



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: All people should have access to safe, healthy and affordable homes within communities of opportunity; 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: 320 Bellevue School District students were identified as homeless in 2020, and 7,520 Bellevue families are spending more than half their income on housing, so are "housing insecure;" and

Whereas: The 2020 Point in Time Count found 6,228 people in King County, including 446 on the Eastside, sleeping outdoors without shelter, while All Home identifies affordable housing as a critical component of making homelessness rare, brief and one time; and

Whereas: The COVID-19 pandemic has made the financial challenges facing moderate- and low-income households worse, while the number of people experiencing homelessness remains at crisis levels; and

Whereas: United in an effort to raise public awareness, 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 our communities; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue endorses the goals, objectives and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and recommits itself to ensure that all people in our community live with dignity in safe, healthy and affordable homes.

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 **Oct. 12-16, 2020** as:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

In Bellevue, and encourage residents to join in support.

Lynne Robinson