

Resolution #11

Affordable Housing

WHEREAS:

Housing is a basic human right; and

WHEREAS:

Evidence-based research has shown that families with safe, decent, and affordable homes are better able to find employment, achieve economic mobility, perform better in school, and maintain improved health; and

WHEREAS:

Investing in affordable housing strengthens our economy, creates jobs, boosts families' incomes, and encourages further development; and

WHEREAS:

Many families living in urban, suburban, and rural communities struggle to afford their rent each month including many caregivers who are already struggling with low wages; and

WHEREAS:

A Californian working for the minimum wage of \$11 per hour would need to work more than 80 hours a week to afford a one-bedroom rental in most California housing markets; and

WHEREAS:

Homelessness has become so pervasive that some cities have declared that homelessness has reached a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS:

A shortage of affordable housing exists in every major metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS:

Rapidly rising rents across the state have pushed many long-time residents and families out of the communities they call home

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That UDW/AFSCME Local 3930 will not only affirm the right of all renters to a safe, affordable, and decent home but also continue its commitment to fighting for affordable housing by joining coalitions and commissions that seek to address the issues of affordable housing; supporting tenant rights coalitions; and co-sponsoring bills that address California's affordable housing crisis.

SUBMITTED BY:

UDW/AFSCME Local 3930 Executive Board