

Proclamation

WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes to permit quality of life within communities where they live and work; and

WHEREAS, each \$100 increase in median rent results in a 15 percent increase in homelessness in metro areas and a 39 percent increase in homelessness in nearby suburbs and rural areas, and projections show that by 2044, King County will need nearly 200,000 net new housing units for households at or below 80 percent area median income; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Covington endorses Affordable Housing Week, and recommits to informing the public of the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in our community to ensure all people in it live with dignity in affordable homes;

NOW, THEREFORE,

We, the City Council of the City of Covington, do hereby proclaim May 7–13, 2023 to be

Affordable Housing Week

in the City of Covington and encourage all citizens to join in their support for affordable housing in our community.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 9th day of May
in the year two thousand twenty-three.



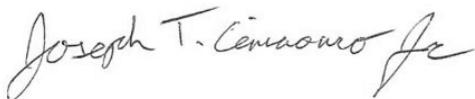
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Kristina Soltys, Councilmember



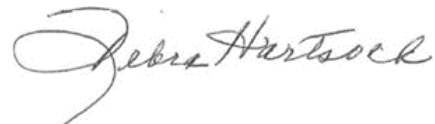
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