


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE HOME TOGETHER 2026 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, A COMMUNITY-WIDE PLAN FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY, WHICH LAYS OUT THE GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND INVESTMENTS NEEDED TO DRAMATICALLY REDUCE HOMELESSNESS AND REDUCE RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE HOMELESS POPULATION BY 2026

WHEREAS, the Home Together 2026 Implementation Plan (“Home Together 2026”) is a community-wide plan for Alameda County which lays out the goals, strategies, and investments needed to dramatically reduce homelessness by 2026 and reverse racial disparities in homelessness through fully centering equity; and

WHEREAS, on any given night over 8,000 people experience homelessness in Alameda County, a number that grows to approximately 15,000 people over the course of a year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland (“City”) experienced a 47% increase in its homeless population between 2017 and 2019, the majority of whom live in curbside communities, vehicles, and places not meant for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, dramatic racial disparities exist in the City of Oakland, Alameda County and in the nation as a whole, and the homeless population does not reflect the demographics of the county; and

WHEREAS, in Oakland, African Americans represent 70% of people experiencing homelessness compared with 24% of the general population; and

WHEREAS, in Alameda County, Native Americans, multiracial people and Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islanders are all vastly overrepresented in homelessness, among those newly homeless and in the rates at which they return to homelessness even after getting into housing; and

WHEREAS, Home Together 2026 is informed by and aligned with existing local and regional plans, including the 2020 Centering Racial Equity in Homeless System Design report, All Home Regional Action Plan, Oakland PATH Framework, and Plan Bay Area 2050; and

WHEREAS, Home Together 2026 is also responsive to requirements laid out in the California Comeback Plan necessary to receive critical State housing and health funding; and

WHEREAS, the homeless system modeling conducted in 2019-20 and updated in 2021, which informs Home Together 2026, points to significant gaps in the current system in terms of both housing resources and program types; and

WHEREAS, only an estimated 36% of those experiencing homelessness in Alameda County can be supported by the current system's resources or are able to find housing or leave homelessness on their own; and

WHEREAS, without significant effort and investment including prevention, shelter expansion, increasing housing solutions, and strengthening the system's overall capacity, homelessness in Alameda County will continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of needed investments over the coming five years to fully meet the need is \$2.5 billion, including approximately \$430 million for additional shelter, \$1.68 billion for permanent housing such as dedicated affordable housing and permanent supportive housing, and \$388 million for prevention, rapid rehousing and shallow subsidies; and

WHEREAS, significant additional funding will be needed to meet these investment targets; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive future funding made available through the County, cities must endorse Home Together 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has created an Oakland Local Action Plan detailing the implementation of homelessness funding in FY 22-23 and this plan is aligned with Home Together 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council endorses the Home Together 2026 Implementation Plan.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California