



Legislation Text

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May 2023 as Affordable Housing Month in the East Bay Proclamation

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, the State of California's COVID-19 emergency declaration has been terminated and the short-term protections afforded to renters during the pandemic have ended or are nearing an end in several localities in the East Bay, requiring long-term, sustainable solutions to promote housing security and mitigate mass displacement; 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, jurisdictions such as the City of San Leandro are on their 6th Cycle Housing Element, their plan to meet the housing needs of their community certified by the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) in February 2023, and are now accountable to implement programs and policies that promote affordable development and affirmatively further fair housing for low-income communities and communities of color; 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 27 years, acknowledging the need for and benefits of affordable homes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of San Leandro hereby proclaims May as Affordable Housing Month in San Leandro; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of San Leandro will work to support affordable and stable housing at the local, regional, state, and federal levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan González III, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as **"AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH IN THE EAST BAY"** in the City of San

Leandro.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 1st day of May 2023.