



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** All people should have access to safe, healthy and affordable homes; 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 2018 Point in Time Count found 6,320 people in King County, including 393 on the Eastside, sleeping outdoors without shelter, and All Home identifies affordable housing as a critical component of making homelessness rare, brief, and one time; and
- Whereas:** There were 293 students identified as homeless last school year by the Bellevue School District; and 8,139 Bellevue families are spending more than half of their income on housing and considered “housing insecure”; and
- Whereas:** Recent Bellevue surveys of residents and businesses show the community’s increasing concern about housing affordability; and
- Whereas:** The City Council has adopted an Affordable Housing Strategy that includes new tools to ensure that housing is available throughout the city at a range of affordability that reflects our population and workforce; and
- Whereas:** We are united in an effort to raise public awareness and communities throughout King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week efforts to inform the public of the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in the region; and
- Whereas:** The city supports the goals of Affordable Housing Week and recommits itself to ensure that all people in our community have an opportunity to live with dignity in safe, healthy and affordable homes.

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 13-17, 2019** as:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

in Bellevue and encourage its citizens to join in this ongoing effort.

John Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue