



Berkeley Housing Authority

## PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming BHA's proud endorsement of East Bay housing organization's 16<sup>th</sup> annual Affordable Housing Week, May 11 to May 20, 2012, and our continued commitment to housing low income families in Berkeley.

**WHEREAS** BHA operates the following programs: tenant and project-based Section 8; single room occupancy moderate rehabilitation; and Authority-owned low income public housing and rental housing and construction program units undergoing repositioning; and

**WHEREAS** BHA programs impact approximately 2,000 households and 1,000 property owners in Berkeley including local non-profit affordable housing developers; and

**WHEREAS** quality affordable rental units are a solution to homelessness, and provide services and support to vulnerable Program Participants and residents including seniors, people with disabilities and with HIV and AIDS, veterans, youth emancipated from foster care, and large families; and

**WHEREAS** BHA has been a proud partner with non-profit housing developers to build hundreds of high quality affordable rental units, helping to alleviate the East Bay's shortage of low and moderate income rental housing while creating stable, vibrant, nurturing communities; and

**WHEREAS** affordable housing provides opportunity and stability to individuals and families, brings diversity and vitality to communities, and provides a healthy start for children and youth; and

**WHEREAS** too many residents in this very community live in overcrowded and substandard housing or are homeless, thousands are impacted by foreclosures and rising unaffordable rents; and

**WHEREAS** quality affordable housing allows workers to live near their jobs, shortening commutes, reducing vehicle miles travelled, and giving parents more time with their children; and

**WHEREAS** the people of the East Bay and the United States are searching for shared solutions to economic inequality and the housing crisis; and

**WHEREAS** local and statewide public and political will to support, facilitate and fund affordable housing is even more crucial after ongoing cuts to federal funds, the elimination of Redevelopment, and depletion of Proposition IC funds (State bond funding for Strategic Growth Plan); and

**WHEREAS** *East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO)* has organized Affordable Housing Week for 16 years and will feature 16 events acknowledging the need for and contributions of affordable housing;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that that the Housing Authority Board recognizes the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, as Annual Affordable Housing Week.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the Berkeley Housing Authority encourages staff, residents and Program Participants of Berkeley Housing Authority programs to participate in activities EBHO is conducting to recognize and demonstrate how affordable housing can create better futures for families, individuals, and communities.

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