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Resolution in Support of the UW Hosting Tent City III

WHEREAS, a resolution in support of the University of Washington hosting Tent City passed 03/01/05 by the Associated Students of the University of Washington (R-11-25); and

WHEREAS, according to a King County Survey, an estimated 8,000 people are homeless on any given day; and

WHEREAS, approximately 6,000 people are faced with finding shelter night after night, or are on waiting lists for transitional housing programs; and

WHEREAS, 30% of the single individuals who are homeless are women; and

WHEREAS, 30% of the people who used King County shelters/transitional housing were children; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the annual One Night Count found 2,827 sleeping outside without shelter, and of that group, 30% spent the night in their cars; and

WHEREAS, South King County homeless population increased by 68% more than last year; and

WHEREAS, throughout King County only 32.4% of rental housing is affordable for low-income families. Only 12.6% of rental housing in Bothell is affordable, and 9% of rental housing in Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, Tent City III offers a temporary fix to the problem of homelessness here in King County by providing temporary housing to those without housing for a minimal cost; and

WHEREAS, an August 2004 report made by the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Homeless Encampments (CACHE) to King County officials said that tent cities are a necessary, yet temporary fix to the greater problem of homelessness that King County has not yet fully addressed; and

WHEREAS, Seattle University hosted Tent City III in February 2005; and

WHEREAS, Tent City III has moved 35 times since 2000 to different host places; and

WHEREAS, Tent City III is currently staying at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, Wa; and

WHEREAS, Tent City III will soon need a new host to allow them use of land on which to live for a period of time not to exceed 90 days; and

WHEREAS, as faculty at a major public university located inside of King County within the greater state of Washington, we are intimately involved with the problems of poverty and homelessness; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE -OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, that in an effort to promote social justice and community outreach, the faculty of the University of Washington support the university in hosting Tent City III for a period of time between 30 and 90 days; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the decision on where to locate Tent City should involve significant input from across the campus community.

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Approved by:
Senate Executive Committee
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