

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. _____

TO ENDORSE THE ALAMEDA COUNTY HOME TOGETHER 2026
COMMUNITY PLAN: A 5-YEAR STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK
CENTERING RACIAL EQUITY TO END HOMELESSNESS IN
ALAMEDA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Home Together 2026 Community Plan: A 5-year Strategic Framework Centering Racial Equity to End Homelessness in Alameda County (Home Together 2026 Plan) is a community-wide plan for Alameda County (County) which lays out the goals, strategies, and investments needed to dramatically reduce homelessness by 2026 and reverse racial disparities in homelessness through fully centering racial equity; and

WHEREAS, on any given night over 8,000 people experience homelessness in the County, a number that grows to approximately 15,000 people over the course of a year; and

WHEREAS, more than 90% of the households in the County are adults without children, including nearly 10% who are between the ages of 18 and 24; and

WHEREAS, dramatic racial disparities exist in the County, as in the nation as a whole, and the homeless population does not reflect the demographics of the County; and

WHEREAS, in the County, African Americans experience homelessness at more than four times their representation in the population (47% versus 11%); and

WHEREAS, in the County, Native Americans, multiracial people and Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islanders are all vastly overrepresented in homelessness among those newly homeless and in the rates at which they return to homelessness even after getting into housing; and

WHEREAS, the Home Together 2026 Plan builds and is informed by existing local and regional plans, including the 2020 Centering Racial Equity in Homeless System Design report, All Home Regional Action Plan, and Plan Bay Area 2050; and

WHEREAS, Home Together 2026 is also responsive to requirements laid out in the California Comeback Plan and AB 140 necessary to receive critical State housing and health funding; and

WHEREAS, the homeless system modeling, reported in the Home Together 2026 Executive Summary, conducted 2019-20 and updated in 2021 points to significant gaps in the current system in terms of both housing resources and program types; and

WHEREAS, only an estimated 36% of those experiencing homelessness can be supported by the current system's resources or are able to find housing or leave homelessness on their own; and

WHEREAS, without significant effort and investment including prevention, shelter expansion, increasing housing solutions, and strengthening the system's overall capacity, homelessness in Alameda County will continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of needed investments over the coming five years to fully meet the need is \$2.5 billion, including approximately \$430 million for additional shelter, \$1.68 billion for permanent housing such as dedicated affordable housing and permanent supportive housing, and \$388 million for prevention, rapid rehousing and shallow subsidies; and

WHEREAS, significant additional funding will be needed to meet these investment targets; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive future funding made available through the County, cities must endorse the Home Together 2026 plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City of Alameda (City) approved and adopted the Plan to End Homelessness: 2018 Strategic Update Developed by EveryOne Home thus recognizing the need for a coordinated response to homeless on the County level; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, City Council approved The Road Home: A Five Year Plan to Prevent and Respond to Homelessness in Alameda and committed to coordinating with the County and neighboring cities on short- and long-term housing solutions for the homeless.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City endorses the Home Together 2026 Plan: A 5-Year Strategic Framework Centering Racial Equity to End Homelessness in the County.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the 7th day of June 2022, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 8th day of June 2022.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda

Approved as to form:

Yibin Shen, City Attorney
City of Alameda