



Economic and Social Policy/International Affairs (ESPIA #4)

1 **Subject:** Green New Deal for Public Housing

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5 **WHEREAS,** SEIU Local 503, OPEU recognizes the critical role of public housing in
6 ensuring affordable and dignified living conditions for Oregonians across our state; and

7 **WHEREAS,** our members acknowledge that the urgency of addressing climate change
8 requires bold and transformative action to reduce carbon emissions, enhance energy
9 efficiency, and build climate-resilient communities in Oregon; and

10 **WHEREAS,** investing and expanding public housing presents an opportunity to create
11 quality, union jobs and stimulate economic development in Oregon communities that
12 have been historically marginalized and under-resourced; and

13 **WHEREAS,** SEIU International has endorsed the Green New Deal for Public Housing,
14 which aligns with SEIU Local 503, OPEU's commitment to climate, economic, and racial
15 justice; Now, therefore

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17 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Council of SEIU Local 503, OPEU that our Union
18 shall endorse the Green New Deal for Public Housing as a critical and necessary initiative
19 to address the intersecting crises of housing affordability, climate change, and economic
20 inequality in Oregon.

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22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call upon policymakers at all levels of Oregon's
23 government to prioritize and implement the Green New Deal for Public Housing as part
24 of a comprehensive strategy to build a more just, inclusive, and sustainable future for all
25 Oregonians.

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27 References:

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IMPACT STATEMENTS

Financial: This would be incorporated into our current political program, so there would not be a financial impact.

Equity: The members of the equity impact committee believe that this resolution would have a potentially positive equity impact and could help strengthen our organizing efforts, promote equitable representation, and create new pathways for leadership.

Legal: No impact

Political: SEIU Oregon is a leading advocate for affordable housing and has participated in multiple campaigns that recognize the need to center climate impacts in housing policy - especially in low income communities. This resolution would direct us to continue that important work.