

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK
MAY 4-11, 2013

WHEREAS, counties across the Bay Area are proclaiming the second week in the month of May as Affordable Housing Week - recognizing that safe, well-designed, and well-integrated affordable housing in our communities will promote self-sufficiency, family stability, economic growth, as well as a positive environment and improvement of life outcomes for our community's children; and

WHEREAS, Marin County's older adult population is increasing at a rate that far surpasses the national rate for this population - increasing the need for additional housing options for our growing senior population so they can age in place. Demographic and housing data released by the Census Bureau from the 2010 census demonstrate a robust presence of older adults in Marin County. Residents age 60 years and above totaled 61,454 in 2010, a 38% increase from the previous decade; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60 percent of people who work in Marin commute from outside the County, farther on average than any other workforce in the Bay Area - most cannot afford to live near where they work; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing in Marin increases commuter traffic, impacting both the quality of life for Marin residents and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the County will continue to support and explore amendments to relevant sections of the California Government Code or other administrative rules or regulations that would allow for a broader range of options and flexibility for local jurisdictions to meet our housing needs - and be able to receive state housing element credits, as outlined in our 2011, 2012, and 2013 Legislative Plans; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing is an important element for Marin County to be a welcoming and inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, the County has focused particular attention on fair housing and the housing needs of our most vulnerable populations including persons who have disabilities, are homeless, are elderly, and people of color; and

WHEREAS, the County must make efforts to eradicate income discrimination in rental units throughout the entirety of Marin; and

WHEREAS, the County has made it a priority to address the need for safe, well-designed, and well-integrated affordable housing in Marin County upon the signing of the Voluntary Compliance Agreement with HUD in 2009 and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and subsequent Implementation Plan in 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Marin County Board of Supervisors proclaims May 4-11, 2013 as Bay Area Affordable Housing Week, and continues to work beyond this week to adopt sustainable solutions to housing in Marin, as well as ensure that there are no discriminatory barriers to housing with regards to race, status, disability or religion.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 7th day of May 2013.

JUDY ARNOLD - DISTRICT 5, PRESIDENT

