



**City of Seattle**  
Seattle City Council

March 16, 2021

Senator Kuderer  
Chair, Senate Housing and Local Government Committee  
411 Legislative Building  
PO Box 40448  
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: HB 1220 Supporting emergency shelters and housing through local planning and development regulations.

Dear Chair Kuderer and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Local Government,

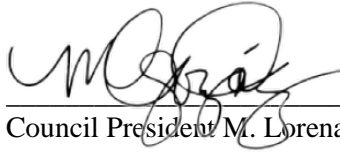
The Seattle City Council represents over 700,000 people living in Seattle and working in King County, the most densely populated place in our State. As a legislative body, we are dedicated to policy-making which immediately addresses the undeniable need related to homelessness and serves to respond with investments in permanently, deeply affordable housing for our community.

We believe that Seattle's neighboring cities should also be required to comply with zoning that includes rather than excludes our community members who are low-income, disabled, and/or BIPOC people from their jurisdictions.


As Seattle's representatives to the Regional Homelessness Authority and members of the Seattle City Council, we write to underscore our strong support for [House Bill 1220](#), Supporting emergency shelters and housing through local planning and development regulations, which is scheduled for action on Thursday morning (March 18).

As you know, the Growth Management Act (GMA) is the state's comprehensive land use planning framework for counties and cities. Importantly, [House Bill 1220](#) makes some changes to the GMA to include planning for affordable housing in housing elements and emergency housing, permanent supportive housing, indoor emergency shelters in zones where short term rentals are allowed.

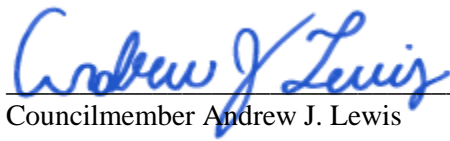
All cities play a part in establishing affordable housing and remedying the homelessness crisis that is gripping our county, our region, and our state, and appreciate your support for H.B. 1220.



Council President M. Lorena González



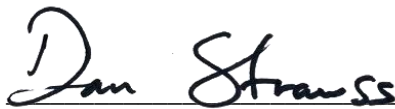
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