

Proclamation of the City of San Pablo

Recognizing

November 2018

As

Homelessness Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as Homelessness Awareness Month in the United States;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public and advocate with and on behalf of people experiencing homelessness about the many reasons people are homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Contra Costa County; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations;

WHEREAS, there are over twenty organizations in Contra Costa County committed to sheltering and providing supportive services and/or basic resources to people experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS, the City of San Pablo recognizes that homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Contra Costa County;

WHEREAS, 6,407 individuals accessed homeless services, and 469 families, including 903 minors, accessed homeless services in Contra Costa County in 2017;

WHEREAS, 57% of homeless veterans in Contra Costa County (283 out of 495 homeless veterans) have been homeless for 12 months or more;

WHEREAS, there was a 99% increase in seniors (age 62+) accessing homeless services between 2013-2018 (249 more in 2017 than 2013) and Contra Costa County has only 24% of shelter capacity needed for single adults;

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County, renters need to earn 4.2 times the state minimum wage to afford the median monthly asking rent of \$2,300; and

WHEREAS, a report by California Housing Partnership in 2017 found that Contra Costa County needs over 30,000 more affordable rental homes to meet the needs of its lowest income renters.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo does hereby proclaim the month of **November 2018** as “**Homelessness Awareness Month**” and encourages all citizens to recognize that thousands of people in Contra Costa do not have housing and need support from residents and private/public non-profit service entities.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Pablo to be affixed this 15th day of October, 2018.

Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Mayor