Proclamation

Whereas, quality affordable housing is vital to healthy, safe, diverse and vibrant communities; and

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; and

Whereas, creating new permanently affordable homes and preserving and improving existing housing helps our residents maintain community roots and encourages social and economic diversity for generations; and

Whereas, affordable homes close to public transit and jobs reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide low income families better access to services and amenities; and

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

local jurisdictions, such as the City of Alameda play an important role by raising local resources for affordable housing to leverage state, federal, and other funds, including funds from the Measure A1 Alameda County Affordable Housing Bond; and

Whereas, East Bay Housing Organizations has organized Affordable Housing Week for 21 years and will feature 22 events acknowledging the need for and benefits of affordable housing.

How therefore be it resolved, that I, Trish Herrera Spencer, Mayor of the City of Alameda, hereby proclaim May 11 – 21st, 2017 as the 21st Annual

Affordable Housing Week

in the City of Alameda and encourage residents of Alameda to participate in those activities.

Trish Herrera Spencer

Mayor