



Washington Low Income Housing Alliance Vote NO on Tim Eyman's I-1033

Everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, decent, and affordable home. To continue the State's progress toward alleviating the lack of affordable housing and ending homelessness, Washington needs to continue investing in the creation and preservation of affordable housing. The Washington State Housing Trust Fund is a critical resource for affordable housing, but in 2009's dire fiscal climate, lawmakers struggling to balance the budget cut the Affordable Housing Trust Fund in half and made many other cuts to services that our state's vulnerable residents rely on.

Let's not make things worse

Tim Eyman's I-1033 will put affordable housing further out of reach by capping budgets at every level of government at the current recession-era rates. I-1033 will impose a rigid formula that can't be adjusted to any community's unique needs. Washington residents and elected officials have a record of valuing investments in affordable housing, but I-1033 will make it impossible for every community to keep up with the needs of its residents. The Washington State Office of Financial Management finds that, "...the initiative reduces state general fund revenues that support education; social, health and environmental services; and general government activities by an estimated \$5.9 billion by 2015."

We're already behind

\$5.9 billion in cuts will have disastrous, long-term impacts for affordable housing. The 2009 cut of \$100 million means that funds for affordable housing are exhausted. If I-1033 passes, finding the resources to build and maintain affordable housing will become even harder and the projects currently waiting for funding may not be built at all. Affordable housing provides the stability that our communities need to thrive and the jobs our economy needs. We need to get these projects moving.

Services are critical for many affordable housing residents

Providing services along with affordable housing stabilizes the lives of residents once they've received the safety net that housing provides. Education, health care, child-care and similar services will be at risk of significant or complete cuts if I-1033 passes. These services are vital to keeping our most vulnerable neighbors securely housed and out of homelessness.

Eyman's I-1033 will be devastating. Stand up for housing: Vote no on I-1033 and spread the word.

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