

(GENERAL)

FILE NO. 244152

Petition

OF

Citizens in favor of proposed ordinance  
banning discrimination in housing in  
City of Seattle.

DEC 11 1961

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**C. G. ERLANDSON**  
COMPTROLLER AND CITY CLERK

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**ACTION OF THE COUNCIL**

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

Mr. President:

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to which was referred the within

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that

Committee

CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN



10720 Riviera Place NE  
Seattle 55, Washington  
December 7, 1961

City Council  
City-County Building  
4th Avenue  
Seattle, Wash.

Re: Proposed anti-discrimination housing ordinance

Dear sirs:

I would like to stress the urgent need for the Anti-discrimination Housing Ordinance sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Negro population in Seattle increased by 72 per cent from 1950 to 1960 to a total of about 27,000. Yet, because of discriminatory policies of realtors, restrictive covenants, bankers and like devices, the Negro has been forced to seek housing in the same limited Central area as he did 10 years ago. Less than 260 Negroes live north of the Canal; this number actually has decreased in the 10 year span. Because of hindrances to moving outside the Central area, the density of population in this one area has increased noticeably, with an increasing proportion of it non-white.

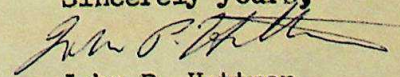
National authorities have been alarmed at the radical change in the urban central areas which, with the exodus of the whites to the suburbs and the exclusion of the Negro from the suburbs as well as the increase in Negro migration from the South and the higher birth rate of Negro, have become increasingly the residence of the non-white. In many cities a ghetto has developed where de facto segregation in schools and other activities is coming close to de jure segregation in the South.

In Seattle this type of development is occurring. The concentration of the non-white school population in one area, with 80 per cent of the Negro students in one of the nine high schools in Seattle, is a reflection of the alarming trend towards a ghetto. In over half of the elementary schools in Seattle the children have no contact with non-white children because there are none in the school.

Discrimination in housing has many evil consequences, both for the non-white and the white. For the Negro it may bring with it many other discriminations, poorer schools, deterioration of residences into slum areas, poorer police protection, sanitation services and housing code enforcement. In search for housing, the Negro finds he must pay more and get less than his white counterpart. The 1960 Census of Housing shows this for Seattle when comparable Negro and white districts are compared on average rent.

I sincerely hope the City Council will pass this ordinance to help alleviate this concentration of one segment of the population in a limited area of the city due to discriminatory practices of certain interest groups.

Sincerely yours,

  
John P. Huttman



## R E S O L U T I O N

APPROVED by Seattle United Church Women at their January 3rd, 1961 meeting with approval that it be sent to all legislators in the Seattle area, the Governor, and Lieutenant Governor.

WHEREAS, we, the United Church Women of Seattle, desiring to actively support measures designed to eliminate racial discrimination,

Believing that open occupancy housing is an important factor in developing integration -- which we, as Christians, believe to be both desirable and necessary,

Observing apparent deficiencies in the laws of the State of Washington,

RESOLVE To urge legislators of this State to pass laws designed to assure all people -- without regard to race or creed -- equal freedom in selecting a home and neighborhood.



3329 Bellavista Av S  
Seattle 44, Wash  
December 1, 1961

Dear Councilman Carroll

The purpose of this letter is to ask that you put your shoulder to the wheel in securing favorable City council action on the proposed ordinance relating to non-discrimination in housing here in Seattle. It is my understanding two threats to the ordinance presently exist. One is that no Council member is inclined to introduce the measure. The other is that the Council proposes to refer the matter, if adopted, to popular referendum.

Unless the City takes measures such as this to develop a policy of open housing we shall encourage the blight that comes with segregated housing. Ghettoism will creep south and north from its present boundaries and hundreds of residents of Seattle will join in the flight to the suburbs. This will weaken the residential tax base of the city and greatly reduce its political vitality. If Negroes are free to buy homes anywhere in the city, they may or may not take advantage of the opportunity, but at least the City itself will have done what it could to encourage integrated housing on a wide scale. I believe Frank Connor when he says Negroes make good neighbors. I believe Frank Hanewalt, principal of Garfield High, that he has excellent school spirit and high standards at that school. But he says he will be unable to maintain those standards and that spirit if the population distribution among the students of that school does not remain substantially in its present proportions. Unless we have open housing throughout the City, a fine integrated school will become a segregated school.

