



ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION

ADOPTING EVERYONE HOME: THE ALAMEDA COUNTY-WIDE HOMELESS AND SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING PLAN

WHEREAS, homelessness and housing crises continue to effect tens of thousands of individuals and families annually in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing generally throughout Alameda County affects the housing opportunities available to the homeless and special needs households; and

WHEREAS, people with multiple disabilities fall through the cracks in systems whose policies and procedures may present barriers to participation; and

WHEREAS, we see homelessness as a solvable social problem; and

WHEREAS, the EveryOne Home Plan envisions a system of care in Alameda County that by 2020 ensures all extremely low-income residents have a safe, supportive and permanent place to call home with services available to help them stay housed and improve the quality of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has five key strategies bring about an end to homelessness which are prevent homelessness, increase housing opportunities, deliver flexible services, measure success and report outcomes, develop leadership and political will; and

WHEREAS, EveryOne Home will accomplish the following Outcomes by the year 2020:

1. Obtain permanent homes for 15,000 homeless households
2. Reduce the amount of time spent homeless from months, even years, to weeks
3. Ensure an 85% housing retention rate for at least 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the effort to end homelessness needs the involvement of non-profits, community and faith based organizations, businesses, philanthropists, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, _____ (Insert name of organization/group) shares the commitment to end homelessness in Alameda County and wants to be involved;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the _____(insert the name of the governing body) of _____ (insert name of organization) endorses EveryOne Home, the Alameda County-wide Homeless and Special Needs Housing Plan and directs _____(insert the staff/its members) to (1) collaborate with other partners in implementing the key strategies of the Plan (2) examine ways it's operations can most effectively support the achievement of the EveyOne Home Outcomes, including embracing new innovations and new approaches to homeless services and housing operations.

Approved on this date, _____ (insert date of vote) by a vote of:

_____Ayes _____Nos _____Abstained

Signature and title of officer