



CITY OF OAKLAND

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 16, 2021
TO: City Council and Members of the Public
FROM: Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas, District 2, and
Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan, At Large
SUBJECT: **Shelter Crisis Emergency Ordinance**

Dear City Council Colleagues and Members of the Public,

The Council previously approved Ordinance No. 13456 C.M.S. declaring a shelter crisis on October 3, 2017, which expired on October 3, 2019. On October 1, 2019, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 13564, extending the previous declaration of a shelter crisis for another two years until October 1, 2021. The City continues to experience a severe shelter crisis, exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic, in which thousands of residents are living unhoused or in substandard housing conditions. We therefore request your support for our emergency ordinance, declaring a shelter crisis in the City of Oakland, and making findings that a significant number of persons are without the ability to obtain shelter, and the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons.

For questions regarding this memo, please contact Miya Saika Chen, Chief of Staff, Office of Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas, at mchen@oaklandca.gov or Kimberly Jones, Chief of Staff, Office of Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan, at kjones2@oaklandca.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,

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