We must have open housing in Seattle. And the Council members must provide the leadership to establish open housing. Some among the council members must



provide leadership within the Council and move for the adoption of such a resolution as will prohibit discrimination in housing. And once the ordinance is under consideration, then it must be adopted by the Council without provision for referendum to the public. If the Council lets the opponents put the matter on the ballot, individual council members can campaign for the measure. If the council votes the referendum, the public will have absolutely no guidance from the council on this measure.

At best, the campaign on the referendum will include some inflammatory matter, but if the campaign is characterized by Council members leadership, we can survive whatever damage the campaign may cause. If the campaign is undertaken without participation by city fathers, and this will be the case if the Council refers it to popular vote, the Negroes will be exasperated beyond all words.

Non discrimination in housing is consistent with our ethics, we know that discrimination is morally wrong, we know that ghettoism creates blight, we know that this is our most vulnerable point in the battle the Communist bloc wages to gain control over the minds of people uncommitted to democracy.

We have a long way to come in preventing job discrimination, and more must be done in this area. But part of the problem in race relations is the despair that Negroes feel over the lack of opportunity to make a free choice. We must eliminate every justifiable grounds they have for complaint about discrimination. Perhaps relatively few will take advantage of the opportunities we provide, but we shall have removed insofar as possible their grounds for complaining we haven't given them a chance.

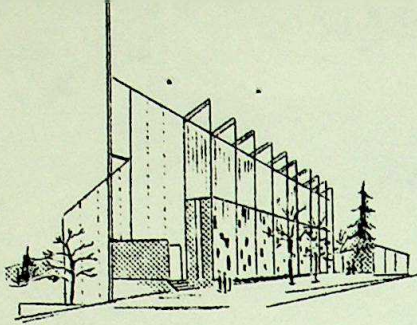
Sincerely yours,

M. Chandler Redman

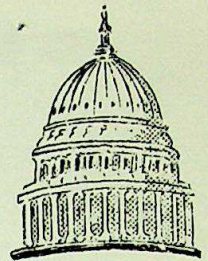
Mac Redman

3329 - Bella Vista





# UNITARIANS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE



6556 - 35th Avenue N.E.  
Seattle 15, Washington

FREEDOM - JUSTICE - PEACE

245 2nd Street NE  
Washington 2, D.C.

December 11, 1961

The Seattle City Council  
County-City Building  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen,

The Seattle chapter of the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice wishes to be recorded in support of the proposed ordinance banning discrimination in housing.

The social ills which flow from housing segregation have been well documented and need no further elaboration by us. Instead we wish to comment on what we believe to be the proper role of the City Council in this situation.

An issue of this nature brings forth all of the pressures, the antagonisms and the shibboleths of those who would retain the racism of the status quo. You will be accused of perverting the constitutional rights of some by recognizing the moral, human and constitutional rights of others.

We believe you know what is right. We ask that you exercise the proper power granted to you by the voters of this city and put Seattle in the forefront of American cities where it belongs. Let us truly be a city of the Twenty-first Century and not the Nineteenth.

Executive Board, SEATTLE UNITARIANS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE:

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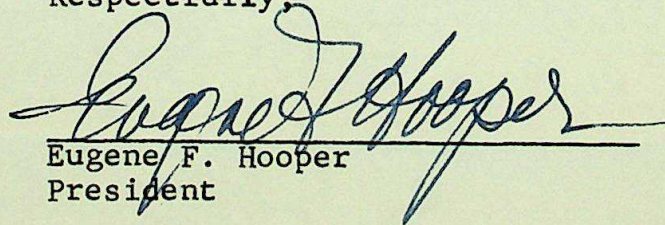
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December 8, 1961

Please be advised that the Central Federated Clubs at its meeting held on February 28, 1961, at the Central Y.M.C.A., passed the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED that the Central Federated Clubs reaffirm the right of the American citizen in his freedom under the Constitution to contract, own, hold and deal with his property."

Respectfully,

  
 Eugene F. Hooper  
 President



Carla A.  
~~WALTER~~ CHOTZEN  
512 33RD AVE. SOUTH  
SEATTLE 44, WASH.

Dec 6, 1961

Seattle City Council

Seattle, Wash

Dear Gentlemen & Madam:

Please vote favorably on  
the Open Housing Act as proposed by the NAACP.

Let us keep Seattle the best  
place to live for all shades of Humanity.

Sincerely,

*Carla A. Chotzen*

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WALTER CHOTZEN  
512 33RD AVE. SOUTH  
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December 6, 1961

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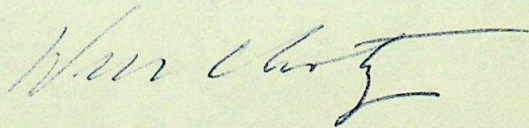
Gentlemen and Madam:

Re: Open Housing Act

I urge you to act favorably on the Open  
Housing Act as proposed by the NAACP.

As a door to the Orient let us be  
a welcome to all races by our deeds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter Chotzen", written in dark ink.

Walter Chotzen



THE LESCHI IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

December 6th, 1961

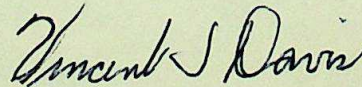
Members of the Seattle City Council  
County-City Building  
Seattle

Dear Madam and Gentlemen ;

Members of the Leschi Improvement Council wish to advise you of their full support of the "open housing act" as proposed by the N.A.A.C.P.. It is the policy of this group to work in eliminating any discriminatory action brought to its attention, since our aim is to provide " a stable, inter-racial community with superior schools and recreational facilities, attractive homes and a real neighborhood spirit".

At the December 6th meeting of the Leschi Improvement Council, the vote was unanimous to place our considered opinion on this matter before the Seattle City Council .

Very truly yours,



Vincent J. Davis - President  
172 Erie Avenue  
Seattle 22



1537 N. E. 92nd St. ·  
Seattle 15, Wash.  
Dec. 7, 1961

Seattle City Council  
City-County Bldg.  
Seattle 4, Wash.

Gentlemen:

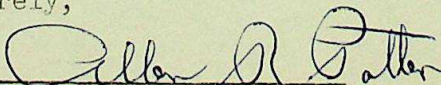
For most of the past thirty years I have been engaged in several programs of health and welfare services in this City. During this time I have observed first hand the many problems caused by our segregation of non-white individuals and families into limited areas within our City. Overcrowding in a poor area aggravates many health situations. Children living in such conditions cannot obtain the education and other training needed to become good citizens.

Equally important is the damage to all of us living under such conditions. The minority person cannot feel a full citizen when he is not free to enjoy all of the privileges of citizenship. Those of us denying him his rights are also hurt.

Many of us tried to improve the situation through State Legislation at the last session of the Legislature. Failing in this attempt to improve conditions statewide we certainly wish to improve the situation in Seattle.

Although I have not seen the N. A. A. C. P. request to the Council I am in favor of and support the idea. I urge you to pass legislation which will end housing segregation in Seattle.

Sincerely,

  
Allen R. Potter

P. S. I am a homeowner and I would welcome as a next door neighbor any minority person who wishes to purchase a home in this area.



