



## **A Resolution in Support of Tenant and Community Opportunities to Purchase Legislation**

Resolution #2025.08

**WHEREAS**, the lack of affordable housing is one of the biggest problems faced by working people in Washington State; and,

**WHEREAS**, creating opportunities for tenants and community organizations to purchase housing from the property owner when it goes up for sale can reduce housing costs, prevent displacement, and provide long term economic stability for working families; and,

**WHEREAS**, legislation in places like Washington D.C., San Francisco, Minneapolis, Barcelona, Germany and others that gives tenants and communities the first right of refusal if a property goes up for sale has successfully kept communities in place, created a path to homeownership for tenants and provided long term stability for working families who otherwise face insecurity in increasingly speculative housing markets; and,

**WHEREAS**, these first right of refusal policies, widely known as Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) and Community Opportunity to Purchase Act (COPA), have the potential to create greater housing stability and affordability for workers; now therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Labor Council shall advocate for support for TOPA and COPA legislation to the Washington State Legislature, to the Governor, and to State agencies.