

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines affordable housing as “as housing in which the occupant is paying no more than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities”; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Point In Time Count found 4,428 people in our community sleeping outdoors without shelter in January of this year, and more than two-thirds of Seattle’s low-income households are considered “housing cost burdened,” because they are spending more than 30 percent of their income on rent and utilities which puts them at risk of housing insecurity; and

WHEREAS, on March 23rd, 2020, Governor Inslee issued a statewide order to “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” calling on all Washingtonians to avoid leaving their homes for any non-essential activities and adhere to social distancing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many existing financial constraints for low- and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee has extended a residential eviction moratorium through December 31, 2020, to prevent families and individuals from losing their housing due to non-payment, and the City of Seattle has extended its residential, small business, and nonprofit eviction moratoriums through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, housing stability and staying socially distant from those outside of our household has become our state’s core public health strategy; 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 need for affordable homes across King County prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of people experiencing homelessness had remained at crisis levels; and

WHEREAS, in July 2020 the Seattle City Council passed the JumpStart progressive revenue tax and spend plan, which dedicates long-term, yearly revenue beginning in 2022 to fund affordable housing, including housing affordable up to 30% of the Area Median Income and permanent supportive housing, permanently affordable homeownership, and housing investments to address the impacts of past discriminatory policies such as redlining, race restrictive covenants, and exclusionary zoning; and

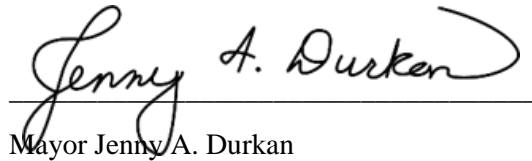
WHEREAS, united to raise public awareness, people, organizations, and communities throughout King County participated in local Affordable Housing Week to elevate the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in our communities; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Seattle endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, recommits itself to ensuring that our community recovers equitable from the crises at hand, and that all people in Seattle live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes; NOW

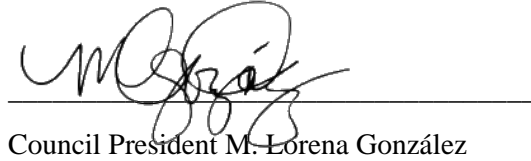
*NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM  
OCTOBER 12, 2020 – OCTOBER 16, 2020, TO BE*

## Affordable Housing Week



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