

The 30th district is represented by Senator Claire Wilson, Representative Mike Pellicciotti, and Representative Kristine Reeves, and is located in South King County. Data below are for King County and the Federal Way School District.



JAMAL'S STORY

Jamal is a full-time student and respected community member serving on several non-profit boards, and you wouldn't know unless you asked that Jamal came from rough beginnings.

Much of Jamal's life was spent in the revolving door of the criminal justice system, his formal education came from life on the streets, and homelessness became part of his chaotic routine - a cycle that seemed to him like it would never end.

That is until Jamal was finally connected with the Community Center for Alternative Programs where he completed classes that taught him basic life skills he never had before. Jamal's disability diagnosis made him eligible for the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program, which provided him with hygiene articles, transportation, and most impactfully, rental assistance. HEN placed him in a house where, for the first time ever, Jamal experienced the dignity and security of his own room, bed, and door with a lock to which he alone held the key. He made his own schedule, cooked his own meals, and could take a shower every day. Because of the structure and support of the HEN program Jamal found a new direction in his life.

Today, Jamal is completing a degree in Social and Human Services with certification as a Chemical Dependency Specialist. Jamal also serves as Vice Chair of the non-profit Re-Entry Corps, and is on the board of the Community Partners for Transitional Services where he advocates for housing and re-entry programs. Jamal credits many organizations for helping him turn his life around but it all began with access to an affordable home.

