

1 [Fair Housing Month - April 2024]  
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3 **Resolution recognizing and commemorating April 2024 as Fair Housing month and**  
4 **reaffirming San Francisco’s commitment to fair housing.**  
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6 WHEREAS, The passage of the Fair Housing Act, signed into law by President Lyndon  
7 B. Johnson on April 11th, 1968; and

8 WHEREAS, This legislation was necessary to combat the racial discrimination and  
9 oppression of marginalized groups which has infected American housing practices since  
10 before the nation’s inception; and

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco has not ever been immune to these moral failings; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco passed the Cubic Air Ordinance in 1870 in order to  
13 eliminate an adequate housing supply for Chinese residents, and in doing so, San Francisco  
14 laid the foundation for the exclusionary zoning policies that would thereafter come to define  
15 planning practices in the city and throughout the country; and

16 WHEREAS, Segregations in San Francisco and across the country would wield  
17 redlining and racial covenants to preserve the homogeneity of their neighbors until the  
18 passage of the Fair Housing Act in 1968 put a de jure end to these tactics; and

19 WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Act was signed by President Johnson to combat  
20 discrimination concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, religion,  
21 and national origin; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1972 sex was added as a protective category to this Act, in addition to  
23 disability and familial status in 1988; and  
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1           WHEREAS, While these pieces of legislation were of unequivocal importance, cities in  
2 the U.S. (United States) still struggles to address the spatial legacy of systemic racism; and  
3 systematic inequities; and

4           WHEREAS, High resource areas offer the potential for superior economic, educational,  
5 and health outcomes, marginalized peoples in our city have too often found themselves  
6 historically excluded from these places; and

7           WHEREAS, Our rents are almost 100% higher than the national average and median  
8 rents in the Bay Area more than doubled over the first several decades of the 21st century;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, To proactively combat inequities of this ilk, the state of California codified  
11 the Obama administration’s Fair Housing reform which mandated the affirmative furthering of  
12 Fair Housing; as a result, all state and local public agencies must “facilitate deliberate action  
13 to explicitly address, combat, and relieve disparities resulting from past patterns of  
14 segregation to foster more inclusive communities;” and

15           WHEREAS, Additionally, the California legislature passed Assembly Bill 686  
16 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) in April 2020, a new law which builds upon  
17 existing fair housing protections to require housing elements include policies to combat  
18 patterns of segregation to foster more inclusive communities; and

19           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department’s commitment to Fair Housing is  
20 reflected in the sixth cycle housing element through various policies and objectives; and

21           WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development is currently  
22 starting an analysis of impediments to fair housing as part of their 5-year Consolidated plan  
23 process; and  
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1           WHEREAS, San Francisco has not only a moral but a legal obligation to provide  
2 adequate “housing opportunities for all persons regardless of race, religion, sex, marital  
3 status, ancestry, national origin, color, familial status, or disability;” and

4           WHEREAS, It is therefore vital that San Francisco remain ever-vigilant against policies  
5 that preserve historical inequities and ever-tenacious in its pursuit of justice; now, therefore,  
6 be it

7           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes April 2024, as Fair  
8 Housing Month and reaffirms its commitment to affirmatively furthering fair housing; and, be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes “Fair  
10 Housing Month” as a time to reflect on that progress which we have made against residential  
11 discrimination and look forward to ensure ongoing progress.



City and County of San Francisco  
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**Resolution**

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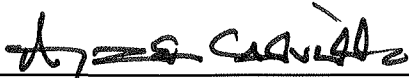
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April 30, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/30/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

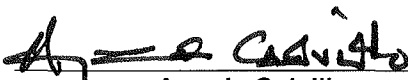
**Unsigned**

**05/10/2024**

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London N. Breed  
Mayor

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Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

**05/10/2024**

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Date