



All Hands on Deck to Solve Homelessness

We Must Act Urgently to Solve This Crisis

Every day in Seattle we see painful evidence that homelessness is an unacceptable crisis affecting all who live, work, and visit here, most especially our neighbors living outside. This demands effective, consistent action to address the daily situation and make a healthier future where every Seattle resident has a home. We must increase housing and services that are proven to work and ensure city policies are effective and grounded in our shared humanity.

As your next Mayor, I ask: what kind of a city do we want to build for our children? As a parent, I want to build a city for my daughter and all children that's just and equitable, where all people have homes. We want to be a Seattle where all residents live in safety and with dignity and have access to good public services: clean restrooms and public spaces, working water fountains, and green parks in every neighborhood.

I commit to tackle homelessness with every resource available and on multiple fronts. We must respond to the immediate needs of people outdoors, create more homes, and get at the underlying reasons people lose their homes in the first place. Trying to cope with symptoms of homelessness without addressing the root causes will not succeed. My administration will leverage all Seattle's resources and lean into our partnerships at every level of government and in every neighborhood. In the first 100 days, I will take urgent actions to move progress on multiple fronts:

Ramp up Emergency Responses to Keep People Safe and Healthy: Our emergency response must be guided by public health starting on day one. I will work rapidly to increase shelter capacity and assess encampments across all neighborhoods and quickly work with city staff and community service providers to identify people we can immediately help move inside into hotel rooms and other non-congregate settings.

Rapidly Build More Affordable Housing: Housing is the lasting solution to homelessness. My first priority is to secure funding to rapidly build more housing, with wraparound services for individuals who need that support. As Seattle Mayor, I know we must lead in our region and work closely with local, regional, state and federal partners to develop the housing we need: about 37,000 more affordable homes for families and individuals living on extremely low-incomes (according to the latest 2020 McKinsey & Co. report).



Bring better Mental Health and Addiction Services to Seattle Residents: Our current system is failing the people experiencing homelessness in Seattle and King County who suffer from serious mental health and substance use issues. I will push for more wraparound services for people with mental health and substance use disorders, skilled 24/7 crisis response teams (like Health One and Triage One), and service-enriched supportive housing for those who need it.

Tackle the Skyrocketing Costs of Living in Seattle: I will provide the leadership and collaboration we need to tackle what it costs to live in our beautiful and desirable city. We must address housing costs for people who are getting priced out: limit rent hikes, require several months' notice for significant rent increases, and get rental assistance to Seattle tenants and landlords who need it most. To support Seattle families with babies and toddlers, I will expand affordable child care throughout the city. Because we will all do better when we reduce income inequality, I will pilot a universal basic income program and invest in skills and career training.

Welcome People to Every Neighborhood: I am committed to creating an inclusive and interconnected city, investing wisely and deeply in the housing and strong public transit we need. We should make sure more homes of all shapes and sizes are available for our neighbors: legalize housing like duplexes, triplexes, and other lower cost homes across Seattle. To build the affordable homes we need, we have to change outdated laws that prevent multi-family housing in 70% of Seattle's residential areas. As the next Mayor, I will center this vision of a vibrant city as we plan for and put Seattle on a path to being an affordable and sustainable city.

Equitable Development: Our Black, brown, and Indigenous neighbors experience the trauma of homelessness at disproportionately high rates due to systemic inequities. We should drive down this disproportionality with policies and priorities that recognize and focus on what people and communities need to heal, stabilize, and thrive. We need to ensure that as we continue to develop our city, we are creating more affordable housing with, for, and in BIPOC communities. I have long supported the Equitable Development Initiative and as Mayor will work to increase and stabilize this funding.

Make Seattle Livable for Regular People by Taxing the Wealthy and Corporations: How will we create affordable housing and services we need, and achieve good results on homelessness and income inequality? Big corporations and the very wealthy must finally pay their fair share. During the COVID-19 pandemic, average Seattle residents struggled to help their children learn, pay rent and mortgages, and stay safe, while Amazon's profits soared 220%. The largest



corporations and wealthiest individuals can afford to invest in a better future for the city they call home -- they must, or many more Seattleites will lose their homes.

I will be a Mayor who is willing to stand up to the wealthy and big corporations -- I have the track record to prove it. I will work with community leaders and the Council to start rebalancing the tax code so regular Seattleites don't foot the bills alone anymore. We can and will strengthen Seattle so we can all be at home here.