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No. 100827-9 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

OLIVE OSHIRO, *et al.*, Petitioners, v.
WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION, *et al.*, Respondents.

PETITIONERS' REPLY ON EMERGENCY MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Gabriel S. Galanda, WSBA #30331 Corinne Sebren, WSBA #58777 Matthew J. Slovin, WSBA #58452 Attorneys for Petitioners 8606 35th Avenue NE, Suite L1 Seattle, WA 98115 (206) 557-7509 The State Partnership Respondents failed to address Petitioners' request for emergency preliminary injunctive relief. See generally Answer. Petitioners seek that relief because eviction proceedings are scheduled for tomorrow, April 20, 2022. See A-0825. This Court has the power to grant injunctive relief "to insure effective and equitable review." RAP 8.3; see also Washington Federation of State Employees, Council 28, AFL-CIO v. State, 99 Wash. 2d 878, 883 (1983) (noting the Court enjoined implementation of a payroll plan pending its review of a superior court denial of a motion for preliminary injunction).

¹By letter of April 14, 2022, the Clerk instructed: (1) that "[a]ny answer to the emergency motion for preliminary injunctive relief should be served and filed by noon on April 18, 2022"; and (2) that "[a]ny answer to the motion for discretionary review and the statement of grounds for direct review should be served and filed by April 29, 2022." Letter from Clerk to Parties (Apr. 14, 2022). On April 18, 2022, Respondents Nooksack Housing Limited Partnerships #2-4 (the "State Partnership Respondents") filed an answer to Petitioners' motion for discretionary review, but they have not filed an answer to Petitioners' emergency motion for preliminary injunctive relief. *See generally* Answer. This reply by Petitioners is limited to the issue of emergency preliminary injunctive relief. Petitioners will file a reply on the issue of discretionary review by the Court's deadline of May 6, 2022.

If evictions take place before this Court's review, "effective and equitable review" will be impossible because Petitioners will suffer irreparable harm: (1) the loss of their longtime homes, which the State Partnership Respondents promised Petitioners would own by now or in the coming years; and (2) the violation of their federal and contractual right not to be evicted without good cause.² Petitioners, therefore, respectfully request that this Court maintain the status quo by enjoining any eviction activity until further order of the Court.

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² Petitioners have a federal right to enforce the Internal Revenue Code's prohibition on evictions without good cause "in any State court." 26 U.S.C. § 42(h)(6)(B)(ii). The State Partnership Respondents' discussion of RCW Chapter 37.12 is inapposite, as Petitioners do not invoke that Washington state statute as the basis for jurisdiction in this case. *See* A-1006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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