

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County's Declaration on Housing

March 13, 2018

Whereas, Orange County has played a longstanding role as a center of opportunity and upward mobility, made possible by good jobs and safe, affordable living; and

Whereas, Orange County is experiencing a substantial shortage of housing, which is creating a significant negative impact on household budgets and the quality of life of its residents, as well as diminishing our county's workforce; and

Whereas, housing is a regional need best addressed through cooperative efforts at the local level; and

Whereas, the County of Orange and each City should endeavor to do their part to make Orange County a prosperous and welcoming region; and

Whereas, Orange County's housing shortage threatens our ability to attract and retain a talented workforce, undermining Orange County's long-term economic competitiveness; and

Whereas, the migration of the County's skilled workers, many of whom grew up in Orange County, to live in distant cities that require significant commutes, is harmful to family life, household budgets, air quality, our business climate, and traffic conditions; and

Whereas, the departure of young workers, especially those with families, to other counties and states is detrimental to the social fabric, history and economic prosperity of Orange County; and

Whereas, the vitality of any community or regional economy requires a diverse workforce able to fulfill a variety of jobs; and

Whereas, the County needs sufficient housing accessible to all of Orange County's workforce; and

Whereas, to extend Orange County's legacy of economic vitality and quality living into the future, the County must have a broad set of housing options for workers of all income levels;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the County of Orange and Cities pledging below hereby acknowledge a shared commitment to increase Orange County's housing stock in order to accommodate the needs of workers and families of all income levels by committing to enable the market to build more housing, including options at or below a \$500,000 price level created without subsidy or mandate, in order to make housing accessible to families earning the area median income and below, and that as civic leaders we vow to work collaboratively with public, private, non-profit, and faith-based partners to meet our regional housing needs.

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