



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: All people should have access to safe, healthy and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; and

Whereas: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines affordable housing as “housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities”; and

Whereas: The state Department of Commerce projects that by 2044, King County needs nearly 200,000 net new housing units for households at or below 80 percent of area median income; and

Whereas: Studies have found that each \$100 increase in median rent results in a 15 percent increase in homelessness in metro areas and a 39 percent increase in homelessness in nearby suburbs and rural areas; and

Whereas: The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many existing financial constraints for low- and moderate-income households; and

Whereas: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognize safe, healthy and affordable housing within communities of opportunity as key social determinants of health; 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: United to raise public awareness, people, organizations and communities throughout King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week activities to elevate the critical need to create healthy communities with ample affordable housing.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 7-13, 2023**, as:

Affordable Housing Week

in Bellevue and commit to actions and efforts to ensure Bellevue residents can live with dignity in safe, healthy and affordable homes.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue