

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. ____

SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 2 ON THE NOVEMBER 2018 BALLOT, WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO USE REVENUE FROM PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BONDS TO FUND EXISTING HOUSING PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

WHEREAS, the difficulty finding affordable housing by Bay Area and Alameda residents has forced many individuals into homelessness; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2017, 204 individuals were counted as homeless in the City of Alameda during the 2017 Homeless Point-in-time Count, with 94 of those sheltered and 110 unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda's Homelessness Report cites the lack of physical facilities to provide services to homeless individuals and the lack of access to Countywide services as significant gaps in addressing homelessness in the City of Alameda; and

WHEREAS, statewide, as many as a third of the people living on the streets in unsafe conditions are living with an untreated mental illness; and

WHEREAS, decades of research shows providing people with a stable place to live along with mental health services promotes healthy, stable lives; and

WHEREAS, building additional market-rate, affordable, and homeless housing units will make the largest impact on households of all abilities and incomes in Alameda to become housed; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2 is the No Place Like Home Act of 2018, which allows the state to use money from Proposition 63, approved by voters in 2004 to pay for mental health services, to designate up to \$2 billion to fund housing for those with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2 uses proven models of pairing housing and mental health care – keeping Californians experiencing homelessness off the streets, out of hospitals and emergency rooms, and receiving the mental health services they need, while easing the burden on emergency responders and saving taxpayers millions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda supports efforts that increase positive outcomes with the mentally ill and our homeless population and recently encouraged state lawmakers to maximize homelessness program funding in this year's budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alameda that the Council hereby supports Proposition 2 on the November 2018 ballot; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Alameda can be listed as a member of the Proposition 2: No Place Like Home coalition.

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 16th day of October 2018, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 17th day of October 2018.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janet C. Kern, City Attorney
City of Alameda