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Sponsors: Kshama Sawant

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION	

A RESOLUTION requesting that the Office of Intergovernmental Relations seek a change in the State of Washington laws in order to expand eligibility for the existing low-income property tax exemption. WHEREAS, the Institute on Taxation Economic Policy's 2015 "Who Pays?" report concluded that Washington

State has the most regressive taxes of any state in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle wishes to collect property taxes in a more equitable manner; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1966, voters approved legislatively-referred Constitutional Amendment 47 and thereby authorized the Legislature to exempt occupied residential property from property taxes for certain retired persons; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 the State of Washington granted a property tax exemption to low-income seniors and certain low-income disabled individuals in RCW 84.36.379 http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=84.36.379; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle adopted its 2015 State Legislative Agenda through Resolution 31557; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. The City of Seattle (City) amends its 2015 State Legislative Agenda, set forth in Resolution

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31557, to support expanding the existing resi	idential proper	ty tax exemption	n. Current lav	w restricts eligibility to
those owner-occupants of real property who	(a) are senior of	citizens or disab	led and (b) ha	eve less than \$35,000 in
household income. The City supports chang	es that would	expand eligibilit	y to include a	ll owner-occupant
households with incomes up to 80 percent of	Area Median	Income.		
Adopted by the City Council the	_ day of		, 2015, and	d signed by me in
open session in authentication of its adoption	n this	day		
of, 2015.				
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	Tresident	or the	City Council	
The Mayor concurred the day	of		_, 2015.	
	Edward B. Mu	ırray, Mayor		
Filed by me this day of		, 2015.		
	Monica Martin	nez Simmons, C	City Clerk	_
(Seal)				