

Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

WHEREAS, quality affordable housing is vital to building healthy, safe, vibrant and diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, in order to increase the number of affordable units in San Leandro, the City has an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance that requires 15% of for sale homes be affordable; and

WHEREAS, affordable homes are a key solution to homelessness and provides security to seniors, families, youth, veterans, and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, rising housing costs and insufficient construction of new housing is threatening our region's diversity and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro has partnered with BRIDGE Housing to construct the Marea Alta Apartments consisting of 115 affordable family units and 85 senior affordable units; and,

WHEREAS, creating new permanent affordable homes and preserving and improving existing rental housing helps our residents maintain community roots and encourages racial and economic diversity for generations; and

WHEREAS, development of affordable homes close to public transit and jobs can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide low income families better access to opportunities and amenities; and

WHEREAS, non-profit organizations, local jurisdictions, community organizations and many others continue to build inclusive communities by providing shelter, homes, and support for low-income people and those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) has organized Affordable Housing Week for 20 years and will feature 17 events acknowledging the need for and contributions of affordable housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor of San Leandro, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 13-22, 2016 as "**EBHO's 20th ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK**" throughout the city of San Leandro and that this city will continue to work to support affordable housing at the local, regional, and state level and encourage San Leandro residents to recognize and demonstrate how affordable housing can create better futures for families, individuals, and communities by participating in Affordable Housing Week activities being held beginning May 13 through May 22.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 16th day of May.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pauline Russo Cutter".

Mayor
City of San Leandro, California