

**Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness**  
**Advocacy & Policy Update 9.4.2020**  
***Make Good Trouble, Necessary Trouble***  
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**Conference on Ending Homelessness:** Oct 7 & 8, 2020 Virtual. Early registration until Sept. 9.  
<https://www.wliha.org/conference>

**Housing Washington:** Oct. 6, 2020 Virtual. <https://www.housingwa.org> Free

**CDC Eviction Moratorium Order** will be effective when published in the Federal Register - expected Sept. 4, 2020. Requires a tenant-signed declaration with five parts. Will not apply to all tenants. The National Housing Law Project is working on written guidance. Remember that questions should go to the attorneys at Tacomaprobono's Housing Justice project, [hjp@tacomaprobono.org](mailto:hjp@tacomaprobono.org).

**PolicyLink** <https://www.policylink.org> has two important race and housing briefs 1) Strategies to Advance Racial Equity in Housing Response and Recovery <https://www.policylink.org/resources-tools/housing-racial-equity-covid> and 2) Inclusive Processes to Advance Racial Equity in Housing Recovery <https://www.policylink.org/resources-tools/housing-inclusive-processes-covid> and a weekly blog on COVID-19 and race <https://www.policylink.org/covid19-and-race>. These are free resources.

**Love Your Data Quarterly HMIS Newsletter**

Looking for data? Check out this resource from the WA State Dept. of Commerce.  
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOC/bulletins/29c2256>

**Washington state's sales-based tax system is badly out of balance**

*In 2018, the Institute of Taxation & Economic Policy determined that Washington, lacking an income tax, had the most unfair state and local tax system in the nation. Strapped with a 17.8% average tax burden, the lowest-income families (\$24,000 or less) had to work 9.3 weeks out of the year to pay their annual state and local taxes. With a 3.0% tax burden, the highest-income families (\$545,900 or more) had to work only 1.6 weeks. Continue reading at [The Seattle Times](#). (Jennifer Luxton)*

**MRSC: Living in Vehicles: How Homestead Rights Affect Municipal Impounds**

**By Oskar Rey**

This blog post suggests that local government impound procedures should be reviewed to ensure that these don't impede upon the 'homestead rights' of people living out of their vehicles.

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight/August-2020-1/Living-in-Vehicles-Homestead-Rights.aspx>

**MRSC: New Legislation on Temporary Homeless Encampments**

May 26, 2020 by Oskar Rey

In the most recent session, the state legislature passed ESHB 1754, which made significant changes to statutes that limit the ability of cities and counties to regulate homeless encampments operated by religious organizations. ESHB 1754 takes effect on June 11, 2020, and imposes additional conditions on cities and counties when regulating religious organizations hosting the homeless. Cities and counties should be aware that certain portions of ESHB 1754 do not apply to local regulations that exist prior to its effective date.

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight/May-2020/New-Legislation-on-Temporary-Homeless-Encampments.aspx>

**Prosecutor says Stevens County commissioners ejected from office after lawsuit finds they misspent money for the homeless. The Spokesman-Review, August 31, 2020**

The article speaks to misuse of document recording fees.

<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2020/aug/20/stevens-county-commissioners-ejected-from-office-a/>

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## SOME KEY ADVOCACY & POLICY RESOURCES

### YOUTH

#### **Washington State Office of Homeless Youth**

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/office-of-youth-homelessness/>

#### **Webinar and discussion Sept. 16: Youth Lived Experts Positions**

The Office of Homeless Youth (OHY) invites you to attend a webinar to discuss positions to employ young professionals to help prevent youth and young adult homelessness.

OHY is working with the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) on a legislatively mandated proviso to draft a strategic plan to prevent youth homelessness and other negative outcomes. Please register for Youth Lived Experts Positions on Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. PDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8542094150927282956>

#### **Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma**

[https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/committees\\_boards\\_commissions/mayor\\_s\\_youth\\_commission](https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/committees_boards_commissions/mayor_s_youth_commission)

#### **Greater Tacoma Community Foundation**

<https://www.gtcf.org/initiatives/youth-program-grants/>

#### **The Road Home (Pierce County, Tacoma, Lakewood) Continuum of Care**

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/89376/CoC-Roster-8-7-2020?bidId=> (CoC-funded and non-CoC funded youth representative)

#### **State Advisory Council on Homelessness**

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/boards-commissions/board-and-commissions/profile/Homelessness> (has a youth representative)

#### **WA Coalition for Homeless Youth Advocacy**

<https://www.mockingbirdsociety.org/coalitions/wachya>

#### **National Coalition for the Homeless**

<https://nationalhomeless.org/issues/youth/>

#### **National Network for Youth**

<https://nn4youth.org/policy-advocacy/>

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Meeting info: <http://www.pchomeless.org/>