

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTHY HOMES DEPARTMENT RECEIVING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) 2022 SECRETARY AWARD

WHEREAS, Alameda County's Healthy Homes Department has become a national leader in childhood lead poisoning prevention and healthy homes programs, combining health, environmental and residential hazard reduction services under one comprehensive umbrella; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, a study found high levels of lead in many children living in Alameda County and in response, People United for a Better Oakland (PUEBLO), along with other community organizations and the County Health Officer formed a task force which proposed the Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution officially establishing the Joint Powers Lead Prevention Authority in 1991; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department recently announced that the 2022 HUD award will be given to the Alameda County Healthy Homes Department at the National Lead and Healthy Housing Conference in recognition of their "persistence, innovation, and accomplishments," and

WHEREAS, Larry Brooks, Director of the Alameda County Healthy Homes Department and Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, stated, "In our world this is the equivalent of winning a Grammy or an Emmy! It validates the work we have done in not only lead poisoning prevention but also in mold and asthma reduction, senior injury prevention, correction of substandard housing conditions, addressing climate change and promoting a proactive rental inspection program..."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, Mayor and City Council of Berkeley, California do hereby congratulate the Alameda County Healthy Homes Department on receiving the 2022 HUD award and their excellent 30 years of work.



Jesse Arreguin Mayor