

# PROCLAMATION

OF THE BURIEN CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, PROCLAIMING

**MAY 13-17, 2019 AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK**

WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that each \$100 increase in median rent results in a 15% increase in homelessness in metro areas and a 39% increase in homelessness in nearby suburbs and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, there were 397 students in Burien schools identified as homeless during the 2017-18 school year by the Highline School District; and

WHEREAS, the combined cost burden of housing plus transportation can be substantially reduced by locating affordable housing opportunities in proximity to transit; 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 Association of Washington Cities determined that enhancing efforts to increase affordable housing, decrease homelessness, and improve a strained behavioral health system was a critical priority for the 2019 Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burien endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, recommits itself to ensuring that our community thrives with opportunity, and that all people in it live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes;

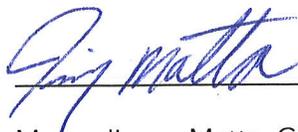
NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY ASK ALL BURIEN  
CITIZENS TO JOIN TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM  
**MAY 13-17, 2019 AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK IN THE CITY OF BURIEN**

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019

Mayor Jimmy Matta

Deputy Mayor Austin Bell  
Councilmember Bob Edgar  
Councilmember Lucy Krakowiak

Councilmember Krystal Marx  
Councilmember Pedro Olguin  
Councilmember Nancy Tosta



Mayor Jimmy Matta, City of Burien

