



The 33rd district is represented by Senator Karen Keiser, Representative Tina Orwall, and Representative Mia Gregerson, and located in South King County. Data below is for King County, and the Highline School District.

## JAMAL'S STORY

When Jamal was 6 years old, he went to jail for stealing a bike, and by the time he was 56 Jamal had spent 32 years of his life behind bars. Due to his early entry into the system, coupled with chemical dependency issues, Jamal got stuck in the revolving door of the criminal justice system. It seemed like it would never end.

Finally, upon his most recent release, Jamal was connected with the Community Center for Alternative Programs where he completed classes that taught him basic life skills he never had before. Jamal's disability status made him eligible for the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program, which provided him with hygiene articles, transportation, and most impactfully, rental assistance. HEN placed him in a house, where, for the first time ever, Jamal experienced the dignity and security of his own room, bed, and door with a lock to which he alone held the key. He made his own schedule, cooked his own meals, and could take a shower every day. Because of the structure and support of the HEN program Jamal changed his entire outlook, got clean and sober, and put his life on track.

Today, Jamal is completing a degree in Social and Human Services with certification as a Chemical Dependency Specialist. Jamal also serves as Vice Chair of the non-profit Re-Entry Corps, and is on the board of the Community Partners for Transitional Services where he advocates for housing and re-entry programs. Jamal credits many organizations for helping him turn his life around but it all began with access to an affordable home.



## 15,291

Housing Trust Fund supported homes



## 10,730

people counted without a home during the Point in Time Count, 4,505 counted as unsheltered



## 1,195

homeless school children



## \$23.56<sup>PER HOUR</sup>

income needed to afford a 1-bedroom rental, \$29.29 per hour to afford a 2-bedroom



## 80,450

families who are severely cost burdened and need access to affordable homes



## \$494,500

median home price