

**Lo Ho Co Program Policy Resolution**  
**As Adopted September 18, 1971**

**Preamble**

The general welfare and security of the State, and the health and living standard of its people require the elimination of substandard and other inadequate housing and the realization of the goal of a decent home and a good living for every family. The Washington State Low Income Housing in this state is Substandard in structure, equipment, sanitation, maintenance, or overcrowding. The condition of this housing has had and will continue to have a detrimental effect on its residents. The Housing Coalition will seek to take as its responsibility to improve all general housing conditions of low-income people.

**LoHoCo Priorities**

-The need to recognize that families who are low-income can not obtain decent shelter at a price they can afford and to resolve this, support the formation of local agencies who will identify the problem, will assemble the resources and will do the job.

-The need to recognize that Washington State Government is one of a few states which do not involve themselves in solving the growing housing problem.

-The need to recognize that a comprehensive statewide plan for Housing must be formed and implemented.

-The need to recognize that tenant-landlord laws which are presently in force are restrictive and obsolete.

-The need to recognize that housing codes at present are either absent or unenforced which thus facilitates substandard housing or in their presence restricts the use of innovative ideas.

-The need to recognize that if any person is displaced by any local, state, or federal governmental agency that these people be guaranteed a replacement dwelling at a price they can afford to pay and reimbursed for moving expenses and any personal property loss.

**ACTION AREAS FOR 1971-73**

LoHoCo calls for priority action in six areas in the field of housing.

1. Action to support any and all groups which wish to establish local housing authorities as provided for by the federal government.

2. Action on forming a Housing Development Corporation which will serve the low-income people.

3. Action to present and advocate legislation which will protect the rights of the low-income people.