



NEWS UPDATE 10-29-2010

State Advocacy → Washington Low Income Housing Alliance 2011 state legislative priority agenda:

<http://www.wliha.org/state.html>

Summary: [http://www.wliha.org/Housing Alliance 2011 Agenda.pdf](http://www.wliha.org/Housing_Alliance_2011_Agenda.pdf)

Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Day is February 14, 2011 in Olympia.



This is our annual opportunity to show up together in Olympia to let our legislators know that housing is important and that they can make a difference for people who need safe, healthy, affordable housing in our state.

New Guidebook available → AHC's 2011 Guidebook to Housing in Pierce County.

Online:

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/2010-2011AffordableHousingGuidebook.pdf>

For hardcopy booklets, please send a request to connie@affordablehousingconsortium.org. Indicate number of booklets you need and pick-up or delivery instructions.

AHC 4TH Quarter Public Forum → December 8, 8 – 9:30 am – Evergreen Tacoma Campus
Outside In - Renewed Energy for Ending Homelessness

Federal Advocacy → Last month, Congress recessed for mid-term elections without passing the *Job Creation and Tax Cuts Act of 2010* (a.k.a. the Baucus tax extenders bill, S. 3793) which includes the following critical affordable housing and community development provisions:

- A one-year extension (through 2010) of the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program with the ability to take the NMTC against alternative minimum tax (AMT) liability (through 2011);
- The initial \$1 billion capitalization of the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) with \$65 million in project-based rental assistance to accompany NHTF units; and
- A one-year extension (through 2010) of the LIHTC exchange program.

Congress will have one last opportunity to address the tax extenders this year in the post-election lame duck session which begins November 15. Therefore, it is crucial that Congress receives a clear signal regarding the importance of these affordable housing and community development provisions in the tax extenders legislation.

To send that signal, the business-led tax credit extenders coalition has drafted the letter below, and is working hard to build support for it. The letter will be delivered to every Member of Congress after the election.

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/Sign%20on%20support%20Tax%20Extenders%20Bill.doc>

Local Affordable Housing Policy → Puyallup's planning division has worked on a demonstration draft ordinance for innovative housing during the past eight months and now, with approval from the city's planning commission, is ready to present its findings to Puyallup residents at an upcoming public hearing. The construction style specified in the draft demonstration ordinance is commonly referred to as cottage housing.

Full story – TNT 10-27-2010: <http://www.thenewtribune.com/2010/10/27/v-lite/1397191/new-housing-ordinance-opens-to.html>

Funding → Next Monday (Nov 1st) the City of Tacoma will start its 30-day process for accepting CDBG/HOME applications related to housing, economic and community development and public improvements for the next fiscal year (2011-2012). The application form and information are accessible on the housing website and also on the 10th floor of the Municipal Building. If you have questions, please call Jim Colburn at (253) 591-5221

→ [Final Application Info \(10-21-10\).pdf](#) → [Final Application Form \(10-21-10\).pdf](#)

Foreclosure Intervention → Workshop 11-03 Information:
<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/11-03-2010%20Foreclosure%20Event.pdf>