

# **Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee Citywide Meeting 2.13.19**



# Agenda

- Introductory activity
- Background on Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee
- The new tenant protections in Tacoma, effective Feb 1
- Small group discussion
- Report back with Q and A
- Statewide campaign for housing justice and update on tenant protection bills
- Take action!

## Introductory Activity

- Write on index card: what brought you here today?



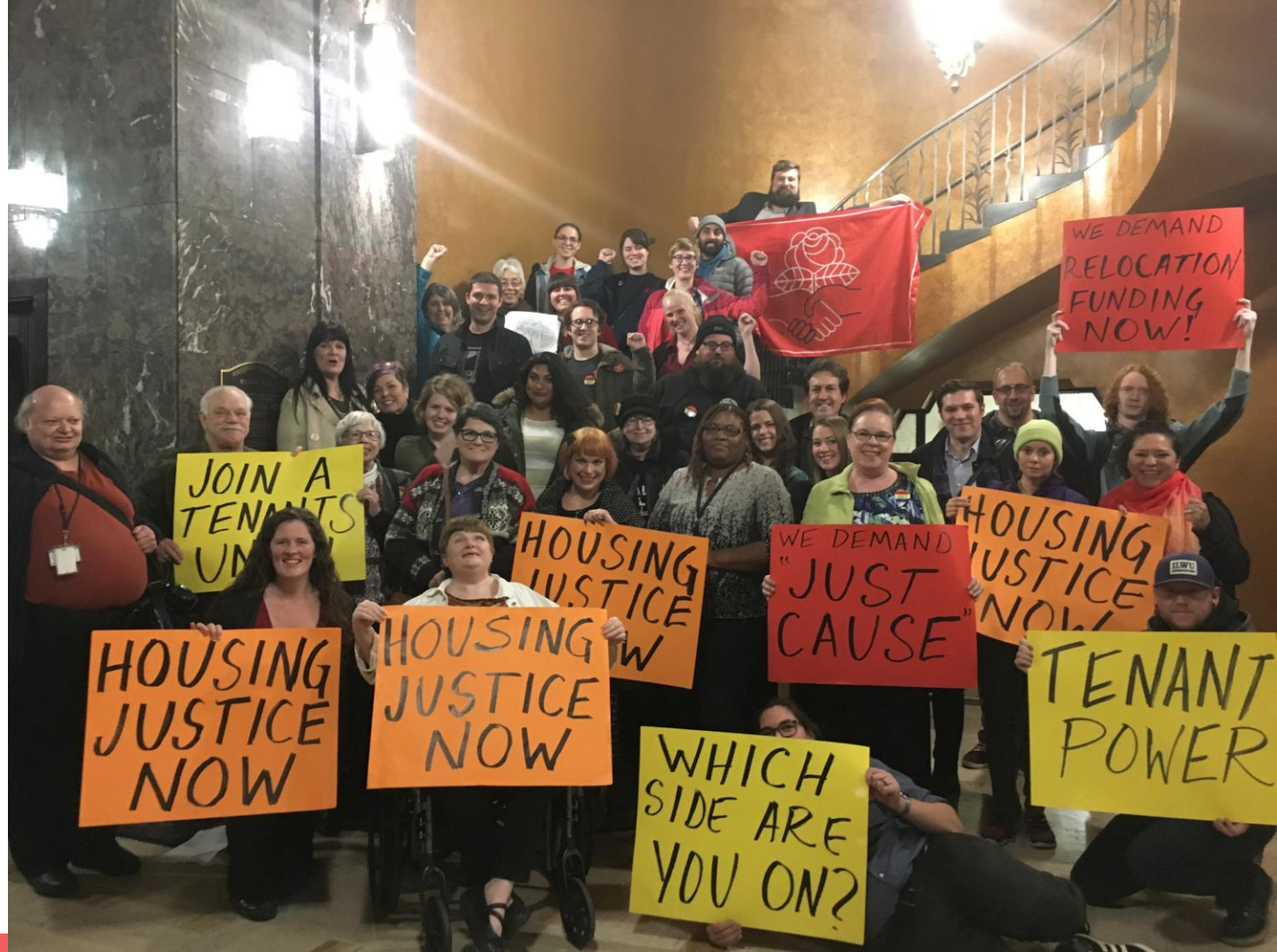
# The Fight for Tacoma Tenant Protections



# What we won!

These tenant protections were passed on Nov 20<sup>th</sup> and will take effect Feb 1, 2019. They include:

- 120-day notices for tenants displaced due to demolition, renovation or change of use
- 60-day notices (instead of 20 day) for any no cause termination
- 2,000 dollars in relocation assistance for displaced tenants
- 60-day notice of rent increases
- retaliation is prohibited including for the right to organize
- installment payments required as an option for move in costs
- source of income discrimination is illegal and enforced by the City











# Small Group Discussion

- What do you like about the protections?
- What are possible scenarios you can imagine?
- What concerns or questions do you have?

