

City of Albany

Proclamation



**IN RECOGNITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH
May 2023**

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, including Eviction Moratoria, during the pandemic are coming to an end, 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 Albany are on their 6th Cycle Housing Element, their plan to meet the housing needs of their community, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council hereby recognizes May 2023 as Annual Affordable Housing Month in the City of Albany.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City will continue to work collaboratively to secure sustainable funding and support for affordable housing at the local, regional and state level and will encourage residents of Albany to participate in Affordable Housing Week activities.

Date: May 1, 2023


AARON NIEDEMANN, MAYOR