



Armondo Pavone Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities of opportunity; and

Whereas, , the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines affordable housing as “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 1,115 people in our region of King County sleeping outdoors without shelter in January of this year, and 5,840 families in Renton are considered “housing insecure,” because they were spending more than half of their income on rent and utilities; 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 October 15, 2020 to prevent families and individuals from losing their housing due to non-payment; 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, people, organizations, and communities throughout King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week to elevate the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in our communities; and

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

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim October 12-16, 2020, to be

Affordable Housing Week

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to join me in this special observation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 12th day of October, 2020.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington

