

City of Santa Clara

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need in Santa Clara County and the Bay Area to increase housing choices and the production of truly affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara partners with agencies and the community in May to recognize Affordable Housing Month and to advance solutions so people with a range of incomes can call Santa Clara home; and

WHEREAS, in March 2024, the median price for a single-family home in Santa Clara was \$1,950,000 and over 40% of renters in Santa Clara are cost burdened paying more than 30% of their income on housing; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, over 375 unsheltered persons were counted in the City of Santa Clara; and

WHEREAS, there is an acute need to increase affordable housing for special needs populations including seniors, large families, and persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City's General Plan includes goals to create and maintain high quality and diverse housing stock, designate suitable land for development, increase special needs housing, promote a variety of housing types, and to increase access to opportunity and reduce displacement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara's regional housing goal is to facilitate the construction of over 2,872 new extremely low and very low income housing units by 2031 and in the last five years, the City has approved, and in some cases funded, the construction of over 300 new affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara recognizes that true progress on addressing the region's housing crisis will require ongoing community education, support, and partnerships.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize May as

Affordable Housing Month

in the City of Santa Clara, and during this month, I encourage all residents to engage with and learn about the various affordable housing programs in our City and County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 28th day of May 2024.