# Statewide Campaign for Housing Justice

Tenant protection bills we are supporting

- [HB 1656/SB 5733](#): Just Cause (requires legitimate reason to terminate tenancy) and extended notice to vacate for renovation or demolition
- [HB 1453/SB 5600](#): extension of 3 day pay or vacate to provide time for tenants to catch up on rent and judicial discretion to prevent eviction
- [HB 1440](#): 60 day notice of rent increase
- [HB 1694](#): installment payments for move in costs

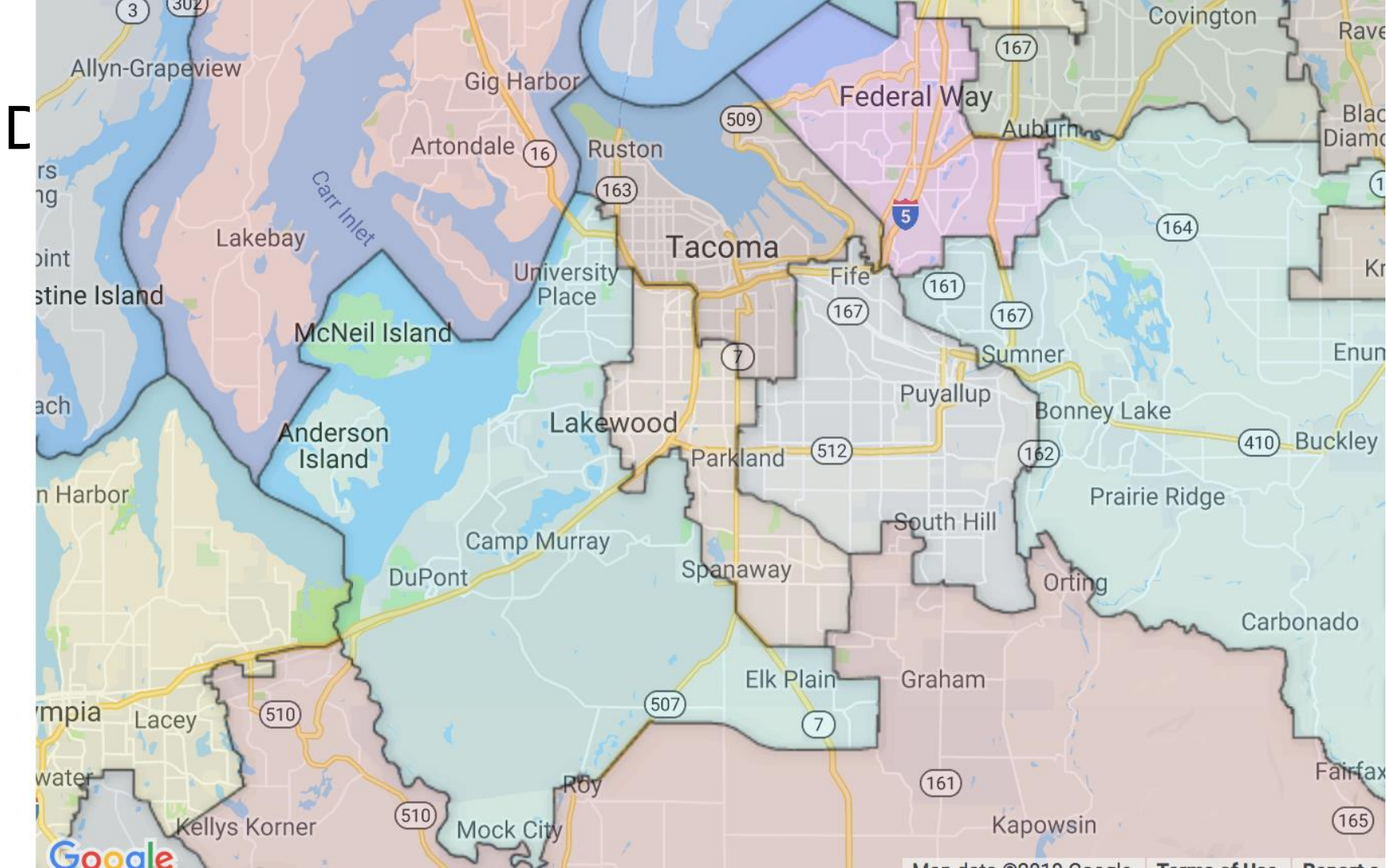
Many of these bills are supported by legislators in the Tacoma area including Rep. Jenkins, Rep. Morgan, Sen. Darneille, and Sen. Conway.

# Take Action!

- Call/write Rep Jenkins (27<sup>th</sup> district) right now:  
(360) 786-7930, [laurie.jenkins@leg.wa.gov](mailto:laurie.jenkins@leg.wa.gov)
- Call/write Rep Kirby (29<sup>th</sup> district) right now:  
360-786-7996, [Steve.Kirby@leg.wa.gov](mailto:Steve.Kirby@leg.wa.gov)
- Send a letter to all 3 of your legislators:  
[www.actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-state-legislators-we-need-just-cause/](http://www.actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-state-legislators-we-need-just-cause/)

Find your district: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/>





# Come to Olympia

## **Rent Control Action Day in Olympia (Tenants Union of Washington)**

Join tenants and allies from across the state as we call for rent control in Washington!

Wednesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, Olympia, WA

12:30-2 pm: Welcome

2-3 pm: Rally at Capitol Steps

4-6 pm: Happy Hour

[www.facebook.com/events/209294186635988/](https://www.facebook.com/events/209294186635988/)

# Come to Olympia

## **Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Day (WA Low Income Housing Alliance)**

Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

8 am, United Churches of Olympia

Join more than 600 housing and homelessness advocates in Olympia to:

- Gain information on housing policies;
- Attend workshops to build your advocacy skills;
- Meet your lawmakers alongside experienced advocates;
- Stand with the growing movement fighting for safe, healthy, affordable homes for everyone in Washington!

Find more information and register here:

<https://www.wliha.org/housing-and-homelessness-advocacy-day>

## Get involved!

- Help us spread the word about the new protections.
- And the statewide campaign for more!

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