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**OPINION**

**Give Big Today and Double Your Impact**

By ISRAEL BAYER

"It's a time bomb": 24 of the virus kits already in use are running out of reagents.

Positive cases of COVID-19 at San Francisco homeless shelter grow to more than 100

One in three among homeless80 percent positive for coronavirus

The streets, and the poor, among others. The nightmare is far from over. In fact, it's just beginning.

Local governments, federal agencies, and social service providers are on the front lines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Low Income Housing Coalition and other national leaders, including the Seattle City Council, are calling for bold solutions by the federal government.

**Emergency funding of $11.5 billion to combat housing instability and homelessness**: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advisory board to localities to avoid homeless encampments. Funds should be used to provide medical care, outreach and street medicine for people experiencing homelessness.

**A national, uniform moratorium on evictions and foreclosures**: Congress should implement a uniform policy to allow tenants whose homes are foreclosed to live in their homes during the moratorium.

**Expanded rental assistance**: Public and private lenders must also provide tens of billions of dollars of affordable housing efforts is critical in the long road that lies ahead. The current system is not broad enough to provide the depth and scale that is needed to address systemic racism and the need to provide a safety net to those who currently can't access the current system.

**Access to legal services and representation**: One in three among homeless40 percent are crime victims. People who are crime victims are more likely to become homeless.

**Housing counseling**: The United States must create a new housing strategy that provides millions of dollars of assistance to cities and states to provide housing counseling and utilize federal resources.

It's time for change. We must not forget that this pandemic did not occur in a vacuum. While the coronavirus is spreading, the coronavirus is spreading.

**Tammy Morales proposed a $300 million tax to pay for its sales taxes and a similar amount of revenue, won't be paid until later, deferred, and desperate over food and housing**, Sawant said.

The proposal has garnered opposition from Seattle City Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, who said it was a "tax on working people" and a "tax on the rich".

**A different proposal would tax companies that pay their employees less than $15 an hour.**

By ASHLEY ARCHBALD

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Seattle City Council commences housing projects amid coronavirus

**ASHLEY ARCHIBALD** \( \text{Staff Reporter} \)

The Seattle City Council passed an emergency bill on April 27 that allows certain housing projects to move forward after a similar version of the bill failed to garner enough support to pass just a week before over concerns it would overwhelm the city’s Department of Construction and Inspection.

The bill aimed to modify the Design Review process, which vets new housing projects. Under the temporary review process, which forgoes public meetings until city staff are able to see virtual meetings for public participation.

Affordable housing projects, which already go through an administrative review process, would be exempt from design review altogether. Those projects could be approved by the director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection (SDCI). The legislation expires after 180 days.

Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, who authored the bill, said the change was “an emergency measure to mobilize federal funds already in the pipeline to build housing for people in need.”

Mosqueda and other council members have been calling out for decades. “This is temporary in nature. The inaccessibility of rightwing provocateurs for worker rights and protections. A sprinkling of rightwing provocateurs for worker rights and protections. A sprinkling of rightwing provocateurs for worker rights and protections.”

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By JAE S. HAN

El Comité members protest at the 2014 May Day rally. This year, gatherings have been banned but members of El Comité are not willing to concede their call for justice for immigrants and workers.

“There’s a historical, underlying ability in this country to have no sentiment for workers and no solidarity with workers, especially workers of color.” – Juan José Becanegra, executive director of All in For Washington.

The project backlog is growing. According to the city, 3,500 units between them were stuck in the community, largely undetected while the coronavirus continues to lurk throughout the country.

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“Makes people stop for a second.” – Keith Wilson, owner of Bon Voyage Vintage.

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“In a Patrick Nguyen’s signature image painted on various walls around the city, the Space Needle is a beacon of hope. The heart at its base is a reminder of love and support, colored green to pay homage to the Emerald City.”

“The present times, dire times, a lot of fear and fear.” – Nguyen said, creating a Space Needle with a heart is a clear message. What we are doing is helping the greater good.”

Since Seattle quoted down after Gov. Jay Inslee’s strict lockdown took hold, Nguyen has painted scenes of scenes, the largest of which is a spreading tree with an anatomical heart at its center.

Mural art make art more accessible because they are integrated into the daily landscape instead of being cordoned off in galleries and museums. But Nguyen said the murals are also a sort of “proxy” for public sentiment. Even if venues are closed, they are not forgotten.

“This is just so unique,” he said. “We can’t help physically with people, as we would with earthquake or disaster response. In a way, the artworks come to stand for a people. A way for us to hold that memory.”

“The COLOR AND SHAPE OF SEATTLE’S HEART”

Murals remind us that we still hold space for the place that we love, even in quarantine

By KARMA SHASTRI  |  Staff Reporter

Seattle’s Hour twelved Peruvian restaurant on First Avenue downtown is home to one of Patrick Nguyen’s many public murals. Nguyen, also known as Deity, has created dozens of murals.

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A man passes by Angel Debate’s mural at the Deep Roots Tattoo and Piercing shop in the University District with its spring blossom and Seattle Strong theme. 

“The murals are a result of a trifecta of Seattle muralists including Ryan-Henry Ward, Below, Pioneer Square Distwood building displaying the Japanese-woodblock-inspired work of Donavan Wilbanks Flancher of Wakuda Studio.

Art is ‘practice, practice, practice’ to muralist Dozfy

A Dachshund passes beneath a Dozfy mural that adorns Rudy’s Barber Shop on Ballard Avenue.

Patrick Nguyen, aka Dozfy, paints a slab of metal on plywood covering the windows of the Metropolitan Grill on Second Avenue downtown.

“...You can create things that draw the eye,” he said.

Oftentimes Nguyen already has an idea of what he wants to portray with one look at a canvas. The skill comes from the discipline of drawing for eight-10 hours a day. “I take my process as an athlete — practice, practice, practice,” he said. “When it’s time to execute, it’s something you haven’t done before.”

There are always images running through Nguyen’s mind, but he says he has no control over it. In his head, the tree and the heart are one, and branches and veins are almost synonymous. “The design had been in his mind for a while and it was simply a matter of finding the right canvas.”

For Nguyen, orchestrating an image is like being a conductor or a composer who creates the structure of a musical piece in their mind’s eye. “It’s very therapeutic. As you work with painting, it’s a problem-solving at each step. But you are also taking a step back to look at the big picture.”

— Kim Diehl
I n 2013, progressive members of the U.S. House of Representa-
tives offered a resolution to frame emerging regula-
tion deals with the approaching climate emergency. The 
resolution called for a “Green New Deal” — a massive 
effort to invest in proven renewable energy to replace fossil 
fuels. To minimize economic dislocation, it called for creat-
ing millions of new jobs for displaced workers and ensuring that 
year and working people would be kept at full, with the 
benefits of clean-energy projects going to all. Thus, in 
most of the countries that had, arguably, benefited the most from 
our dependence on fossil fuels. The resolution did not 
pass Congress, and President Trump warned that the sup-
porters wanted to stop people from flying in airplanes and 
driving in their cars. The government could not do that, 
couldn’t, and thus the Green New Deal never got off the 
ground. In 2018, the resolution was put forward again, but 
the House of Representatives voted it down.

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4. Mushroom -steaux (9)
both iterations.

Decreasing the amount of public comment on design decisions will end in worse buildings, Pedersen said.

“I find it hard to believe that projects that we cannot solve the tech challenge we have here for design review in our highly advanced tech city,” Pedersen said on April 20. “Too concerned when there isn’t an opportunity for the public to weigh in, the quality of the housing can go down.”

The administrative review process, which most market-rate buildings would use, still invites written public comment at multiple stages.

Herbold told the public that she wanted to support it, but that a change that pushes affordable housing out of the design review process did not appear to comport with guidance from Attorney General Bob Ferguson about the kinds of legislation passed during the coronavirus emergency.

“The bills must be “necessary or routine” or directly relate to addressing the coronavirus. Changing the design process to exempt affordable housing from review was an unnecessary policy change given that affordable housing projects are already prioritized in administrative review.

No one knows how long the coronavirus will shut down public meetings and other functions but getting people into housing during the pandemic is crucial to Seattle’s housing and virus-related crises, Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda said on April 20.

“I would propose it is precisely because of the length of time it takes to build affordable housing that is exactly why we need to include affordable housing under this umbrella of Covid being a crisis that is directly affecting whether or not people can have access to healthy, secure housing,” Mosqueda said.

Design review can take as long as a year. Delays can make projects more expensive or render them dead in the water. That’s of particular concern with affordable housing projects that already operate on tight margins and complex funding streams.

Meetings will continue without public comment until the virtual meeting space can be set up. It’s uncertain how long that will take.

April 20 was the first time in two months that the City Council had a digital system for public comment. Nearly 30 people signed up hours before the meeting took place, and all but one were able to speak.

It wasn’t completely smooth on the council’s end — at one point, Morales lost the connection and struggled to regain it in time to vote.

Strauss said he dropped out of the meeting twice.

Getting a working virtual meeting system stood up will return the process to a “fairly familiar design review system,” prevent a backlog of projects from building up and help rebuild the Seattle economy, Councilmember Andrew Lewis said.

“The department should take the cue that sooner rather than later is better to set up the virtual process,” Lewis said. ■