610 - 37th Avenue  
Seattle 22, Washington  
December 7, 1961

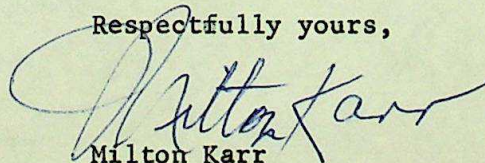
Members of the City Council  
City of Seattle  
County-City Building  
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Sirs and Madam:

As a resident of the Central Area, I want to express my support for the proposed ordinance on open occupancy for the City of Seattle. It is my conviction that the present pattern of segregated housing has become a city problem. Without affirmative legislative action by the City Council to help open up housing for non-white families in the entire city, Seattle will face a growth of Negro population in the Central Area that will lead to many difficult problems--greater overcrowding of families, de facto segregation of schools, and misunderstanding between racial groups.

I do not think that Seattle can wait for action by the State legislature to start working on the problems of segregated housing. It is well known that State legislators from rural areas have very little understanding of the city, and consequently, it is necessary for cities themselves to act now before this problem takes on greater dimensions.

Respectfully yours,



Milton Karr



MADRONA COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

832 32ND AVENUE

SEATTLE 22, WASHINGTON

EDD W. CRAWFORD, *Pastor*  
MRS. R. H. McELROY, *Director of Education*

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December 7, 1961

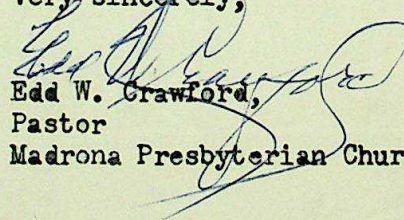
The City Council  
City of Seattle  
County-City Building  
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Council Members:

We would like to assure you of our interest in the proposed City Ordinance for open housing, and that we are looking to you for leadership and vision in this vital human relations area.

We feel that such an ordinance is required to keep a fundamental concept alive, that of freedom of economic justice guaranteed by our Constitution.

Very sincerely,

  
Edd W. Crawford,  
Pastor  
Madrona Presbyterian Church



December 8, 1961

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The Seattle City Council  
 County City Bldg.  
 2nd and James  
 Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen and Madam:

As principal and teachers of an elementary school in the central area we know the results of discriminatory practices in the rental and sale of property. We therefore urge your support of the N.A.A.C.P. Open Housing Act.

Sincerely,

*Bernard Pearce*  
*Mary A. Price*  
*Archie M. Jones*  
*Beth Fraker*

*Jane Dewhurst*  
*Evangeline Frost*  
*Patricia E. Steele*  
*Margaret A. Jefferson*  
*Arline M. Merchant*  
*Mary Beth Harrison*

*Juanita Allen*  
*Ellen Matson*

*Margaret Pighy*  
*Thomas R. Dawson*  
*William K. Conner*  
*Jeanette O'Connor*  
*Era Franklin*  
*Dawell Lamb*



1372 Lake Wash. Blvd. So.  
Seattle 44, Washington  
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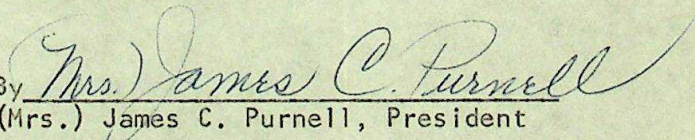
Seattle City Council  
Council Chambers, Fifth Floor  
County-City Building  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

The Seattle Association of Clubwomen, members of the Washington State Association of Colored Womens' Clubs, Inc., and the National Association of Colored Womens' Clubs, Inc., located at 161 - 30th Avenue, Seattle, Washington, recommend the passage of the City Ordinance to prevent discrimination in housing.

Yours truly,

SEATTLE ASSOCIATION OF CLUBWOMEN

By   
(Mrs.) James C. Purnell, President



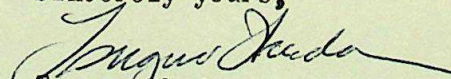
1712 South Hanford Street  
Seattle 44, Washington  
December 8, 1961

City Council  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

In Seattle we have an opportunity and a responsibility for the City Council and the citizens of Seattle to make it possible for any citizen to obtain the type of housing he may wish and can afford. An open housing should be synonymous with our democratic nation. There have been many wrongs done to our citizens because of their differences and there have been many improvements made. The fact that the government is concerned and does act for the well being of all citizens is the hope and true values of our government.

Sincerely yours,

  
Tsuguo Ikeda



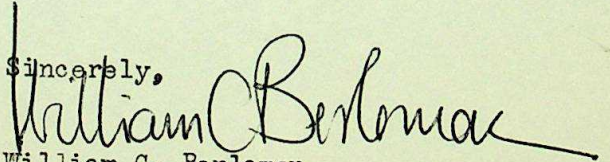
1712 N. E. Ravenna Blvd.  
Seattle 5, Washington  
December 8, 1961

City Council  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

This is to inform the Council of my support for the proposed Open Housing Ordinance. It must be abundantly evident by now that as a nation it is imperative we accord all of our citizens the right to seek such a basic need as housing without fear of discrimination or intimidation. The open Housing Ordinance is one step in demonstrating that we do indeed honor our democratic commitments and cherish the rights of others.

Sincerely,

  
William C. Berleman



137 Lakeside Ave.,  
Seattle 22, Wash.

Dec 10/31

Seattle City Council,  
County City Building,  
Seattle 4, Wash.

City Councilmen, Gentlemen and Madame:

I am in favor of the Open Housing Act  
as proposed by the National Association for  
the Advancement of Colored People.

Yours etc.

Ross Nicoll



LUKE 6:31 "AND AS YOU WISH THAT MEN  
WOULD DO TO YOU, DO SO TO THEM."

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WE THE UNDERSIGNED BELIEVE  
THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD PASS  
THE HOUSING ORDINANCE SPONSORED BY  
N.A.A.C.P. WHICH ESTABLISHES THE FACT  
THAT THE CITY OF SEATTLE BELIEVES  
IN THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE REGARDLESS  
OF RACE, CREED OR COLOR.

	NAME	ADDRESS
1.	Sam M. Mitani	3015-13th So. (44)
2.	Samaki Mitani	3015-13th So (44)
3.	Musley Yamada	210-28th Ave, (22)
4.	Jack Okamura	917 E. Fir St (22)
5.	Ken Murakami	12900 - 86th Ave So. Renton.
6.	Hiroshi Sakakura	9803-59th Ave So, Seattle
7.	Susan Iwano	2316-Spokane St So. Seattle.
8.	Kenji Onishi	4818 Roosevelt Way N.E. (15) Seattle
9.	Takayoshi Okamoto	4867 24th Ave South Seattle
10.	Yukiko Yamauchi	1649 South King St, Sea
11.	Midori Kono Thiel	4720 7th Ave. N.E. Seattle
12.	Helen Okumura	917 E. Fir Seattle
13.	Kayoko Nishimura	220 Empire Way E. - Seattle
14.	Alger Soda	4603 S.E. 32 <sup>ND</sup> Avenue So.
15.	Izua Hirota	1321 LP. Wm. Blvd-So.
16.	Jeffrey Ila	5046-29th S.
17.	Min + Betty Okura	4860 24th So



Mrs Harold Jones 19330-52 W. Reynwood, Md  
Mrs S. Kawakami 4615 S. Ferdinand Seattle  
Masako Kanetomi 3221 - 14th So  
Sumi Kurayama 2499 S. Edmunds  
Aiko Okamoto 5555 So 119 St  
Kay Takeda 4722 - 47th So.  
Ann Hisanoto 7765 37th South  
Kay Aki 7765 37th South  
Ayad Shimizu 4864 - 24th St  
Carl S. Niimi 5233 Brooklyn Ave D. E.  
Mitsuko Okamoto 5555 So 119th St.  
Celia Macheda 3202 - 22 So.  
M.K. Murayama 1404 - 20th Ave  
Helen Akita 3422 - 19th Ave So.  
Maricene Tada 5218 So. Augusta St.



December 10, 1961

City Council,  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Council:

It is my concern that the housing should be regarded equally according to the proposal of the NAACP. If we are to be a Christian country we should live up to one of the principles of the Constitution with equality for all according to all creed, race or color.

