



City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Affordable Housing Week Proclamation

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From: City Manager

Lead Department: Planning and Community Environment

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Proclamation Honoring Affordable Housing Week 2019



Proclamation

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

WHEREAS, affordable housing is one of the cornerstones of democracy and part and parcel of the American Dream; and

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, on any given night in Santa Clara County, 7,400 individuals are experiencing homelessness, 74 percent of whom are unsheltered; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto is committed to safe, stable, and affordable housing for all its residents; 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, 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, many organizations throughout Santa Clara County are dedicated to providing safe, stable, permanent and affordable housing to all members of the community, and 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, Eric Filseth, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3-May 17th, 2019 as Affordable Housing Week in the City of Palo Alto, and 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 13, 2019

Eric Filseth
Mayor