

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, everyone deserves a safe, healthy, affordable place to live; and

WHEREAS, King County has become increasingly unaffordable to many, with the median home price nearing \$1 million in April 2022; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force found that we must build, preserve, or subsidize 244,000 net new affordable homes by 2040 for all low-income families in King County to have a safe and healthy home; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Committee estimates the region needs to invest \$18 billion in public capital to meet a five-year goal of producing 44,000 units; and

WHEREAS, only 27 units in King County were affordable and available for every 100 extremely low-income families in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color are more likely to be cost-burdened, meaning they spend over 30% of their income on housing, or severely cost-burdened, meaning they spend over 50% of their income on housing; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has layered an immediate housing emergency on top of a long-term crisis, creating economic uncertainty for thousands of families in King County, jeopardizing their ability to pay rent, and putting them at risk for eviction once the statewide moratorium on evictions ends; and

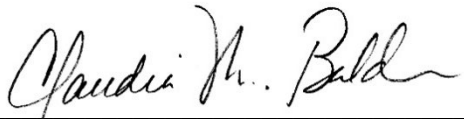
WHEREAS, the theme of Affordable Housing Week 2022 is “All in for Housing,” encouraging the community to build momentum to go big on housing investments and bold policies that enable communities to thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, proclaim the week of May 8-14, 2022, as

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

in King County and encourage all county residents to advocate for an extensive, courageous regional housing effort that will meet the actual and enormous need for affordable homes in our community.

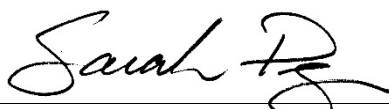
DATED this tenth day of May, 2022.



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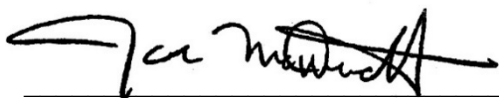
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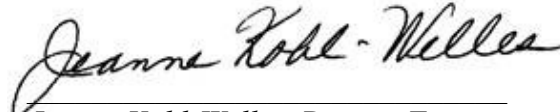
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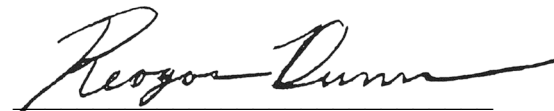
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