



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 5762
October 6, 2020
Consent Calendar**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5762: Affordable Housing Week Proclamation No. 258	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Proclaim October 12-16, 2020 as Affordable Housing Week in the City of Mercer Island.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Deborah Estrada, City Clerk on behalf of Mayor Benson Wong
COUNCIL LIAISON:	
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 258
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

After three decades, the [Housing Development Consortium](#) (HDC) members now encompasses all of the major nonprofit housing developers in King County as well as financial institutions, consultants, architects, building contractors, attorneys, accountants, service providers, local housing authorities, and government agencies. Since 2016, the HDC of Seattle-King County has partnered with its diverse membership body to coordinate [Affordable Housing Week](#), aimed at recognizing the need to preserve and increase affordable housing in King County communities. Mercer Island has partnered with its member cities three out of the last four years and recognized Affordable Housing Week in the City of Mercer Island.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK 2020

On the morning of January 24, 2020, there were an estimated 11,751 individuals experiencing homelessness in Seattle/King County. This represents an increase of 5% from 2019. Of those 11,751 counted in 2020, approximately 53% were sheltered and 47% were unsheltered. Since January, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many existing financial constraints for low- and moderate-income households. In response, Governor Inslee extended a residential eviction moratorium through October 15, 2020 to prevent families and individuals from losing their housing due to non-payment. These challenges are touching every corner, every city, and every school district of the County.

Despite all the challenges 2020 has presented, the HDC is going digital and the official dates for Affordable Housing Week are October 12-16, 2020. This year's theme is "Know Your Zone." It is an opportunity to tie lessons and challenges presented in the HDC's online events and apply it to learning about the housing policies in your backyard. HDC will be sharing a Know Your Zone scavenger hunt soon (and possibly some other zoning-related mini-games). In getting to "Know Your Zone," participants will get to know the housing programs and policies impacting neighbors, businesses, and organizations in their community.

RECOMMENDATION

Mayor proclaims October 12-16, 2020 as Affordable Housing Week in the City of Mercer Island.