

**RESOLUTION NO. 16/17-06
BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY HOUSING BOND MEASURE A1

WHEREAS, Alameda County is experiencing a severe housing crisis, where many working families spend more than half their income on housing, and more are being priced out of the area or even onto the street;

WHEREAS, Rent has increased 34% between 2011 and 2015 countywide and home prices have increased by 22.5% between 2014 and 2015;

WHEREAS, Experts estimate a shortfall of more than 60,000 affordable homes in the county for low-income families, with at least 5,000 left homeless;

WHEREAS, State and federal funding for affordable homes has decreased by 89%;

WHEREAS, Community college students find it harder to enroll and attend our institutions because housing is not provided as an option as it is at four-year colleges and universities. Affordable housing in close proximity to these community colleges is paramount for many, including working families;

WHEREAS, Our ability to offer the best quality education possible to our students and their families suffered greatly during the California economic crises of 2008-2013 with thousands of jobs (and homes) lost, marked decline in available classes and over 400,000 decrease in community college enrollments;

WHEREAS, It is increasingly challenging for Peralta students, faculty and staff to afford housing in Alameda County;

WHEREAS, the spiraling cost of housing leaves many students with even fewer resources and creates barriers to their education;

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Housing Bond, Measure A1, will infuse the county with \$580 Million, creating the possibility to leverage over \$1 Billion in additional dollars to help create and preserve thousands of affordable homes for Alameda County residents;

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Housing Bond, Measure A1 will provide an equitable distribution of funds to all communities within the county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees hereby endorses the "Alameda County Housing Bond Measure A1";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Peralta College District Board of Trustees will support the Alameda County's efforts to ensure that the community has clear information about this Bond Measure, in support of its passage;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees will publicize this support throughout the community.

**Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D., Chancellor
Secretary, Board of Trustees
PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**