

Proclamation

- Whereas,** quality affordable housing is vital to healthy, safe, vibrant, and diverse communities;
- Whereas,** affordable homes are the solution to homelessness, and provide support to seniors, families, youth, veterans, and people with disabilities who are an essential part of our community;
- Whereas,** the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic consequences have placed an unprecedented number of tenants at risk of eviction or significant rental debt and threatens the stability of non-profit and small-scale housing providers to provide stable affordable housing;
- Whereas,** rising housing costs have led longtime residents to be displaced, live in overcrowded and substandard homes, or live in cars and on the street, threatening our region's diversity and economic prosperity;
- Whereas,** creating new permanently affordable homes, preserving, and improving existing housing makes for stable, vibrant communities, by reducing homelessness, helping residents maintain community roots, and fostering racial and economic equity for generations;
- Whereas,** affordable homes close to public transit and jobs reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide low-income families better access to opportunities and amenities;
- Whereas,** when non-profit organizations, local jurisdictions, community organizations, faith-based groups, and many others come together to invest in affordable homes for all, they continue to build inclusive communities that support low-income people and interrupt patterns of racial and economic inequity in housing;
- Whereas,** the month of May is Bay Area Affordable Housing Month, and the entire 9-county region is taking action to expand affordable housing and end homelessness;
- Whereas,** local jurisdictions such as Alameda play an important role by raising local resources for affordable housing to leverage federal, state, and other funds.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim May 13th through May 20th, 2021 as

East Bay Affordable Housing Week

in Alameda, where we will continue to work to support affordable housing at the local, regional, and state level.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

