



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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The Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness learned last week of the current Pierce County Finance Department Mobile Home Distraint Sale and the coming Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's office Foreclosure Sale. We are concerned that Pierce County would engage in any action that would cause people to become homeless or reduce the number of housing units potentially affordable to low and extremely low income people who might otherwise become homeless.

We ask the County to:

- Verify that none of the homes are occupied
- Delay the Distraint Sale
- Delay the Foreclosure Sale
- Verify that the mobile home owners are aware of and have been able to exercise their rights. Note: it is not easy to find or apply for the PC Property Tax exemption for which some owners might be eligible.
- Develop written policies and procedures for County wide use and available to local jurisdictions which detail the ways to keep the mobile home owners housed, get them re-housed if required, and preserve the stock that is worth keeping in our collective inventory.
- Determine whether or not there are state legislative changes that need to be made to benefit low and extremely low income mobile home owners and clarify ways in which local jurisdictions can make mobile homes and other jurisdiction-owned properties available to nonprofit organizations and who will take these legislative issues forward
- Create a Pierce County "go to mobile home owner" unit - both on the legal side and the program side. Or if there is such a unit, make the information available.

Sincerely,

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