

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION Recognizing Affordable Housing Week

WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; 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, Governor Inslee has recognized the correlation between housing access and vulnerability and has extended a residential eviction moratorium through June 30, 2021, to prevent families and individuals from losing their housing; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recognizes safe, healthy, and affordable housing within communities of opportunity as key social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, the need for affordable homes across King County prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of people experiencing homelessness has remained at crisis levels and has only worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, according to the City's 2020 Equitable Development Community Indicators Report, nearly two-thirds of low-income households being house cost burdened, at nearly twice the rate of all households; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force (RAHTF) found that King County needs 156,000 more affordable homes today and another 88,000 affordable homes by 2040 to ensure that all low-income families in King County have a safe and healthy home that costs less than 30 percent of their income; and,

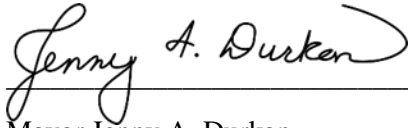
WHEREAS, everyone benefits from affordable housing, including the people who reside in these properties, their neighbors, schools, businesses, employers, and the community as a whole; and

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; and

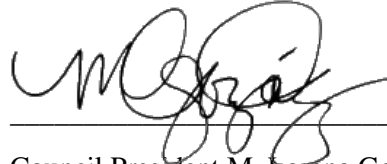
WHEREAS, the City of Seattle endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, firmly recommits itself to ensuring that our community's recovery from the crises at hand is equitable, and that all people in Seattle live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable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

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM
THE WEEK OF MAY 9 TO MAY 15, 2021, TO BE

Affordable Housing Week



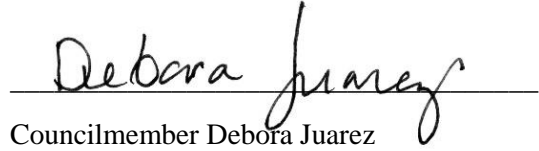
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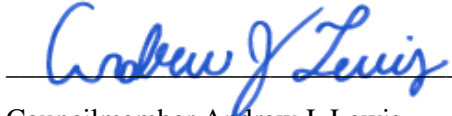
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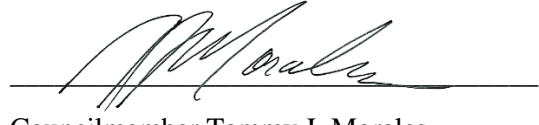
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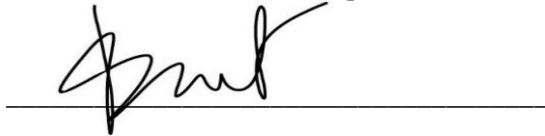
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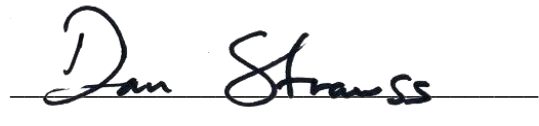
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