



MR. B'S STORY

Mr. B is a veteran, advocate, minister, father, grandfather and co-chair of the Resident Action Project. In the two years he's lived in his affordable home, Mr. B has been recovering his health, organizing his community, and because of his personal experience, he's started a program at his church that serves people experiencing homelessness.

Mr. B came to the Puget Sound area to visit family in 2010, but a perfect storm of circumstances kept him here, and soon sent him into homelessness. As a veteran, he was eligible for services from the VA, who helped him find an apartment and a job, and things were looking up until his back and neck injuries prevented him from working. His job loss coincided with the end of his rental assistance and soon, Mr. B was sleeping on streets again.

It took awhile, but the VA was able to place Mr. B in temporary housing and secure him a VASH voucher, allowing him to settle in a permanent home. They helped him with clothes and furnishings, a jumpstart that he says "gave me life again!"

Since then, Mr. B has become a fierce advocate for people who need an affordable home. He's traveled to Washington DC, California, and all over Washington state to speak about his experience. He's met with important stakeholders including Governor Inslee, and says the volunteer work he's doing is helping manage his PTSD and other disabilities.

He says "Because I live in a home I can afford, I've been able to pick myself up, provide for myself, and now have the strength to fight for others. I regularly offer up my sofa to folks I know so that they don't have to sleep outside. No one should have to experience what I did."

The 33rd district is represented by Senator Karen Keiser, Representative Tina Orwall, and Representative Mia Gregerson, and located in South King County. Data below are for King County, and the Highline School District.



18,324

Housing Trust Fund supported homes



12,112

people counted without a home during the Point in Time Count, 6,103 unsheltered



1,242

homeless school children



\$29.40^{PER HOUR}

income needed to afford a 1-bedroom rental, \$36.12 per hour to afford a 2-bedroom



86,435

families who are severely cost burdened and need access to affordable homes



\$729,800

median home price