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**Housing Alliance**

## Frequently Asked Questions About Advocacy Day

### ***Where do we meet?***

The day starts 8 am at United Churches, 110 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501. Enter through the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance to check-in and get your scarf and folder.

### ***Where can I park?***

United Churches has 3 accessible spaces available first-come, first-served, but does not offer general parking to event guests. Plan to arrive early if you intend to find street parking or the Capitol paid parking lots.

- Use the [paybyphone app](#)
- [Street parking map](#)
- [Capitol pay parking map](#)

### ***Do I still need to check-in if I registered in advance?***

Yes, we want to know you're here and this is how you'll get your materials and updates for the day.

### ***What if I didn't register in advance?***

Day-of registration will be available from 8 am- 11:30 am, however we can't guarantee materials or a lunch. Any Left-over lunches will be saved in the kitchen on the ground floor of United Churches after 1 pm—day-of registrants are welcome to them!

### ***I have some mobility challenges—will Advocacy Day be accessible?***

United Churches does not have an accessible elevator. The Capitol campus buildings are ADA-compliant. There will be chairs at the base of the steps for the Rally-for-Homes.

Please identify your accessibility needs in your registration or emailing [teresac@wliha.org](mailto:teresac@wliha.org). An accessibility point-person will be available at check-in to talk through any accessibility challenges during your visit including:

- Getting morning refreshments from downstairs Social Hall
- Getting lunch at the Winged Victory/Sunken Garden lunch set-up
- Participating to Advocacy 101 workshop in the Social Hall downstairs
- Checking-in with your Legislative District Lead to prepare for lawmaker meetings

Free, accessible DASH Shuttle (101) service to the Capitol running every 12 minutes is located at the bus stop feet from the United Churches entrance on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

***Do I need to make appointments with my legislators?***

No, the Housing Alliance has it covered. If you are interested in making additional appointments, reach out to [dimitrig@wliha.org](mailto:dimitrig@wliha.org) to coordinate.

***How do I know when and where my lawmaker meetings are, and what to say at the meetings?***

Every registrant will be grouped by the legislative district based on the address provided at registration, and will be guided by a Legislative District (LD) Lead.

It's the LD Leads' role to support you in lawmaker meetings. The morning program slot from 9:30- 10:00 am is reserved for planning meetings with your LD Leads. Additionally, you can check-out who your LD Lead is or when your lawmaker meetings are scheduled on the poster in the United Churches foyer and mark them on the backside of your schedule in your materials folder.

Lawmaker meetings scheduled before 11:30 am will be flagged when you check-in.

Your LD Lead will help you and your neighbors identify roles and key talking points for your lawmaker meetings. Some legislative districts will have a lot of people, and some will have very few. This will shape what kind of role you'll have in your meeting—keep that in mind in deciding which workshop to attend!

***What issues will be discussed at the lawmaker meetings?***

Advocacy Day is our movement's opportunity to leave a clear, unified, action-oriented message about the key budget and policy priorities to increase access to affordable homes and address housing insecurity. That's why we encourage advocates to speak to the bills and budget requests that make up the [Housing Alliance 2019 Legislative Agenda](#) in your lawmaker meetings.

If you'd like to provide background on other legislation or issues, or represent your other affiliations, talk through some strategies with your LD Lead like leaving a personal note or scheduling an individual lawmaker meeting after Advocacy Day.

***I've finished my lawmaker meetings. Do I need to do anything else before I leave for the day?***

We want your feedback to make Advocacy Day better! Complete the feedback from in your materials folder, and drop it off before you leave. Your LD Lead will do the same with lawmaker meeting feedback forms, but if you have additional insights on your meetings, please share them on your feedback form.

***I've got extra time between my lawmaker meetings—what can I do?***

- Visit the Governor's office in the Legislative Building and leave a message of support for our key policies.
- Visit the Legislative Information Center in the Legislative Building to find out about current hearings, get printed info about the legislative process and your legislators, or sign up for a tour!

***Lunch didn't do it for me! Where can I get some grub?***

- Turkey subs are our only non-vegetarian option this year based on previous feedback, and more non-meat options will be offered.
- Registrants that have identified gluten-free, vegetarian, and/or vegan needs will be flagged and offered wristbands to pick up their options.
- Check out the Pritchard Building cafeteria or Capitol Dome Deli.
- Downtown Olympia also has [a lot to offer!](#)

***Is there a Lost and Found at Advocacy Day?***

Yes—inquire with Housing Alliance staff member or check at the information table in the foyer of United Churches.

***Is there wifi at United Churches?***

Yes—the password will be posted around the church. Service will be spotty because of the size of our group, and please respect important wifi needs with the program.

***If you have any additional questions, in advance, please contact Dimitri: [dimitrig@wliha.org](mailto:dimitrig@wliha.org), 206-442-9455 x 204, or on Advocacy Day, ask any staff member, board member, or volunteer.***