

Grassroots Support

The Tenants Union is supported in great part through the generosity of members and supporters who value the work of the TU.

Join the Movement for Housing Justice

Members are the heart and strength of the TU's work for housing justice. You are invited to become a part of the 35-year legacy for tenants' rights victories as a member of the Tenants Union of Washington State. Join today!

Membership Dues are sliding scale, with a suggested donation of \$1 for every thousand dollars of annual income (\$15,000/year of household income = \$15/year dues).

Monthly Donations of \$1 to \$100 or more provide an easy way to offer sustaining ongoing support.

Major Gifts are a vital part of the Tenants Union's grassroots financial support. The TU is supported by a dedicated core of major donors who give \$100, \$1000 or beyond.

Become a member of the Tenants Union today!

Find out more or join online at:
www.tenantsunion.org

Or mail in your contact info and dues to:
Tenants Union of Washington State
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Seattle, WA 98118
Admin Phone: (206) 722-6848

TU Mission

The mission of the Tenants Union (TU) is to create housing justice through empowerment-based education, leadership development, outreach, organizing, and advocacy. Founded in 1977, the TU carries on a proud legacy of work to create concrete improvements in tenants' living conditions and challenge and transform unjust housing policies and practices. As a membership organization, the TU's work is grounded in the strong conviction that tenants must be the leaders of efforts to transform our housing conditions and communities. The TU embraces the values of equality, hope, tenant leadership, respect, direct action, civic courage, racial and economic justice, and self-determination.

"The TU is a powerful political voice for renters."

- Seattle City Councilmember
Nick Licata



TU History

Founded by volunteers who created a tenants' rights hotline in 1977, the TU is committed to educating tenants while also building a proud legacy of organizing and action. The TU has a long legacy of victories for tenants, including:

Just Cause Eviction Protection in the city of Seattle which outlawed arbitrary evictions.

Preservation of Low Income Housing buildings slated to become market rate.

Statewide "Slumlord Accountability Act" that requires landlords to pay relocation assistance to tenant who are displaced when a building is shut down due to landlord negligence.



TENANTS UNION

of
Washington State



*Tenants organizing for safe,
healthy, and affordable
housing for all since 1977*



The **Tenants Union** of Washington **challenges** and **transforms** **unjust housing conditions** and **policies.**

Organizing

The TU organizes and wins grassroots campaigns to improve housing conditions, fight housing discrimination, expand affordable housing, and to improve housing policies.

Housing Access Project (HAP)

HAP tenants work to increase access and undo institutional barriers to decent, affordable housing for communities criminalized, marginalized, and segregated by commercial and judicial systems. HAP uses organizing, outreach, and political education to develop strong tenant leadership to end housing discrimination against communities disproportionately impacted by race and class bias in the tenant screening, court, and criminal justice systems.

Section 8 Tenants Organizing Project (STOP)



Founded in 1996, STOP is a group of tenants and supporters working to preserve and improve Section 8 housing and give tenants a voice in decisions that affect their housing stability. STOP uses outreach, education and organizing to develop Section 8 tenant leaders to preserve long term affordability for multifamily buildings and affect policy change.



Healthy Housing

Tenants work together in Healthy Housing organizing to win concrete improvements in living conditions, particularly in communities most likely to be impacted by health and safety concern or most at risk of housing loss. TU members are working together to pass basic health and safety standards for all Seattle rentals through the Rental Housing Inspection Program.

“The Tenants Union opened the door to the information, the help, and the support my community needs. I would never have believed my story could do so much to help other people... When I work together with the TU, educating myself to help my family, I know I have the power and I am not afraid to stand up for my community.”

- TU Member Florencia Ybarra

Tenant Ownership

In 2002 the multi-cultural, multi-lingual Benson East Tenants' Association became the first tenant controlled low income housing in the Northwest. Tenant ownership prevents displacement and creates dignified, healthy and affordable housing, and provides tenants control over community resources.

Education

The Tenants Union Education Program empowers tenants with the knowledge and skills needed to keep themselves and their families safely housed. The TU provides empowerment-based multi-lingual education and assistance to help tenants learn their rights and take action to resolve housing problems. Trained non-attorney Tenant Counselors offer free phone and in-person tenant counseling services to assist people with questions about landlord-tenant laws and discuss strategies to prevent housing loss.

Tenants Rights Hotline:
(206) 723-0500

Mon, Tues, Weds 10 am-12:30 pm
Weds 1:30-4 pm

In-Person Clinic:
Mon, Tue 1:30-4 pm

The TU also has satellite clinics in North and West Seattle on Weds and Thurs afternoons. See www.tenantsunion.org for more details and locations.