

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH May 2025

WHEREAS, quality affordable homes are vital to healthy, safe, and racially just communities; and

WHEREAS, after 41 years, East Bay Housing Organizations proudly continues to champion affordable housing in the East Bay, fostering a racially and economically just community for all; and

WHEREAS, even before current high inflation rates, increasing housing costs led longtime residents to be displaced, live in overcrowded homes, or experience homelessness, threatening our region's racial diversity and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, stable affordable homes are the solution to homelessness, and support seniors, families, youth, veterans, people with disabilities or special needs, and our whole community; and

WHEREAS, there are concerted efforts underway to drastically reduce or altogether eliminate federal funding support for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, these efforts have already led to the cancellation of more than half of the grants funding Fair Housing Initiative Programs and the cancellation of at least \$62 million in Section 4 funding administering technical assistance and small grants across the country; and

WHEREAS, proposed budgets for our national Department of Housing and Urban Development threaten to send shockwaves through existing housing voucher, public housing, and homelessness assistance programs, leaving communities without critical support; and

WHEREAS, the role of local governments and regional bodies has never been so critical in maintaining support for producing, preserving, and protecting affordable housing opportunities for low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, local housing organizations are continuing to recognize May as Bay Area Affordable Housing Month because regional action to a growing regional housing crisis is an essential part of recovery from the pandemic and the work to ensure that everyone has an affordable and stable home; and

WHEREAS, East Bay Housing Organizations has organized Affordable Housing Week for 29 years, acknowledging the need for and benefits of affordable homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Albany City Council hereby proclaims May as Affordable Housing Month in the City of Albany and that the City will work to support affordable and stable housing at the local, regional, state, and federal levels.

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ROBIN D. LÓPEZ, MAYOR