

I am a marginalized tenant and voter who lives in SW Portland and I support establishing long term rental assistance program in Housing and Community Services Department. I have not paid rent for almost 12 months, and with five-figures worth of rent debt it is unlikely that I will ever be caught up. I am at risk for losing my home because of this. I am a single parent and low-income. I need rental assistance and so do most of the other people in my building. The majority of my neighbors have not been able to pay rent, or have paid reduced rent, since lockdown began last March. Long term rental assistance would help my family stay safe, healthy, and stable. Please help me and the millions of other tenants who are in danger of homelessness and inescapable debt.