

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 22-\_\_\_

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ALAMEDA COUNTY HOME TOGETHER 2026  
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Home Together 2026 Implementation Plan (Plan) is a community-wide plan for Alameda 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 equity; and

WHEREAS, on any given night over 8,000 people experience homelessness in Alameda 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 Alameda County are adults without children, including nearly 10% who are between the ages of 18 and 24; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the homeless system modeling conducted in 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, additional funding will be needed for the one-time development costs for new buildings; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the needed expansion level will take a significant investment of new resources; and

WHEREAS, there are anticipated increases in federal and in State resources dedicated to expanding affordable housing and ending homelessness; and

WHEREAS, there is still a significant gap that will need to be filled locally; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive future funding made available through the County, Cities must endorse the Plan

WHEREAS, the Council adopted the City of Hayward Three-Year Strategic Roadmap on January 28, 2020, which identified the creation of a Homelessness Reduction Strategic Plan, modeled on an empowerment approach and best practices, as well as after Alameda County's EveryOne Home Plan, as one of the City's Strategic Priorities; and

WHEREAS, City staff and the qualified consultant firm Homebase solicited input and feedback from Council, the Homelessness-Housing Task Force, the Community Services Commission, and other community stakeholders along with best practice research and analysis to develop the Let's House Hayward! Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Let's House Hayward! Strategic Plan includes the goal of increasing and formalizing regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Plan aligns with the City's Let's House Hayward! Strategic Plan and goals of regional collaboration, providing housing solutions, and preventing homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward endorses the Home Together 2026 Implementation Plan.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:            COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
                         MAYOR:

NOES:            COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN:        COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT:         COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
                         City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward