

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*



### IN RECOGNITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH May 2024

**WHEREAS**, quality affordable homes are vital to healthy, safe, and racially just communities; 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**, the upcoming November 2024 ballot presents an unique opportunity to vote on a regional bond that will generate as much as \$20 billion for the creation of affordable housing and homelessness solutions across the nine counties, signaling the importance of unity among our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this general obligation bond measure would build and preserve tens of thousands of new affordable homes, house hundreds of thousands of our neighbors, and generate tens of thousands of jobs; 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 28 years, acknowledging the need for and benefits of affordable homes; and

**WHEREAS**, as East Bay Housing Organizations proudly commemorates its 40th anniversary, it continues to champion affordable housing in the East Bay, fostering a racially and economically just community for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Albany City Council does hereby recognize May as Affordable Housing Month in the City of Albany; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the City of Albany will work to support affordable and stable housing at the local, regional, state, and federal levels.

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JOHN MIKI, MAYOR

Date: May 6, 2024

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