



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** All people should have access to safe, healthy and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; and
- Whereas:** Studies have shown a direct correlation between rent increases and increases in homelessness; Bellevue rents increased 35% between April 2021 and April of this year; and
- Whereas:** 232 Bellevue School District students were identified as homeless during the 2021-22 school year, and 30% of Bellevue households are severely cost-burdened by rent, spending more than half their income on housing; and
- Whereas:** The 2020 Point in Time Count found 6,228 people in King County, including 446 on the Eastside, sleeping outdoors without shelter; and
- Whereas:** The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many existing financial constraints for low- and moderate-income households; and
- Whereas:** Everyone benefits from affordable housing, including the people who reside in these properties, their neighbors, businesses, employers, and the community as a whole; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue, as part of a detailed affordable housing strategy adopted in 2017, has created or preserved about 1,500 affordable housing units or shelter beds, with 700 more expected to come online over the next couple of years; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue endorses the goals and objectives and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and remains committed to ensuring that all people in our community live with dignity in safe, healthy and affordable homes.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, mayor of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 8-14, 2022 as:**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

In Bellevue, and encourage residents to join in support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynne Robinson".

Lynne Robinson