

**PIC ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
January 3, 2017
AUW 12-1:30**

Present: JR Dowd, Carla Houser, Peter Matoon, Rebecca Yonamine, Ken Farm, Eric Englin, Larry Chun, Jeff Lau, Anna Stone, Catherine Graham, Deb Smith, Greg Payton, Marya Grambs, Gavin Thornton, Kathline Algire, Tamah-Lani Noh. Phone: Anna Stone, Lance Niimi, Gladys Peraro, Tanya Tehotu, Thelma Kealoha, Judith Clark, Lisa Darcy

Item	Discussion	Actions/Recommendations
1. Convened	Meeting convened by Chair Greg Payton.	
2. Introductions		
3. Approval of Minutes of Dec meeting.		Approved
4. Leg breakfast	Gladys: Legislative Breakfast Tues Jan 10. 8:30 – 10: 30. Room 329. --Need data on homeless youth. --Greg: We should highlight the success of vet homelessness. --show cost of homelessness; return on investment. Gladys needs everything by January 9.	We will try to get copies of video, "No Room in Paradise," to give to legislators.
5. Legislative priorities	Report on meeting with Scott Morishige: Reviewed Governor's homeless budget proposal (attached), and decided that PIC will develop 3 bills in support. That means if Governor's budget gets slashed, there will still be bills alive that propose those items. The three bills are: 1. Homeless Outreach 2. Housing Subsidy and Support 3. Rental Housing Revolving Fund The content of these bills will match the Governor's budget (attached)	Core group will set up meetings with key legislators to present these priorities and will draft bills. Members of the Advocacy Committee present at the meeting would like to be invited to these meetings.
Housing Now	Housing Now – wants to increase conveyance tax. Currently, 50% goes into Rental Housing Revolving Fund for affordable housing. Proposing raising the tax for those over \$2M; and also take the cap off, go to 60%.	

Update on Investors	Greg: there are some investors who want to buy small apartment buildings; they would lease to master lease holders, i.e., nonprofit, like MHK – who would work with other providers to house low income people. There are many small walk ups all over town that could be used for this purpose – they have studios and one bedrooms. It is a risk-free investment: tenants pay master leaseholder, leaseholder pays investors. Master leaseholder can keep building fully rented. These can be project-based in collaboration with providers.	Greg will continue to explore.
Adjourned	1:00	

Minutes by Marya Grambs