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SUBJECT: Affordable Housing Week

The City of Bellevue recognizes that all people should have access to safe, healthy and affordable housing.

The issues of affordable housing and homelessness have hit a crisis point in our area. Across King County, seventeen percent of households (103,605) are paying more than half their income for housing (U.S. Census, 2011-2015 CHAS) and 6,320 people were found sleeping outdoors (2018 Point in Time Count). In the Bellevue School District last year 293 students were identified as homeless. These challenges are touching every corner, every city, and every school district of King County.

The City has many partners in addressing affordable housing, including member jurisdictions of A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force and GMPC Housing Committee, the Housing Development Consortium (HDC), business leaders, the faith community, the King County Housing Authority, and local housing nonprofits.

By increasing attention to this issue and by working together across jurisdictions and across sectors, our objective is to turn the tide to ensure all people have access to a safe, healthy, and affordable home.

We recognize the need to increase affordable housing by declaring May 13-17 Affordable Housing Week. Through Affordable Housing Week, we are working with our partners to elevate understanding of the need for affordable housing and discuss potential solutions.

Attachment: Proclamation