

City of Berkeley Proclamation

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 19TH ANNUAL EAST BAY AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

- WHEREAS,** Quality affordable housing is vital to building healthy, safe, vibrant, and diverse communities, and affordable homes are the solution to homelessness, and provide support to seniors, families, youth, veterans, and people with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Rising housing costs have led longtime residents to be displaced, live in overcrowded and substandard homes, or become homeless, threatening our diversity and economic prosperity; and
- WHEREAS,** Creating new affordable homes and preserving and improving existing rental housing helps residents maintain community roots and encourages racial and economic diversity for generations; and
- WHEREAS,** Development of affordable homes close to public transit and jobs helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide low income families better access to opportunities and amenities; and
- WHEREAS,** Empowering residents living in affordable housing as advocates helps to shape better housing, tenant protections, and development policies; and
- WHEREAS,** Non-profit organizations, local jurisdictions, community organizations and many others continue to build inclusive communities by providing shelter, homes and support for low-income people and those with special needs; and
- WHEREAS,** East Bay Housing Organizations has organized Affordable Housing Week for 19 years and will feature 21 events acknowledging the need for and contributions of affordable housing.

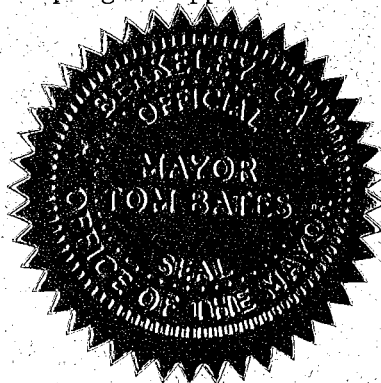
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Tom Bates, on behalf of the City of Berkeley recognize May 9th – 17th as:

19th Annual Affordable Housing Week

in the City of Berkeley, and pledge to support affordable housing at the local, regional, and state levels.

Tom Bates

Tom Bates
Mayor



April 28, 2015