

The 36th district is represented by Senator Reuven Carlyle, Representative Noel Frame, and Representative Gael Tarleton, and is located in North West Seattle. Data below are for King County and the Seattle School District.



SUSAN'S STORY

Susan is a former cement mason. If you've ever been to Safeco Field, you've experienced something that Susan helped build. But a devastating car accident robbed her of her trade, and though she received workers compensation for a few years, it wasn't enough to pay the rent. She scraped together odd jobs for awhile, but ultimately, she ended up homeless.

Susan spent six years in homelessness, couch surfing, or sleeping in parks, but no one knew. "I hid from the label, none of my friends or family knew. I didn't want people feeling sorry for me." She put herself on housing lists, but, because she didn't have steady access to a phone, she often missed the call when it was her turn, and her name would go back to the bottom of the list. She was strapped for cash and often had to make tough decisions. "Sometimes, I had to make a decision to eat that week, or apply for a permanent place to live. A person has to work up to 4 hours for a day to pay for one application."

In 2013, Susan found Real Change and became a vendor for the Seattle based street newspaper. "My first day selling the paper was the hardest day of my life because it was my public display that I was homeless." She also got connected with Mercy Housing, who helped her get into a home she could afford, and helped her find a new direction for her life.

Since living in a safe and healthy home, Susan has not only held consistent employment, but she's become an incredible advocate. She's working on a community project with Love Wins Ministries, in hopes of expanding the movement to provide homes for people who need them.

