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PUBLIC HOUSING TO WEATHER THE STORM



An illustration of a city street scene. In the foreground, there are large, dark green bushes. Behind them are several houses: one with a red roof on the left, and others with grey and brown roofs. A yellow car is parked on the street, and a blue car is driving. The background shows more houses and trees under a clear sky.

**This is the story
of our home in South Seattle,**

**of our experiences
living in public housing.**

We live in a beautiful community, filled with friends and neighbors who care for each other.



However, there are many challenges.

Our homes are in constant need of repairs. It is the legal responsibility of the landlord to make our repairs. Our landlord is Seattle Housing Authority (SHA).



As a result, we are living in uncomfortable, unhealthy, and unsafe conditions such as leaks, mold, broken appliances, and more.

This can last for months or even years.

All of this is unacceptable.

Meanwhile, climate change has led to summers that are hotter and smokier, making it harder to stay cool and to breathe. We have to rely on box fans, air filters, and community cooling centers.





With the changing climate, there is also an increase in storms and colder temperatures leading to frozen pipes, severe flooding, and disasters that further the disrepair of our homes.

Our communities are priced out and pushed out of the city, as the real estate industry grows their power and profits. Instead of providing more housing that is permanently public and permanently affordable, public housing is demolished, public land is sold to corporate developers, and expensive housing is built in its place.



So what do we do about this?



We organize and we fight. We fight for our community's right to live in public housing that is healthy, where repairs are done quickly and where we are treated with care and respect.

We knock on the doors of our neighbors, explaining the issues we are experiencing. Our neighbors are inspired and join us because they know that when we come together, we have the power to change our conditions.



We organize meetings, led by us and for us, to plan how we will put pressure on our landlord to complete overdue repairs and transform the maintenance system.



When we come together, we are connected, energized, and ready to fight for healthy public housing!



We take action to show our landlord, SHA, how powerful we are when we are united, how necessary it is that we live in healthy housing, and how we will not back down until we win the repairs we need.

We are coming together and fighting for repairs with our families, friends, neighbors, and community.

Due to our hard work of coming together and fighting for what we deserve, we have effectively pressured SHA to complete our repairs and improve the work order process to be responsive, effective, and easy to use.



After we win,
repairs for
public housing
will be good
for tenants,
workers, and
the community.



Our homes
will be healthy.
The air will be
clean, the walls
insulated, and
the appliances
working well.

We will
celebrate our
wins and use
this momentum
to continue
fighting for a
system that
cares for our
community
and our planet.



In the future, public housing
will be for people and the
planet, not for deeper neglect
and real estate.



Our public housing must weather the storms ahead. Winning these repairs is the first step towards making our homes, communities, and planet healthier. Nothing will change unless we come together and fight for it.

Will you join us?



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