


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROWENA BROWN

**RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF MAY 2025 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, increasing housing costs lead to longtime residents being displaced, living in overcrowded homes, or experiencing 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, people with disabilities or special needs, and our whole community; and

WHEREAS, there are concerted efforts underway to drastically reduce or altogether eliminate federal funding support for affordable housing, tens of millions of dollars in federal housing grants have already been canceled, and proposed budgets for the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development threaten existing housing voucher, public housing, and homelessness assistance programs, leaving communities without critical support; 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's 2023-2031 Housing Element is the City's plan to meet the housing needs of our communities, providing direction and accountability around the City's efforts to implement programs and policies that promote affordable development and affirmatively further fair housing for low-income communities and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland will continue to invest local funds to build deeply affordable housing, and will continue to advocate for regional, state, and federal resources to ensure that every Oaklander has an affordable home; 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 (EBHO) is a coalition of local organizations working to produce, preserve, and protect affordable housing, and has organized Affordable Housing Week for the past 29 years; the City is proud to join with EBHO and other local housing organizations acknowledging the need for and benefits of affordable homes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims May as Affordable Housing Month in the City of Oakland and commits to continue its work to support affordable and stable housing and honors the service and leadership of affordable housing organizations contributing to a more vibrant and just Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, HOUSTON, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, AND
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE GALLO

NOES –

ABSENT – COUNCIL PRESIDENT JENKINS (serving as Mayor pursuant to Charter Section 303)

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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

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