

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 1, THE VETERANS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT, ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 STATEWIDE BALLOT TO INFUSE MUCH NEEDED FUNDING TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND SPUR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION STATEWIDE**

**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, with a decline of 51 and 66 percent, respectively, in funds allocated to California by the crucial funds from 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) that placed the \$4 billion Veterans and Affordable Housing Act on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans and Affordable Housing 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**, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Act builds affordable homes for hard-working people, enabling them to live in the communities where they work and near transit to reduce long commutes and curb pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans and Affordable Housing 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; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Cathedral City hereby supports the Veterans and Affordable Housing Act on the November 6, 2018 ballot to infuse much needed

funding to support important affordable housing projects and spur housing construction statewide;  
and

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

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Cathedral City held on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

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Stanley E. Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gary F. Howell, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Eric Vail, City Attorney

I, GARY F. HOWELL, CITY CLERK of the City of Cathedral City, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Cathedral City held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Gary F, Howell, City Clerk