



Justice... Professionalism... Service... Since 1886

Resolution in Support of Tenant Protections and Legal Services

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the King County Bar Association to offer input on matters of public policy; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Washington State Civil Legal Needs Study Update continues to identify that housing problems remain significant for low-income Washington households; and

WHEREAS, Seattle and the greater King County area are experiencing a housing affordability crisis wherein the cost of housing is growing far faster than wages; and

WHEREAS, 21 percent of renters in Seattle spend more than half of their income on housing; and

WHEREAS, the demand for KCBA's Housing Justice Project eviction defense services has been growing at a rate of more than five percent per year; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 100 manufactured housing communities in King County housing nearly 9,000 families; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Justice Project represents dozens of manufactured homeowners every year who are at risk of losing their home;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the King County Bar Association supports efforts of our local and state governments to increase funding for tenant education and legal services, and to improve tenant protections both for those who live in manufactured housing communities and in traditional rental housing.

Approved 11/18/15 by the KCBA Board of Trustees.