

PROCLAMATION

Fair Housing Month

April 2014

WHEREAS, 2014 marks the 51st year of California's fair housing laws, the 46th year of the federal Fair Housing Act, and the 31st year of the City of Santa Barbara's Housing Discrimination Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara's Housing Discrimination Ordinance was enacted to ensure that a fair choice of rental housing was available to all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, familial status, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or ancestry; and

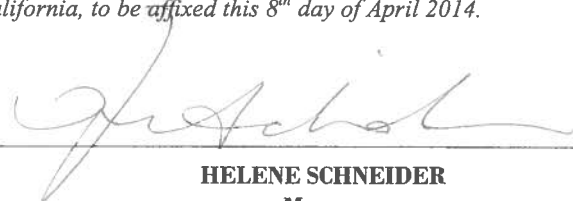
WHEREAS, despite the local, state and federal laws on the books, reports of discrimination in housing continues; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, interested parties from both the private and public sectors will participate in a national effort to promote fair housing; and

WHEREAS, as part of the City's participation in Fair Housing Month, notices will placed on the City News page directing residents to information about the City's Fair Housing and Rental Housing Mediation Task Force programs and an announcement will be placed in the City Newsletter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim April as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** and urge all citizens to understand and exercise their right to equal housing opportunity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 8th day of April 2014.



HELENE SCHNEIDER
Mayor

