



**Agenda Item B.1  
PRESENTATION  
Meeting Date: April 2, 2024**

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**A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California,  
Proclaiming April 2024, as Fair Housing Month in the City of Goleta**



# PROCLAMATION

## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2024, AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF GOLETA

**WHEREAS**, April is National Fair Housing Month, which celebrates the 56th Anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act of April 11, 1968. The enactment of this Act expanded on previous acts, and prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex (and as amended), disability, and familial status; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of April, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and fair housing advocates, organizations, and interested parties from both the private and public sectors will participate in a national effort to promote fair housing with a theme, "Fair Housing: The 'Act' in Action;" and

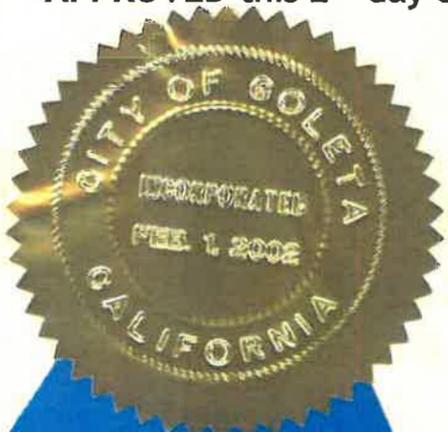
**WHEREAS**, the City of Goleta's effort towards advancing equity in housing by partnering with the City of Santa Barbara's Rental Housing Mediation Program for more than 20 years, providing education, eviction prevention, mediation with the successful out-of-court resolution of rental housing disputes, thereby assisting in the prevention of homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2023 Fair Housing Trends Report, despite the local, state, and federal laws prohibiting discrimination, more than 33,000 fair housing complaints were filed, representing the highest number of fair housing complaints recorded alleging discrimination based on one or more of the Fair Housing Act's seven protected classes; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the City's participation in National Fair Housing Month, notice will be placed on the City's website directing residents to information about Fair Housing and the Rental Housing Mediation Program and its services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024, the City Council of the City of Goleta does hereby proclaim April 2024 as Fair Housing Month and urge all Goletans to understand and exercise their right to equal housing opportunity.

APPROVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024



PAULA PEROTTE  
MAYOR