

# PROCLAMATION

## A PROCLAMATION Honoring Seattle Housing Authority Executive Director, Andrew Lofton

WHEREAS, Director Andrew Lofton currently serves as the Executive Director of the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA); and

WHEREAS, Director Lofton was appointed to the position of Executive Director on September 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Director Lofton served as the Deputy Executive Director of Finance and Administration for more than eight years prior to his appointment; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Director Lofton, housing inventory has grown by more than 1,500 units, including both vouchers and SHA owned/managed units; and

WHEREAS, Director Lofton led the redevelopment of Yesler Terrace, resulting in a vibrant, mixed income community and a net increase of 1,300 new homes while providing former tenants housing in affordable units either in the new development or at another publicly-subsidized property; and

WHEREAS, Director Lofton also led the formation of new partnerships to expand educational support for children and youth, provide vocational training and pathways to college for adults, help job seekers find positions with local employers, assist people with health issues and numerous other programs to help SHA residents and voucher participants envision and achieve personal goals; and

WHEREAS, during Director Lofton's tenure, nearly 3,000 more children and adults have stable, safe housing and services to help them improve their lives; and

WHEREAS, SHA's properties and programs now serve over 37,000 Seattle residents in more than 8,400 units, serving more residents than at any point in the 80-year history of the organization; and

WHEREAS, under Director Lofton's oversight, SHA's credit profile was upgraded from AA to A+ by Standard and Poor's, improving the authority's ability to reduce borrowing costs and provide more essential housing services; and

WHEREAS, Director Lofton received his Baccalaureate from the University of Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, Director Lofton received his Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Director Lofton's career includes more than 40 years of public service in Seattle and the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Director Lofton's service includes roles as Chief of Departmental Operations for the City of Seattle under Mayor Greg Nickels, Deputy Superintendent for Customer Service with Seattle City Light, Deputy Chief of Staff for the City of Seattle under Mayor Norm Rice, and Budget Director for the City of Seattle; and

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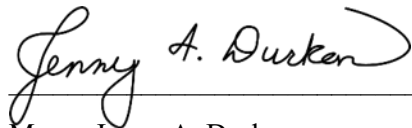
WHEREAS, Director Lofton served as Deputy Director for the Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (now the Washington State Department of Commerce); and

WHEREAS, Director Lofton has served on the board of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, an organization that represents 3,000 housing authorities nationwide; and,

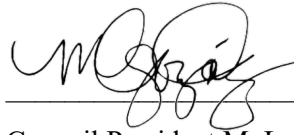
WHEREAS, Director Lofton will officially retire from public service on May 7, 2021;

*NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM  
THURSDAY MAY 7, 2021, TO BE*

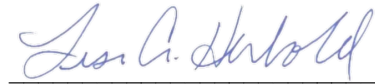
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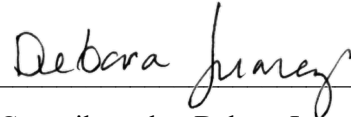
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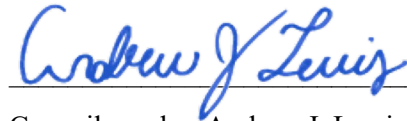
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