Sincerely,

*Ken Murakami*



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## Washington State Board Against Discrimination

December 11, 1961

Seattle City Council  
514 County City Building  
Seattle, Washington

Honorable Members:

The Washington State Board Against Discrimination, meeting in special session in Seattle, on December 7, 1961, adopted a resolution favoring asking the Seattle City Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing because of race, creed, color or national origin, and issuing a statement to that effect.

Yours very truly,

*Malcolm B. Higgins*  
Malcolm B. Higgins  
Executive Secretary

MBH:mam



DAVID G. SPRAGUE  
~~WHITE HENRY STUART BUILDING~~ 709 LOGAN BLDG.  
SEATTLE 1

December 11, 1961

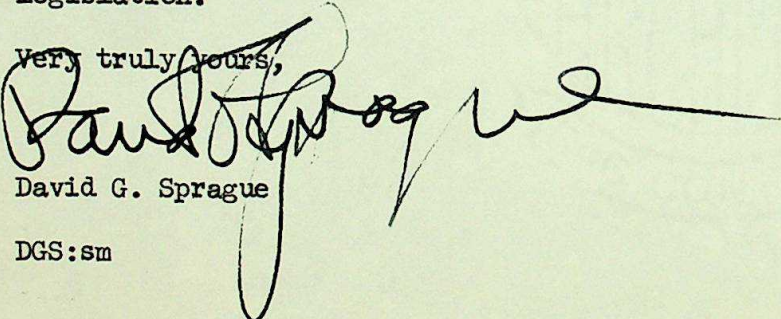
To: The City Council

Re: Discrimination Ordinance

The ordinance now before the City Council to eliminate discrimination in housing is similar to that adopted by 49 other United States cities to assure all citizens of equal treatment and opportunity. The purpose of the ordinance not only coincides with our federal constitution, but more importantly, confirms the highest promise of America to our citizens and to the world. This ordinance is especially significant for the next year when our World's Fair will bring guests, both from abroad and the United States, who will be of many races.

I am pleased to join with those who are urging you to pass this most excellent legislation.

Very truly yours,



David G. Sprague

DGS:sm



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 11, 1961

FROM: BERNARD J. HEAVEY, JR.  
KING COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN  
414 CLIVE WAY, SEATTLE  
Main 2-9157 Main 2-9259

The Democratic Party has traditionally supported a program toward a society in which each individual enjoys the highest degree of liberty compatible with the rights of others. By liberty, we mean the fullest assurance and the exercise of those traditional rights that are embodied in our constitution; equality before the law, and freedom to speak, write, vote and assemble in accordance with the individual conscience and without regard to race, creed color, national origin, economic status or sex.

Discrimination of any type detracts from the image of a free America that we all know and want. If the United States is to meet the competition of the communist forces, we must prove to the world that our people are as free as we claim.

It is an irrefutable fact that racial discrimination in housing does exist in Seattle, Washington. The City Council of this great city should take every effort to see discrimination in housing in Seattle abolished.

One step in this effort would be the passing of a city ordinance prohibiting the discrimination, based upon race creed or color, in housing rentals and sales.

The Democratic Party supports the City Council's efforts to make this city a better city by having a public policy declaring discrimination in housing contrary to our city's best interests.



# City of Seattle

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

Seattle 4, Washington



C. G. ERLANDSON  
CITY COMPTROLLER

JOHN B. KELLUM  
CHIEF DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

December 15, 1961

Dr. James E. Moore  
N.A.A.C.P.  
2310 East Pine Street  
Seattle 22, Washington

Dear Sir:

Your letter asking the City to pass an ordinance prohibiting discrimination in the sale and rental of housing because of race, color, etc., was read at December 11, 1961 City Council meeting. On motion, duly seconded and carried, your letter was placed on file, and the suggestion made that if the petitioners desire such legislation, they start an initiative petition to place the measure on the ballot.

