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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 91158* C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROWENA BROWN

RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF MAY 2026 AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR CREATING HEALTHY, SAFE, AND ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, quality affordable homes are vital to healthy, safe, and racially just communities; and

WHEREAS, East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) is a coalition of local organizations working to produce, preserve, and protect affordable housing, and has organized celebrations of Affordable Housing in May for the past several decades; the City is proud to join with EBHO and other local housing organizations acknowledging the need for and benefits of affordable homes; proudly continues to champion affordable housing in the East Bay, fostering a racially and economically just community for all; 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, immigrants, people with disabilities, and our whole community; and

WHEREAS, for two years in a row both the President and the Governor of California have proposed budgets that dramatically cut funding for affordable housing, which, if actualized, would reduce federal affordable housing assistance by 44%; and

WHEREAS, across California, there is an overwhelming need for affordable homes that lack the financing to begin construction and development; and

WHEREAS, a \$10 billion statewide bond has been proposed to fund the construction of these affordable homes; and

WHEREAS, the role of local governments and regional bodies has never been so critical in maintaining support for producing, preserving, and protecting affordable housing opportunities for low-income communities;

WHEREAS, our housing affordability crisis is a regional issue requiring regional solutions and cooperation between local jurisdictions, such as through the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority; and

WHEREAS, May is recognized as Affordable Housing Month across the Bay Area in joint acknowledgement of the coordinated, regional work necessary to ensure that everyone has an affordable and stable home; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims May 2026 as Affordable Housing Month in Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council will work to support affordable and stable housing at the local, regional, state, and federal levels.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, **MAY 19 2026**

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, ~~FIFE~~, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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ATTEST:



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City of Oakland, California