



ADVOCACY ALERT – 10-11-2009

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

(AHC is a member, and our Executive Director Connie Brown is a Board member of WLIHA.)

WLIHA Opposes I-1033: http://wliha.org/WLIHA_1033_position_final.pdf

Tim Eyman's latest initiative will put affordable housing further out of reach by capping state and local budgets at current recession-era levels. Washington has a strong record of investing in affordable housing, but I-1033 will make it impossible for communities across the state to keep up with the needs of its residents. The recession has already cost our state thousands of jobs and led to billions of dollars in cuts in housing, health care, education and much more. As the economy improves, we can restore these cuts, including the \$100 million that was cut from the Housing Trust Fund. I-1033 would make these cuts permanent and ensure even more in the future.

WLIHA Supports Yes on Referendum 71: http://wliha.org/Yes_on_R71.pdf

In all economic climates, but in the current market especially, any crack in a family's economic security can threaten a family's home. Greater economic security is one of the most important benefits that a committed relationship recognized by the State offers a family. Referendum 71 ensures that registered domestic partners are provided the same protections as married couples. These include the right to use sick leave to care for a seriously ill partner, the right to workers' compensation benefits if a partner is killed in the course of employment, and death benefits for the partners of police and firefighters killed in the line of duty. We work every day to ensure the ability for everyone in Washington to live in a safe, decent, affordable home. Fair and equal treatment of all families is critical for Washington to realize this goal.

➔ Your ballot must be postmarked by November 3rd. We hope you'll join us in voting NO on I-1033 and Approve on Referendum 71. Many people will vote as early as this weekend. Spread the word to your own networks by forwarding this email with a personal note asking the people in your life to vote NO on I-1033 and Approve on Ref. 71.

WLIHA 2010 State Legislative Policy Priorities:

- Fund operations and maintenance of very low-income housing and restore the Housing Trust Fund.
- Provide two years notice of intent to close manufactured housing communities.
- Prevent foreclosures and protect consumers and communities.
- Create a fair tenant screening act to improve access to housing by removing unfair barriers and regulating tenant screening companies.
- Encourage the donation or sale of excess public properties for affordable housing development.
- Ensure property assessments are commensurate with resale restrictions on affordable homes.

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