

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 8934

A RESOLUTION endorsing the goals of the "Committee to End Homelessness in King County (CEH) Strategic Plan 2015-2019" and stating the intent of the City of Bellevue to work with other organizations and governmental entities in the implementation of this plan.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are over 10,000 people who experience homelessness in King County on any given night; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 approximately nine percent (8.6%) of homeless households served in King County reported North or East King County as their last permanent address; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has consistently supported community-based responses to homelessness through ongoing financial support for programs that prevent homelessness or provide emergency shelter and transitional housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue was a founding member and financial supporter of A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), which provides permanent solutions for individuals who are homeless and low-income by facilitating and funding the development of affordable housing in East King County; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City of Bellevue has budgeted over \$2.1 million in capital funding and operating support for initiatives addressing homelessness and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, a revised focus is needed to restructure our region's existing homelessness services system to make homelessness rare, brief, and one time; and

WHEREAS, the community, including local governments, the United Way, the faith community, the business community, and non-profit organizations have worked over the past ten years to address new ways to serve homeless and align programs and funding; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council endorses the vision of "Committee to End Homelessness in King County (CEH) Strategic Plan 2015-2019" and concurs with the Plan's vision "that homelessness is rare in King County, racial disparities are eliminated, and if one becomes homeless, it is brief and only a one-time occurrence."

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Section 2. The City pledges to work with other governmental officials, the United Way of King County, faith and civic groups, communities of color, philanthropies, the business community, non-profit housing and service providers, and others to implement this strategic plan over the next five years.

Section 3. The City Council approves the guiding principles provided in the attached Interest Statement regarding the CEH Strategic Plan 2015-2019.

Section 4. The City recognizes that additional resources will be required in order to meet the ambitious goals included in the CEH Strategic Plan and that local government resources are not adequate to achieve these goals. Therefore, the City of Bellevue will advocate for increased funding at the federal and state levels to pursue the goals of the CEH Strategic Plan.

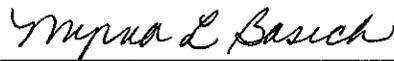
Passed by the City Council this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015, and signed in authentication of its passage this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015.

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Claudia Balducci, Mayor

Attest:



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Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk