



City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Affordable Housing Proclamation

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From: City Manager

Lead Department: Planning and Community Environment

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Affordable Housing Week Proclamation



Proclamation

Affordable Housing Week, May 11-18, 2018

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of Silicon Valley families struggle to find an affordable home in one of the most expensive housing markets in the nation; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing is a regional need that requires regional solutions and participation from all cities and the County; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing near employment centers and transit reduces traffic congestion, air pollution, and emissions, and lowers housing and transportation costs for local workers; and

WHEREAS, the strength of Palo Alto's community and economy depends on providing access to housing options that allow current and future residents of all income levels to live where they work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto has historically increased its supply of affordable housing by partnering with non-profit organizations and currently has over 1,600 affordable units located in affordable housing projects developed and managed by these partners as well as approximately 250 owner-occupied and 460 rental units in the Below Market Rate program managed by Palo Alto Housing; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations throughout Santa Clara County dedicated to providing safe, stable, permanent and affordable housing that are collaboratively working to bring the need for affordable housing to the forefront of discussion in Silicon Valley; and

WHEREAS, these organizations have partnered with local agencies and community members to organize Affordable Housing Week to encourage the sharing of best practices, opportunities, and solutions to provide affordable housing that is the right of all individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Liz Kniss, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11th through May 18th, 2018 as Affordable Housing Week in the City of Palo Alto to call upon all members of our community to support affordable housing solutions and to recognize the successful efforts of the City of Palo Alto and its dedicated partners who seek to improve access to affordable housing opportunities in Palo Alto and our neighboring communities.

Presented: May 14, 2018

Liz Kniss
Mayor