

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK 2004

PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS the Association of Bay Area Governments has determined that over 23,000 new units of housing are needed over the next six years in order to meet the needs of San Mateo County's population, including its low and very low income residents; and

WHEREAS the County of San Mateo adopted the Housing Element of its General Plan in December 2003 and an inclusionary housing ordinance on March 16, 2004, requiring 20% of all multifamily housing units newly constructed on unincorporated land in the county be affordable to low and very low income residents; and

WHEREAS the County of San Mateo provided leadership in the formation of the Housing Endowment and Trust of San Mateo County and affirmed its commitment to new affordable housing development by giving over \$3 million in seed money; and

WHEREAS decent, safe and affordable housing is one of the basic necessities of life; and

WHEREAS affordable housing is of vital importance to the health and well-being of San Mateo County's residents; and

WHEREAS 63,000 of the county's households, or 27%, are overpaying for housing, and often over 50% and are at significant risk of losing their housing and becoming homeless; and 31,000 households, or 12%, live in overcrowded housing, according to the 2003 County Housing Element; and

WHEREAS the median single family home price in San Mateo County is \$665,000 and continues to increase; and

WHEREAS young adults growing up or employed in San Mateo County find it difficult to find housing to meet their desires; and

WHEREAS thousands of units of affordable housing have been built by non-profit developers in the State of California; and

WHEREAS these affordable housing units are well-managed, well-maintained and are contributing to the communities in which they are located; and

WHEREAS Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County and its member organizations have organized events during this week to acknowledge the need for and contributions of affordable housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the week of June 4 to June 12, 2004, is Affordable Housing Week in San Mateo County; and be it further resolved that the Board of Supervisors calls upon all residents of San Mateo County to learn about and honor the contributions of affordable housing by participating in activities held throughout the week to commemorate this observance.

DATED: June 8, 2004



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