

# MAKE SEATTLE'S GROWTH WORK FOR EVERYONE

As Seattle continues its unprecedented growth in both population and wealth, affordable housing production and investments in transportation are falling far short of the need. Housing and transportation crises undermine the collective benefits that economic growth should bring. Working people in our city are struggling to make it on incomes that are not keeping pace with some of the highest rental costs in the nation.

Seattle's more than 30,000 Uber and Lyft drivers – many of whom are immigrants and people of color for whom driving is their only source of income - lack minimum wage protections or paid sick leave, and bear all of the costs and risks associated with their jobs. 58% of gig economy workers can't even afford a \$400 emergency expense.<sup>1</sup>

All people should live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes. Yet Seattle region needs 156,000 new affordable housing units to ensure that working people have the opportunity to live close to their jobs.<sup>2</sup>

Healthy and thriving communities need transit options and investments. After housing, transportation is the highest cost to families.<sup>3</sup>

Fortunately, Mayor Durkan has introduced a plan to leverage our city's growth and ensure essential worker protections while also tackling the two biggest cost burdens for low-wage households: housing and transportation.

Fare Share Seattle is a coalition of housing, transit, labor, social justice, environmental, health, and community organizations that have come together to support the Mayor's plan, and to make sure Seattle's growth is working for everyone.

Our Fare Share priorities are:

Guarantee that Uber and Lyft drivers have basic job protections and earn at least the Seattle minimum wage after expenses.

Ensure that ride hail companies are contributing to thriving, livable communities, by implementing a 51-cent tax on trips to fund affordable housing near transit and transit infrastructure improvements.

1. <https://www.federalreserve.gov/publications/files/2018-report-economic-well-being-us-households-201905.pdf>

2. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/16/technology/microsoft-affordable-housing-seattle.html>

3. <https://www.bls.gov/cex/2017/combined/cucomp.pdf>



# OUR COALITION

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Transportation Choices Coalition  
MLK Labor  
Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County  
Teamsters Local 117  
King County Democrats  
Transit Riders Union  
App-Based Drivers Association  
One America  
SEIU 775  
Seattle Building and Construction Trades Council  
NAACP-Seattle/King County  
Tech 4 Housing  
The Urbanist  
SEIU Healthcare 1199NW  
SEIU 925  
Working Washington  
El Centro de la Raza  
Fuse Washington  
Plymouth Housing  
Washington Community Action Network  
Alliance for a Just Society  
Casa Latina  
Just Strategy  
Restaurant Opportunity Center  
Beacon Development Group  
Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association  
Homestead CLT  
Habitat for Humanity  
Altaqwa Islamic Center  
Greenpeace USA

OneAmerica Votes  
Parkview Services CHRI  
Legacy of Equality, Leadership and Organizing (LELO)  
Rooted in Rights/Disability Rights Washington  
Share the Cities  
Capitol Hill Housing Foundation  
Coalition of Immigrants, Refugees, and Communities of Color  
Downtown Seattle Emergency Center  
Enterprise Community Partners  
International Union of Operating Engineers 302  
Multi-Service Center  
Washington CAN! Education and Research Fund  
Emerald City Drivers Association  
Fair Work Center  
IAM District 751  
Unite Here Local 8  
Altaqwa Islamic Center  
Oromo Cultural Center  
Washington Low Income Housing Alliance  
Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action  
King County Pride at Work  
AFGE Local 1121 - TSA Officers  
Washington African Media Association (WAMA)  
NW Energy Coalition  
Access to Our Community  
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 5  
National Employment Law Project  
East African Community Services  
Oromo Cultural Center

