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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LARRY REID AND COUNCIL MEMBER  
LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

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**Resolution Proclaiming May 10 to May 20, 2018 As The 22nd Annual East Bay Affordable Housing Week "Building Communities, Building Power"**

WHEREAS, Quality affordable housing is vital to healthy, safe, vibrant, and diverse communities;

WHEREAS, Affordable homes are the solution to homelessness, and provide support to seniors, families, youth, veterans, and people with disabilities;

WHEREAS, Rising housing costs have led longtime residents to be displaced, live in overcrowded and substandard homes, or become homeless, threatening our region's diversity and economic prosperity;

WHEREAS, Creating new permanently affordable homes and preserving and improving existing housing helps our residents maintain community roots and encourages racial and economic diversity for generations;

WHEREAS, Affordable homes close to public transit and jobs reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide low income families better access to opportunities and amenities;

WHEREAS, Empowering and engaging local resident leaders helps to shape better housing, tenant protections, and development policies;

WHEREAS, Non-profit organizations, local jurisdictions, community organizations, faith-based groups, and many others continue to build inclusive communities by providing shelter, homes and support for low-income people and those with special needs;

WHEREAS, Local jurisdictions such as the City of Oakland, play an important role by raising local resources for affordable housing to leverage federal, state and other funds,

WHEREAS, last year the Legislature passed and Governor Brown signed SB 3 (Beall), which placed the \$4 billion Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act will provide funding to support multifamily housing, higher density housing near transit, infill infrastructure, farmworker housing, first-time home buyer assistance, and veteran home loans; and

WHEREAS, East Bay Housing Organizations has organized Affordable Housing Week for 22 years and will feature 15 events acknowledging the need for and benefits of affordable housing; now, therefore be it:

RESOLVED: That The Oakland City Council hereby proclaims May 10 – 20th, 2018 as the 22nd Annual Affordable Housing Week in the City of Oakland, and be it further:

RESOLVED that the Oakland City Council will work to support affordable housing at the local, regional and state level and will encourage residents of the City of Oakland to participate in Affordable Housing Week activities.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES –BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB,  
KAPLAN AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California