Very truly yours,

C. G. ERLANDSON  
Comptroller and City Clerk

By:  
Assistant City Clerk

WP/da



C O P Y

N. A. A. C. P.

SEATTLE BRANCH  
National Association For the  
Advancement of Colored People  
2310 East Pine -- Seattle 22, Washington

FILE NO. 244098

November 30, 1961

The Seattle City Council  
County-City Building  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Seattle Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, we present for your consideration an ordinance to prohibit discrimination in the sale and rental of housing.

The 1960 census shows the Seattle Negro population to have increased to 27,000, with all the increase listed in the central district. All surveys have shown that segregated housing patterns are harmful to a city. We believe that Seattle should join the 49 other cities of the United States having city ordinances covering either all or some form of housing, before future increases in population further aggravate the situation, and make the solution more difficult.

A few of the more urgent reasons for acting now are:

1. Seattle has now seven schools with over 50% Negro student body.
2. The State Supreme Court has just declared that the state housing legislation is unconstitutional due to its wording. The enclosed ordinance answers the courts objection.
3. In 1962 Seattle has invited the world to visit Century 21 and yet the majority of apartment owners will not accept non-caucasian tenants.

No city or nation can afford to isolate a portion of its citizens into inferior status. The housing pattern in Seattle is no better than in the hard core Southern states.

The NAACP requests a hearing as to the needs of a housing ordinance at which time they will present evidence of the difficulties of Negroes in securing better housing, and the damage it is doing to the community.

Sincerely,

THE LEGISLATIVE AND HOUSING COMMITTEES

/s/ Dr. James E. Moore

/s/ Earl V. Miller, M.D.

FULL FREEDOM BY 1963



## PROPOSED DRAFT OF ANTIDISCRIMINATION HOUSING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting discrimination in housing and in the financing of housing in the City of Seattle because of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin by any person, including real estate brokers, real estate salesmen, and agents, owners of real property, and lending institutions.

The COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

### Section 1. FINDINGS OF FACT

- (a) That the population of the City of Seattle consists of people of every race, color, religion, ancestry and national origin, many of whom are compelled to live in circumscribed and segregated areas, under substandard, unhealthful, unsafe, unsanitary and overcrowded living conditions because of discrimination in the sale, lease, rental, and financing of housing.
- (b) That these conditions have caused increased mortality, disease, crime, vice and juvenile delinquency, fires and risk of fire, inter-group tensions and other evils, thereby resulting in great injury to the public safety, public health and general welfare of the City of Seattle, and reducing its productive capacity;
- (c) That the harmful effects produced by discrimination in housing also increase the cost of government and reduce the public revenues, thus imposing the financial burdens upon the public for the relief and amelioration of the conditions so created;
- (d) That discrimination in housing results in other forms of discrimination and segregation, including racial segregation in the public schools and other public facilities, which are prohibited by the Constitution of the United States of America, and are against the laws and policy of the State of Washington and the City of Seattle;
- (e) That discrimination in housing adversely affects the continued redevelopment, renewal, growth and progress of the City of Seattle.

### Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City of Seattle, in the exercise of its police power for the protection of the public safety, public health and general welfare, for the maintenance of business and good government and for the promotion of the City's trade, commerce and manufacturers, to assure equal facilities regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, and to that end to prohibit discrimination in housing by any person, including real estate brokers, real estate salesmen and agents, owners of real property and lending institutions.

### Section 3. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this ordinance, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this section:

- (a) Discriminate or Discrimination. The terms "discriminate" or "discrimination" include any difference in treatment in the sale, lease, rental or financing of housing units or housing accommodations because of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin.
- (b) Housing Accommodation. The term "housing accommodation" means (1) a building or dwelling containing housing units, or (2) any parcel or parcels of real property or lot or lots available for the building of housing units.
- (c) Housing Unit. The term "housing unit" means (1) a single room or suite of rooms, or an apartment or a dwelling occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters, by an individual, by a family or by a group of individuals living together, or (2) a parcel of real property or lot available for the construction of a housing unit.



(d) Lending Institution. The term "lending institution" means any person, as defined in this ordinance, regularly engaged in the business of lending money or guaranteeing loans.

