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Fighting Displacement

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pairs for nine homeowners in north and northeast Portland as ReBuilding Center staff members and community volunteers teamed up to carry out exterior and interior painting, yard clean-up, bathroom overhauls and repairs, electrical upgrades, and much more. The projects included fence, porch, and stair repairs, sink and lighting replacements, appliance installation, replacing interior doors and windows screens, and yard work.

Alexandra Ferrara of the nonprofit ReBuilding Center said this was the second year, for example, that Charlene, a north Portland resident of more than 44 years, got some needed help with her home repairs.

The homeowner reflected on how the changing neighborhood has affected her life.

"I can't afford to stay and I can't afford to leave. I am stuck, but I am very appreciative of the work the Day of Service provides. It makes it easier to stay," she said.

According to Ferrara, the Day of Service was also very helpful to Robert, who grew up in the Boise neighborhood and has been in his home for 33 years but was unable to make many of his own repairs anymore. Much of his home is now outfitted with ReBuilding Center materials to keep his home viable.

Booker Campaigns in Portland

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with special needs, he said.

Housing security has always been his concern, and Booker, 50, even started a non-profit right after law school to provide legal

services for low-income families. That gives him a unique perspective, he said.

"As a guy who's been dealing with this issue, who started his career as a housing rights lawyer, this is something I know distin-

guishes me in the field," Booker said.

Booker's recent tour began Aug. 21 in New Jersey, with several stops in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas and culminating with the Portland reception.

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