

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 7322

A RESOLUTION endorsing the goals of "A Roof Over Every Bed in King County: Our Community's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness" and stating the intent of the City of Bellevue to work with other organizations and governmental entities in the implementation of this plan.

WHEREAS, the 2004 One Night Count estimates that there are over 8,000 people who experience homelessness in King County on any given night; and

WHEREAS, in the same report, eleven percent of homeless households 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 2006 the City of Bellevue has budgeted \$773,000 in capital funding and operating support for initiatives addressing homelessness and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, additional attention is needed to restructure our region's existing homelessness services system from managing homelessness to preventing and ending homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the community, including local governments, the United Way of King County, the faith community, the business community and non-profit organizations have worked over the last several years to develop a plan outlining new efforts to address homelessness;

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

Section 1. The City Council endorses the goals of "A Roof Over Every Bed in King County: Our Community's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness" and concurs with the Plan's "commitment to ensure that there is an appropriate, affordable roof over the bed of everyone living in King County – whether young or old, living alone or with families, sick or well."

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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 plan over the next ten years.

Section 3. The City Council approves the guiding principles provided in the attached Interest Statement regarding the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County.

Section 4. The City recognizes that additional resources will be required in order to meet the ambitious goals included in the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness and that local government resources are not adequate to achieve these goals. Therefore, the City of Bellevue will support efforts to increase funding at the federal and state levels to pursue the goals of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Passed by the City Council this 17th day of January, 2006,
and signed in authentication of its passage this 17th day of January, 2006.

(SEAL)



Grant Degginger, Mayor

Attest:

Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk