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Mayor Franklin delivers annual State of Everett address

EVERETT, WA – Mayor Cassie Franklin delivered her 2022 [State of Everett address](#) at the Economic Alliance Snohomish County’s event on Thursday, March 31.

Franklin began her address honoring fallen Officer Dan Rocha. She also acknowledged and reflected on the challenges Everett has faced over the last four years, and continues to face as a community, including severe weather events, political unrest and a global pandemic. She then shared highlights of the significant accomplishments Everett has made.

“People choose Everett because it is both a city, and small town – and we have a lot going for us,” said Franklin.

Some of accomplishments the mayor shared included investments in public art and Everett’s parks, partnerships to enhance recreation opportunities and provide tuition-free preschool, diversifying the City of Everett’s workforce to better reflect the community it serves, establishing Everett as a hub for clean energy and green technology, progress on the City’s Climate Action Plan and electrifying the City’s fleet and motor pool.

Franklin also spoke about the financial challenges, homelessness and public safety challenges the city faces and the work being done to address them. In particular, she stressed the importance of reducing crime and gun violence.

“Some may not understand the urgency that I see on this issue. We must address violence, keep guns out of the hands of felons, and hold violent offenders accountable,” Franklin said. “I’m going to double down on my commitment to work with our chief of police, my fellow mayors and our electeds across this state to fix what’s broken in our systems and make this community safe.”

In closing the mayor talked about hope, growth and moving forward with goals and plans to:

- Drive economic prosperity for core industries
- Grow to meet housing needs

- Alleviate homelessness
- Keep Everett safe

“Our city is resilient, resourceful, and committed to overcoming adversity. Earlier I described our greatest challenges and I believe whole heartedly that we can and will prevail,” said Franklin. “We have proven that whatever comes our way, this community comes together, works together, rises together and takes care of each other. Our future together is bright.”

Read the [full text](#) of the State of Everett address or [watch the video](#) of the event.

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