(e) Owner. The term "owner" includes the lessee, sublessee, assignee, managing agent or other person having the right of ownership or possession, or the right to sell, rent or lease, any housing which is part of housing accommodation.

(f) Person. The term "person" includes an association, partnership or corporation, as well as a natural person. The term "person" as applied to partnerships or other associations includes their members, and as applied to corporations includes their officers.

(g) Real Estate Broker. The term "real estate broker" means any natural person, partnership, association or corporation, who for a fee or other valuable consideration, sells, purchases, exchanges or rents, or negotiates, or offers or attempts to negotiate, the sale, purchase, exchange or rental of the real property of another, or holds himself out as engaged in the business of selling, purchasing, exchanging or renting the real property of another, or collects rental for the use of the real property of another.

(h) Real Estate Salesman or Agent. The term "real estate salesman or agent" means any person employed by a real estate broker to perform or to assist in the performance of, any or all of the functions of a real estate broker.

#### Section 4. SCOPE OF ORDINANCE.

This ordinance applied to discriminatory housing practices within the territorial limits of the City, and to housing units and housing accommodations located within the territorial limits of the City.

#### Section 5. EXEMPTIONS.

Nothing in this ordinance shall bar any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any charitable or educational organization which is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from limiting admission to or giving preference to persons of the same religion or denomination, or from making such selection as is calculated by such organization to promote the religious principles for which it is established or maintained.

#### Section 6. PROHIBITED ACTS.

It shall be unlawful practice

- (a) For any real estate broker or real estate salesman or agent to refuse to sell, lease, sublease, rent, assign or otherwise transfer, or to refuse to negotiate for the sale, lease, sublease, rental, assignment or other transfer, of the title, leasehold or other interest in any housing unit to any person, or to represent that a housing unit is not available for inspection, sale, lease, sublease, rental, assignment or other transfer when in fact it is so available, or otherwise to deny or withhold any housing unit from any person because of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin;
- (b) For any owner to refuse to sell, lease, sublease, rent, assign or otherwise transfer the title, leasehold or other interest in any housing unit, which is part of a housing accommodation, to any person, or otherwise to deny or withhold such housing unit from any person because of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin;
- (c) For any real estate broker or real estate salesman or agent to include in the terms, conditions or privileges of any sale, lease, sublease, rental, assignment or other transfer of any housing unit any clause, condition or restriction discriminating against any person in the use or occupancy of such housing unit because of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin;
- (d) For any real estate broker or real estate salesman or agent to discriminate in the furnishing of any facilities or services for any housing unit because of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin;



- (e) For any owner to discriminate in the furnishing of any facilities or services for a housing unit, which is part of a housing accommodation, because of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin;
- (f) For any lending institution to discriminate in lending money, guaranteeing loans, accepting mortgages or otherwise making available funds for the purchase, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of any housing unit or housing accommodation, because of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin;
- (g) For any real estate broker, real estate salesman or agent, owner, or any other person, or any lending institution, to publish or circulate or to cause to be published or circulated, any notice, statement or advertisement, or to announce a policy, or to use any form of application for the purchase, lease, rental or financing of housing, or to make any record of inquiry in connection with the prospective purchase, rental or lease of housing, which expresses directly or indirectly any limitation specification or discrimination as to race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, or any intent to make any intent to make any such limitation, specification or discrimination;
- (h) For any person, whether or not a real estate broker, real estate salesman or agent, owner, or lending institution, to aid, incite, compel, coerce, or participate in doing any act declared to be an unlawful housing practice under this ordinance, or to obstruct or prevent enforcement or compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, or to attempt directly or indirectly to commit any act declared by this ordinance to be an unlawful housing practice.

#### Section 7. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of the ordinance or their application to other persons and circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included therein, and if the person or circumstances to which the ordinance or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

#### Section 8. REPEAL.

That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

"Copies of this proposed ordinance available at  
Seattle Branch NAACP  
2310 E. Pine  
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