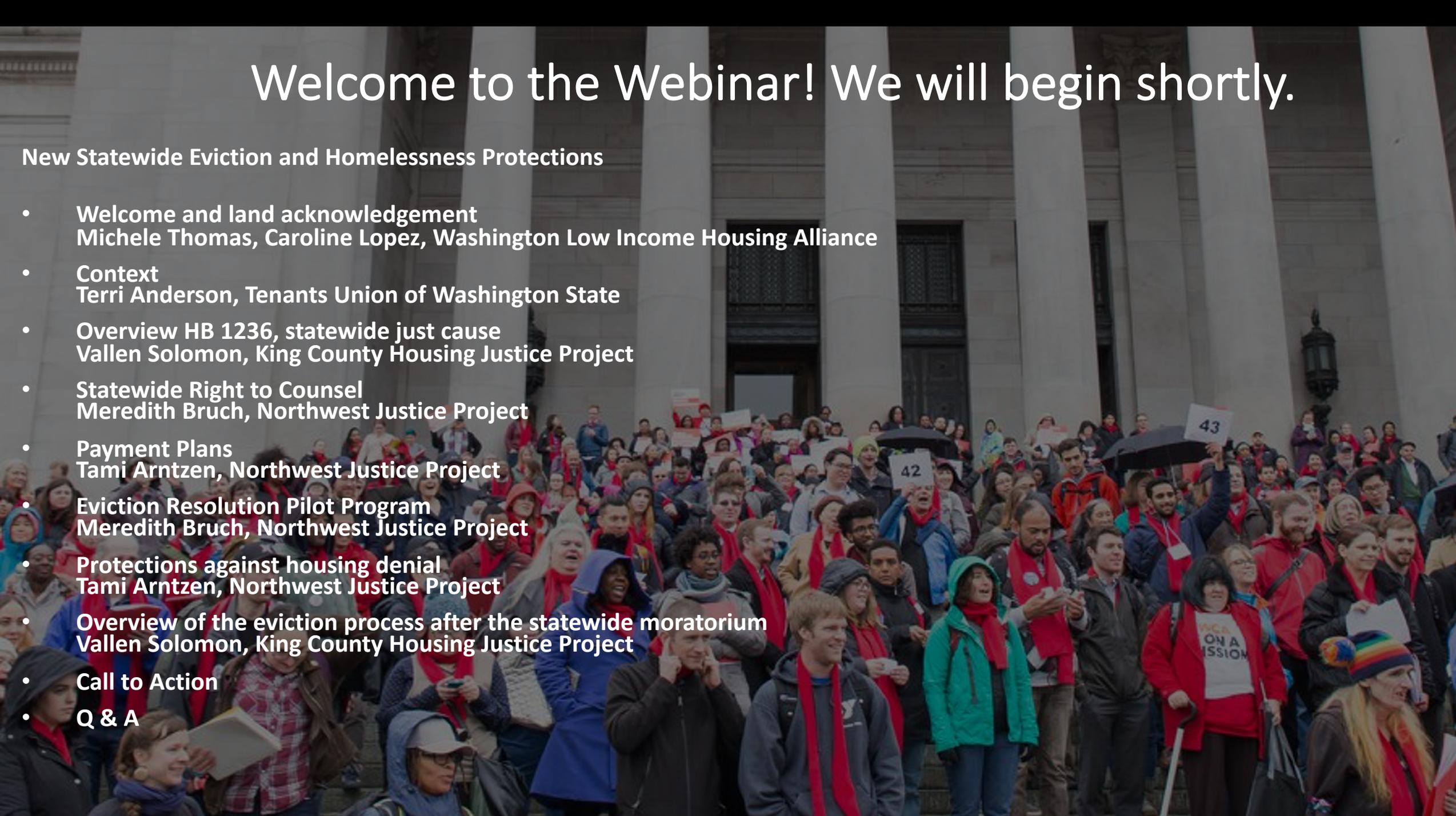


Welcome to the Webinar! We will begin shortly.

New Statewide Eviction and Homelessness Protections

- Welcome and land acknowledgement
Michele Thomas, Caroline Lopez, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance
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- Overview HB 1236, statewide just cause
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Today's Panelists

- **Terri Anderson, Spokane Director, Tenants Union of Washington State**

Terri is a tireless advocate for issues affecting the underrepresented communities in Spokane, Terri organized affected members of the Spokane community for the unanimous passage of a city ordinance to mandate independent investigations of police misconduct. Terri has organized to address the affects of years of uranium mining on the Spokane Indian Reservation, and has worked for racial equity in higher education. Terri's life as a first generation American, fourth generation Washingtonian, a person of color living in Spokane, a tenant, and as an advocate as well as her passion and commitment to social, economic and environmental justice drives her work to make Spokane a better place for everyone to live and make a difference.

- **Vallen Solomen, Housing Justice Project**

Vallen is an Equal Justice Works Fellow and attorney sponsored by The Raikes Foundation and Costco. Vallen works at the King County Bar Association's Housing Justice Project where his work is focused on helping young adults with eviction-related matters.

- **Tami Arntzen, Northwest Justice Project**

Tami is a Pacific NW Native who received her JD from University of Idaho (Moscow) in 2005. She has worked in legal services throughout her career and joined NJP in 2017 as a staff attorney in the Tri-Cities office. She is a generalist with focuses on housing and family law.

- **Meredith Bruch, Northwest Justice Project**

Meredith is a Staff Attorney at the Northwest Justice Project Yakima office. Meredith specializes in foreclosure defense and housing law. Prior to her work at NJP, Meredith worked as a mediator and trainer in mediation skills for 8 years, and as in-house counsel to two Washington Native American tribes for ten years. Meredith received her J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1994, and has undergraduate degrees from Kenyon College in music and biology.



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Take Action Today to Extend the Moratorium!

<https://bit.ly/34mvl2f>

“Governor Inslee,

We urge you to extend the moratorium until counties can demonstrate they are able to prevent evictions. Further, we are asking you to extend the prohibition on rent increases for one year. There are almost 400,000 renters in Washington who are current on rent but who are hanging on by a thread, using unsustainable means to meet their basic needs. Rent increases will push many into our already overwhelmed rental assistance programs and will raise the cost of housing stability.

Instead, we propose an orderly process that lifts the moratorium on a county by county basis only after each can demonstrate to you that it has met certain criteria including:

- 1) The Right to Counsel is ready to go,*
- 2) A significant amount of their rental assistance dollars are out the door and they are able to keep pace with the demand,*
- 3) The Eviction Resolution Pilot Program is in place and is able to keep pace with the demand.*

Allowing any county to proceed with evictions before these vital programs are ready will undermine the intent of your moratorium and of the bills and budget investments made this session. Washington will experience the flood of evictions and homelessness that so many, including you and your team, have worked so hard to prevent.”





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Resources

- www.washingtonlawhelp.org
- Tenants Union of Washington State hotline: 206-723-0500 or 509-319-0009.
- Toll Free Eviction Defense Screening line: 855-657-8387. This line will be active July 1st and is run by the Northwest Justice Project.
- The State Attorney General's Office is enforcing the moratorium. You can file a complaint or ask a question about your rights: <https://bit.ly/3orD1yR> or by calling (833) 660-4877
- Michele Thomas, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance
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