



Housing advocates march on Salem

People experiencing poverty and homelessness, and their advocates, marched on Salem Wednesday, March 11, as part of the Housing Lobby Day with legislators.

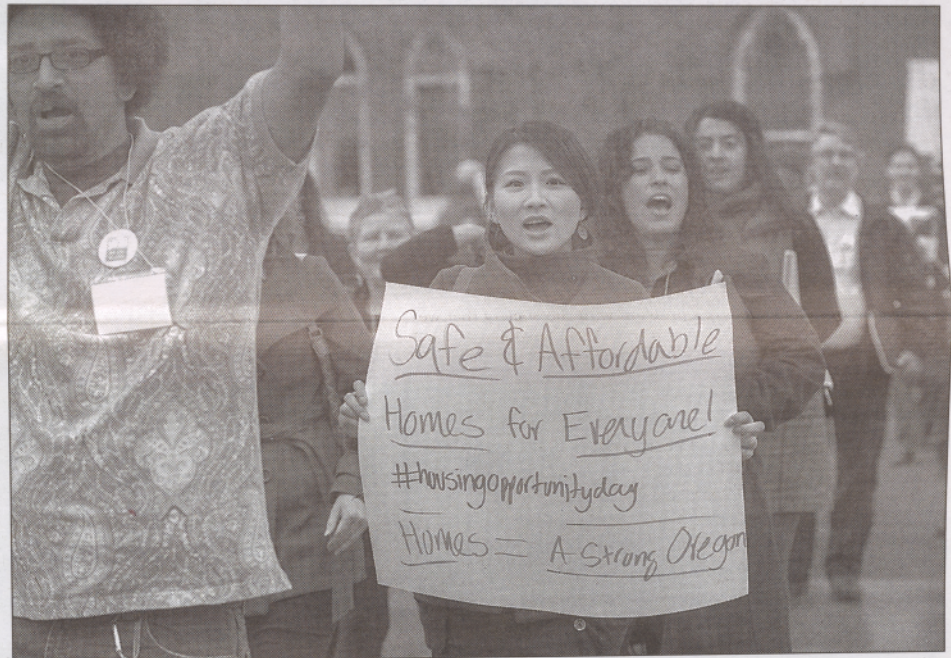
In addition to the march and sessions with lawmakers at the Capitol, the advocates put 20,000 donated socks on display on the Capitol steps, representing the 20,000 homeless youths in Oregon schools. At the end of the day, the socks were redistributed back to social services for people experiencing homeless and poverty.

Housing and homeless organizations across the state are calling on lawmakers to commit \$100 million toward future affordable housing, plus funding to prevent homelessness and preserve existing housing resources.



At top, Matt Kinshella with Neighborhood Partnerships assembles the display of 20,000 socks to illustrate the number of homeless students in Oregon schools last year.

Above, Janet Byrd, representing the Oregon Housing Alliance speaks at a press conference about the need for more funding for homelessness and housing services across the state. At right, marchers head toward Salem in advance of speaking with lawmakers about their concerns about housing resources.



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