decisions we make about the budget directly affect our ability to educate our children, maintain the health and well-being of our communities, and provide economic security to those in need. Unfortunately, the deep economic recession and our outdated revenue system present major barriers to our long-term prosperity. Join legislators, community organizations and your neighbors to discuss revenue generation in Washington State. Is Washington’s tax system Fair? Adequate? Stable? How can we improve on our system? How can we fund education, healthcare, and things that make Washington a great state to live, do business, and raise a family. Come to learn more about where Washington State’s money comes from and some of the ways we may be able to improve on this system.

**Sponsored by:** *The 11 of 11 Legislators, SEIU 775 NW, Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO,*

Hosted by Rep. Laurie Jenkins, 253-566-5610, [Laurie.jenkins@leg.wa.gov](mailto:Laurie.jenkins@leg.wa.gov)

**October 3 6-8pm**

Tacoma Community College, 6501 S. 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98466

Student Center Building # 11

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## → KWA 40th anniversary luncheon

October 10 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center, 1500 Broadway Tacoma, WA 98402

Go to [www.kwahandinhand.com](http://www.kwahandinhand.com) to purchase your ticket.

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## ➔ HOUSING WASHINGTON 2012



Keynote Address – Wednesday 10-17, 8:30 am

[The Honorable Shaun Donovan](#), Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Go here to register:

<http://www.wshfc.org/conf/>

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## ➔ Northwest Washington Housing-First Conference

Bellingham    October 23-24

Information & registration: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3872123626>

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## ➔ National Low Income Housing Coalition

Washington D.C.    March 17-20, 2013

[2013 Housing Policy Conference and Lobby Day](#)