

Proclamation

AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, safe and affordable housing is a basic human right and yet, each year, thousands of Silicon Valley families and individuals struggle to find an affordable home in this expensive housing market; and

WHEREAS, the City has been active in affordable housing development with four affordable housing projects in process that will include much needed very low-income units, housing for persons with developmental disabilities, and teacher housing in which the City has committed financial support for three of the projects.

WHEREAS, the City has also implemented other meaningful housing actions by approving City parking lots to be developed for affordable housing, creating a permanent source of affordable housing funding by dedicating a portion of the business tax revenue for affordable housing, crafting additional renter protections, and continued support of fair housing services; and

WHEREAS, the City, in collaboration with Silicon Valley at Home, is hosting an Affordable Housing Resources Fair on Saturday, May 13 at 1:00 pm in King Plaza (in front of City Hall). More info on the event available at: www.cityofpaloalto.org/housingfair.

WHEREAS, many organizations throughout Silicon Valley are dedicated to providing safe, stable, permanent and affordable housing to all members of the community; these organizations along with local agencies and community members have organized Affordable Housing Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lydia Kou, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby proclaim the month of May as Affordable Housing Month in the City of Palo Alto, to call upon our community to support affordable housing solutions and to recognize the successful efforts of the City of Palo Alto and its partners who seek to improve access to affordable housing in Palo Alto.

PRESENTED: May 1, 2023



Lydia Kou
Mayor