

Collective Communities Property Management

We manage 21 affordable housing communities in the state of WA. Despite our efforts to keep costs down for our residents, the rents we must charge in order to keep up with cost increases has been dramatic. We have residents constantly seeking assistance or support from state legislators with regards to the unsustainable rent increases. As you know, the cost of oil and gasoline has an impact on all costs, not the least of which is rent. The new energy code standards implemented by Inslee on top of the policies like the one proposed here is a disaster for housing and has had a material impact on the cost of construction, maintenance, and operations, which combined with all other inflationary cost increases, is simply pricing people out of affordable housing. This must be stopped. We have a severe housing shortage in the state of WA and policies like this will ensure that the only feasible option for builders will be "luxury" home builds that are out of reach for most blue collar families. The housing policies in the state have regressed, unfortunately, and legislation has turned their back on the folks who need affordable housing the most. Please don't pile on.