



To whom it may concern:

We are in a homeless and housing crisis where workers are squeezed out of Seattle by massive rent increases. We must change course to ensure future generations of Seattleites can thrive in our city.

Our city struggles with these problems because the same coalition of powerful interest groups promote the same ideas that aren't real solutions.

**Let's have bold solutions on homelessness.** I'm proposing a progressive tax on big corporations like Amazon to build 5,000 units of housing for the homeless. This would effectively end unsheltered homelessness in our city. We know the Trump Administration will cut housing funds, so we must pursue local solutions. Big business helped create our housing crisis; let's demand big business pay to solve it.

**Downtown developers need to pay their fair share.** Current city leadership promotes a policy that allows developers to set their own rules. Seattle must set an affordability mandate so 25% of all new developments are affordable to working and low income people.

**Our campaign is accountable to regular people, not big money.** I am the only candidate who pledged not to accept contributions from corporations, developers, or CEOs. Instead, 90% of my campaign funding comes through the historic Democracy Voucher program. The workers and community members, not big business, own our campaign.

**I will advocate to fully fund the Office of Labor Standards, demand true civilian oversight of the Seattle Police Department,** lead on climate justice by divesting from fossil fuel companies, require gender pay equity for city contractors, pursue municipal broadband, and protect immigrant rights.

I have over ten years of experience as an advocate for housing affordability and homelessness and have always been a strong proponent of labor rights in the workplace. While Executive Director of the Tenants Union, I doubled its operating budget, opened offices across Washington, tripled the people served, and advanced legislation to expand tenants' rights. Last year I served as Outreach Director of I-1433 to raise the statewide minimum wage and pass paid sick and safe leave.

I would be honored to represent workers as a member of Seattle City Council. Please find my references on the final page of this application.

Sincerely,  
Jon Grant