



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2026 AS

Affordable Housing Month

WHEREAS, the month of May is annually celebrated as **AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH** in the Bay Area by housing advocates and organizations to celebrate the progress of **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** options and provides an opportunity for the community to raise awareness of the housing needs and innovative approaches to produce and preserve housing for all in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, across the region, fast-rising housing costs are making it difficult for families, working people, seniors and veterans to stay in their neighborhoods and find suitable, **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**, pushing them into homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in a county where the median income for a family of four is \$186,000, only 25% of potential first-time home buyers can afford to purchase a median-priced home, and renters need to earn \$66.59 per hour to afford the average monthly asking rent; and

WHEREAS, communities in San Mateo County permitted 21,600 units of housing over the past 10 years, yet nearly 23,000 low-income renter households do not have access to an affordable home; and

WHEREAS, acting now to provide homes can help keep people out of a cycle of poverty, so they can build the lives they want, contribute, and thrive in their own communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance in January 2005 creating the Department of Housing by partnering the Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo with the Housing and Community Development division to allow for a more focused approach to increasing the **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** supply countywide in one of the least affordable markets in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Department is to create pathways to **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** for all who live and work in San Mateo County to build vibrant and inclusive communities where a home is more than a place to live – it is the foundation of stability and the opportunity to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors established the **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** Fund in April 2013 under the Department of Housing to provide financial assistance for the development and preservation of multifamily **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**, resulting in the Department investing \$364.8 million in Measure K, ARPA, Housing Authority MTW, Redevelopment, HOME, CDBG, and other funds to finance 72 projects supporting 5,122 housing units across the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department has successfully been awarded funds from the State Homekey Program to convert existing hotels into permanent supportive housing, providing 191 housing units for people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Department has increased the number of tenant- and project-based vouchers and other housing subsidy grants so that over 5,500 San Mateo County families are successfully receiving ongoing rental assistance including adding 697 vouchers in the last five years; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between cities and the County, housing organizations and community partners has resulted in various innovative approaches to producing and preserving housing for all incomes and ages, including the creation of HEART, and the ADU Resource Center of San Mateo County, and has been instrumental to the long-range housing and community development planning efforts such as 21 Elements, Home for All San Mateo County, Working Together to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the investments, partnerships and collaborations fostered by the County generate opportunities to build communities we can all be proud to live in, allowing for families to stay together, professionals that serve our community to live where they work and prosper, and offering **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** for all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby recognizes the month of May as **AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH** and affirms its commitment to maximize investments and collaborate with community partners to create thriving, vibrant, and diverse neighborhoods through innovative policies, programs and partnerships to produce and preserve housing at all incomes.

Dated: May 5, 2026

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