



DECLARING THE 20th ANNUAL EAST BAY AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

- 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,** Quality affordable housing contributes to the health, safety, vibrancy, and diversity of the community by helping to end homelessness and provide support to seniors, families, youth, veterans, and people with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Empowering and engaging local resident leaders 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,** Local jurisdictions like Berkeley can play an important role by supporting investments in affordable housing, including a county-wide housing bond; and
- WHEREAS,** East Bay Housing Organizations has organized Affordable Housing Week for 20 years and will feature 17 events acknowledging the need for and benefits of affordable housing as well as the implementation of a county-wide housing bond.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, **Tom Bates**, Mayor of the City of Berkeley do hereby declare May 13 – 21st, 2016 as the

20th Annual Affordable Housing Week

and reaffirm the City of Berkeley's commitment to support affordable housing at the local, regional, and state levels, including the consideration of an Alameda County housing bond.

Tom Bates

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Mayor



May 10, 2016