

**Discussion of Homelessness Issues
in Shoreline and Adoption of
Resolution No. 379 Supporting
King County's Declaration of
Emergency Due to Homelessness
Affecting King County**



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Background

- On November 2, 2015, King County declared a state of emergency due to homelessness affecting King County.
- Deputy Mayor Eggen and Councilmember Roberts requested that this discussion item and proposed Res. No. 379, which supports the County's declaration, be on tonight's agenda for discussion.
- Also joining the Council tonight – Mark Putnam, Director of King County All Home.

Homelessness In Shoreline

- 349 Homeless students in the Shoreline School District; 160% increase since the 2010-11 school year
- 21% increase in the number of homeless individuals in King County one night count
- In 2014, 750 people seeking shelter in locations across King County identified as coming from Shoreline zip codes



Homeless Resources and Affordable Housing

- Staff report outlines multiple homelessness resources available in Shoreline, many by City partners, and Affordable Housing Programs available to help incentivize the development of affordable housing
- Resources and programs are both short term and long term



Resolution No. 379

- Proposed Res. No. 379 provides support for:
 - King County's declaration of emergency on homelessness
 - Commitment to continue to work with King County and other partner agencies to address homelessness
 - Continued implementation of policies that encourage and incentivize affordable housing development
 - Continued review of City policies and Codes that may create barriers for those experience homelessness
 - Calls on the State Legislature and Federal Government to prioritize the funding of programs to help those experiencing homelessness

Recommendation

- Staff Recommends that Council discuss homelessness issues in Shoreline and the region and adopt proposed Resolution No. 379.



Discussion and Adoption Process

- As Res. No. 379 is an action item that is before the Council for the first time, Council will take public comment following this staff presentation and before Council discussion.
- While the Council can generally discuss local and regional homelessness issues without a motion on the floor, in order to discuss Res. No. 379, a Councilmember must move adoption of the Resolution first.