

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2018-174

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA SUPPORTING  
PROPOSITION 1: AUTHORIZES BONDS TO FUND SPECIFIED HOUSING ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAMS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.

WHEREAS, housing affordability is an urgent issue facing families and communities across California, and the cost of housing means many people and families can't afford other basics like food and transportation; and

WHEREAS, addressing California's lack of affordable housing must be an urgent priority at a time when more than half of California households that rent (more than 3 million) spend more than 30 percent of their income toward rent and nearly one-third (over 1.5 million households) spend more than 50 percent of their income on rent; and

WHEREAS, the devastation of the housing crisis is evident in homelessness in our communities; and

WHEREAS, California's homeownership rates are at the lowest point since the 1940s and recent housing production levels are far short of the state's projected housing need for 180,000 new homes per year; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the 2006 housing bond that helped create and preserve affordable apartments, urban infill infrastructure, and single-family homes have been expended; and

WHEREAS, even though federal funding for affordable housing comprises a significant portion of California's resources to support affordable housing, there has been a dramatic decline of 51 and 66 percent, respectively, in funds allocated to California by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs; and

WHEREAS, last year the Legislature passed, and Governor Brown signed SB 3 (Beall), which City of Santa Rosa supported, that placed the \$4 billion Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot, now identified as Proposition 1; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act, dedicates funding to help military veterans have a safe place to call home, provides stable housing for struggling families, people experiencing homelessness and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act, invests in Californians' priorities: building homes, creating jobs and boosting the economy; the initiative is expected to create 137,000 jobs and pump \$23.4 billion into California's economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa hereby supports Proposition 1, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act, on the November 6, 2018 ballot to infuse much needed funding to support important affordable housing projects and spur housing construction in Santa Rosa and statewide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council supports and the City of Santa Rosa can be listed as a member of the Veterans and Affordable Housing Act coalition.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 2nd day of October, 2018.

AYES: (6) Mayor Coursey, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Members Combs, Olivares,  
Sawyer, Schwedhelm  
NOES: (0)  
ABSENT: (1) Council Member Tibbetts  
ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney