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Action Items

- 1. Referral from City Council for Policy & Services Committee Rental Presentation Survey Program Discussion and Recommendations
 - 2. Discussion and Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the City Council Values Statement (Follow up to City Council Referral from February 2022)

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(ID # 14139)

Policy and Services Committee Staff Report

Meeting Date: 9/13/2022 Report Type: Action Items

Title: Referral from City Council for Policy & Services Committee Rental

Survey Program Discussion and Recommendations

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Planning and Development Services

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Policy and Services Committee (P&S Committee):

 Discuss and provide feedback on the development of the Palo Alto Rental Survey Program (RSP).

Executive Summary

At its November 29, 2021 meeting, City Council adopted a package of rental protection policies that included further development of a Rental Survey Program (RSP).¹ City Council directed staff to return to the Policy and Services Committee (P&S Committee) for feedback on a RSP. Specifically, City Council referred the design and implementation of a rental survey to the P&S Committee, including the proposed fees, resources, and a timeline.

This report provides detailed background information on RSPs. In order for the P&S Committee and the community to help guide the development of Palo Alto's RSP, this report also presents the following six design and implementation considerations upon which staff requests feedback at this time:

- A. Collection of Rental Survey Program Information,
- B. Program Participation,
- C. Frequency of Reporting,
- D. Rental Survey Program Cost,
- E. Rental Survey Program Fees, and

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¹ City Council Meeting Minutes, 11/29/21: https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/city-council-agendas-minutes/2021/11-november/20211129/20211129amccs.pdf
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City Renter Protection Policy Development Webpage: https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Planning-Development-Services/Long-Range-Planning/Renter-Protection-Policy-Development

F. Community Outreach and Engagement.

As part of this initial RSP discussion at P&S Committee, staff will seek P&S Committee confirmation on the goals and desired outcomes for the RSP. For example, these could include vacancy trends and informing future policies. The desired program goals or functions will help guide decisions on timeline and prioritizing work, potentially affecting the scope of an initial program launch versus elements that could be added after the program is up and running.

Background

This section provides an overview of the renters and rental housing data in the City of Palo Alto (City); the intent of an RSP; examples of RSPs in other local jurisdictions; City Council direction; and the proposed review process for the RSP development. Attachment A provides an update on the renter protection policy work requested by City Council on November 29, 2021.

It should be noted that the term "Rental Survey Program" is used throughout this report, consistent with prior discussion of this effort. Staff does welcome P&S Committee feedback on whether "Rental Survey Program" is an appropriate description (versus registry or other) based on program intent and characteristics.

Palo Alto Renter and Rental Housing Information

Renters comprise a sizable portion of Palo Alto community members. According to the latest 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates for Palo Alto, 43.7% of Palo Alto occupied housing units are renter households (11,423 units), representing approximately 27,301 residents.

The distribution of rental housing types in the City is listed in Table 1. Multi-family properties (3-50 or more units) cover about 68% of the rental unit types, followed by single-family homes at 30%, and mobile homes and duplexes at 1.5%. Attachment B provides more renter and rental housing information, including occupied rental unit types, renter income levels, and cost burden levels. With close to 44% of households being renters, the RSP could have far-reaching effects on residents and property owners.

| Table | Table 1: Distribution of Rental Households by Rental Unit Property Type | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------|
| | Mobile Home | Boat, RV, Van, etc. | Single Family Detached | Single Family Attached | Duplex | Triplex and Four- plex | Small Sized Rental Property (5 to 9 Units) | Medium Sized Rental Property (10 to 19 Units) | Medium Sized Rental Property (20 to 49 Units) | Large Sized Rental Property (50 or More Units) | Total |
| # of Units | 38 | 0 | 2,890 | 558 | 135 | 941 | 1,557 | 1,289 | 1,636 | 2,379 | 11,423 |
| % of Total Units | 0.3% | 0.0% | 25.3% | 4.9% | 1.2% | 8.2% | 13.6% | 11.3% | 14.3% | 20.8% | 100.0% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, B25032 Tenure by Units in Structure: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=units%20in%20structure&t=Housing%3AIncome%20%28Households,%20Families,%20Individuals%29%3AOwner%2FRenter%20%28Householder%29%20Chara cteristics&g=1600000US0655282&tid=ACSDT5Y2020.B25032

Rental Survey Program (RSP)

Implementation of a RSP is a means by which to learn about the Palo Alto rental landscape as it is experienced by renters and landlords. The information obtained by the RSP would be more granular and distinct from aggregated information already available from the Decennial Census and American Community Survey (ACS). Learning more specific rental unit information, such as rents and tenancy duration, would help the City tailor rental policies to address the diverse needs of existing and future Palo Alto tenants and landlords. Furthermore, the RSP would collect information on the implementation of existing renter protections instituted by the state and City. For a list of existing state and local regulations, please refer to Attachment C.

The City has the authority to develop and implement an RSP. This stems from the California Constitution, which authorizes cities to enact policies pertaining to land use, rents, and evictions in service of the public good and protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents.² However, the City would need to amend the Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) to fully utilize this authority. An RSP ordinance would:

- empower the City to collect various types of rental information,
- clarify what rental units are required to participate,
- address confidentiality and privacy needs,
- enable the collection of a cost recovery fee, and
- support enforcement.

Palo Alto already has a rental unit registration program; PAMC Section 9.72.050 requires landlords to register their residential rental properties with the City.³ However, the required information is limited to the name and mailing address of the owner or owners of the property, as well as the name, mailing address and contact telephone number of the person having the legal authority to effectively resolve disputes at the rental units.⁴ Although the PAMC allows for the City to collect a cost recovery fee in the amount set by City Council, no fee has ever been set, given the small nature of the existing program. The rental unit registration requirement applies to landlords with residential rental property, although some sections of Chapter 9.72 of the PAMC do not apply as broadly. For example, the requirement to participate in the conciliation and mediation of rental housing disputes described in PAMC Chapter 9.72 excludes property owners who own only one residential rental unit and property owners of two-unit residential rental properties if one of the units is owner-occupied.

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² See Cal. Const. art. XI, section 7. See also DeVita v. County of Napa (1995) 9 Cal. 4th 763, 782; Big Creek Lumber Co. v. City of Santa Cruz (2006) 38 Cal. 4th 1139, 1159.

³ PAMC Section 9.72.050 Property Registration:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/paloalto/latest/paloalto_ca/0-0-0-66901

⁴ The registration form is on the City of Palo Alto Human Service webpage for Tenant/Landlord Mediation Services: https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Community-Services/Human-Services/Tenant-Landlord-Mediation-Services

The Office of Human Services within the Community Services Department manages the existing rental unit registry program. The program does not have a high participation rate because staffing resource constraints limit staff ability to conduct dedicated landlord outreach. Given that the existing rental registration program focuses mostly on rental unit contact information and given the low participation rate, the program does not assist the City in developing rental policies.

Examples of Local Rental Survey Programs

Since City Council's direction in November 2021, staff began exploring how other local jurisdictions implement RSPs. Table 2 lists Bay Area and California cities that have RSPs. Table 2 shows that many cities with RSPs also have local rent stabilization policies. However, a RSP does not have to have rent stabilization as its genesis; it can be implemented for the reasons the Palo Alto City Council supported. The memorandum in Attachment D reflects analysis of existing rental survey ordinances in California. It describes key components of those ordinances, such as rental unit registration requirements and reporting frequency. It also identifies decision points for the City to provide guidance for addressing these components. This memorandum was commissioned by Silicon Valley at Home (SV@Home) using funding from the Partnership for the Bay's Future Challenge Grant program, which has supported a partnership between the City of Palo Alto and SV@Home over the last two years. The City Attorney's Office reviewed this memo and found that it was a clear summary.

Table 2: California Jurisdictions with Rental Survey Programs

| City | Date | Approximate Population | Local Rent Stabilization |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Los Angeles | 1983 | 4,000,000 | Yes |
| Berkeley | 1980 | 121,000 | Yes |
| Santa Monica | 1998 | 92,000 | Yes |
| East Palo Alto | 2010 | 28,000 | Yes |
| Mountain View | 2016 | 82,000 | Yes |
| San Jose | 2017 | 1,000,000 | Yes |
| Beverly Hills | 2017 | 34,000 | Yes |
| El Cerrito | 2019 | 25,000 | NO |
| Alameda | 2019 | 79,000 | Yes |
| Concord | 2020 | 129,000 | NO |
| San Francisco | 2020 | 802,000 | Yes |
| Culver City | 2020 | 39,000 | Yes |
| Oakland | Expected 2022 | 425,000 | Yes |
| Palo Alto | | 67,000 | NO |

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Source: Shajuti Hossain, Associated Attorney, Law Office of Julian Gross, Rental Survey Ordinances in California Memorandum to Matthew Reed, SV@Home, July 5, 2022.

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City Council Discussion

During the three City Council meetings in November 2021, Council discussed that the creation and ongoing implementation of a RSP could help the City support certainty, stability, and fairness in the rental market for tenants and landlords. While there is diversity in the types of rental units available in the City, including single-family homes with rents up to the \$10K+ range, the City Council discussion focused on the RSP gathering information for policy making that supports lower income and cost-burdened⁵ tenants. The major goal would be to have fair City policies for tenants and landlords that offer more stability and a safety net for those tenants. The City Council discussion included concerns about the City overly intervening in the rental market; however, the City Council believed it would be possible to design the RSP for the intended purposes.

Review Process

Following P&S Committee meeting feedback, staff will continue to work on the draft RSP ordinance, as well as refinement of the RSP design and implementation considerations outlined in the discussion section of this report. Staff proposes to return to the P&S Committee in Fall 2022 with follow up information and to receive further feedback. Similar to the process used to move the November 2021 rental protections policy package forward,⁶ staff proposes to then engage the HRC and PTC in Winter 2022/early 2023 before returning to the P&S Committee for their recommendation to City Council. Following City Council adoption of the RSP ordinance, staff will release an RFP to procure a consultant for the design and implementation of the RSP. Additionally, staff anticipates City Council consideration of staffing and other program resources in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget cycle. The anticipated launch of the RSP would be no later than the end of 2023.

Discussion

This section summarizes design and implementation considerations important to the development of the RSP, including the preparation of a draft RSP ordinance. Staff seeks P&S Committee and community feedback to help guide the development of Palo Alto's RSP.

Staff identified the following six considerations for feedback:

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⁵ "Cost burden" is commonly understood as spending more than 30 percent of household income on housing.

⁶ City Council Meeting Minutes, 11/29/21: https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/city-council-agendas-minutes/2021/11-november/20211129/20211129amccs.pdf
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A. Collection of Rental Survey Program Information

The RSP would collect information to assist the City with future rental housing policy development, as well as information for the implementation of existing renter protections instituted by the state and City. As a baseline, typical rental surveys include primary information describing the rental unit and its characteristics, as well as property owner and property manager contact information, and an affidavit verifying accuracy of information submitted. Beyond this, Palo Alto can design the RSP to best suit its own needs.

While the type and use of RSP information collected by jurisdictions varies, the information provides insights into actual rents and other fees charged, the start and end of tenancies, and the reasons for tenancy termination. Most cities address privacy considerations and provide public reports reflecting aggregated information and not site-specific details. Some jurisdictions use their RSP for tenants and landlords to access services; some provide only a landlord portal, whereas others also include a tenant portal. To illustrate, Attachment E contains examples of information collected by the following jurisdictions: El Cerrito, Concord, East Palo Alto, Mountain View, San Jose, and Alameda. Attachment F contains examples of reports generated from the RSPs in Concord, Mountain View, and San Jose.

At minimum, the City's RSP would collect:

- primary information describing the rental unit and its characteristics,
- property owner and property manager contact information,
- an affidavit verifying the accuracy of information submitted, and
- the minimum information necessary to demonstrate compliance with state and local requirements and to help develop rental policy (Attachment C).

Staff suggests the P&S Committee also consider and provide direction on the following additional components:

- opportunities for landlords to submit information that is relevant to them, such as the time expended to complete the RSP reporting, costs/investments into the rental units, and other information that reflects the landlord experience and concerns,
- opportunities for tenants to verify landlord submitted information and provide additional information that reflects the tenant experience and concerns, and
- opportunities for landlords and tenants to access services, such as if they want to access the dispute resolution services, report if tenant relocation assistance is required, and

- other circumstances around which rental policy should be developed by the City so that the program helps gather information on the effectiveness of existing City policies.
- Other information and data sets recommended for inclusion by the P&S Committee.

B. Program Participation

Staff does not recommend wide exemptions from RSP participation. Reasons include that the City is interested in understanding the full rental landscape to confirm the diversity in the rental market serving all incomes and because some expensive rental units might be shared by several low-income and cost-burdened households. Furthermore, some state and local requirements do pertain to most rental units in the City, such as the local requirement to offer a one-year lease and the local right to access conciliation and mediation in PAMC Chapter 9.72. Therefore, staff suggests retaining the RSP participation requirements currently defined in PAMC Chapter 9.72, which is any housing structure occupied as a dwelling or offered for rent or lease as a dwelling, whether attached, detached, single or multiple-family. This would also include accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior accessory dwelling units (JADUs).

C. Frequency of Reporting

To ensure that the RSP information is current, reporting updates would be needed at periodic intervals. In researching other jurisdictions, staff found that reporting is usually required annually or when a qualifying reporting event occurs; some jurisdictions require both.

Examples of qualifying reporting events include:

- when the rental unit becomes vacant,
- when a new tenancy is established,
- when an allowable rent increase occurs, and
- when a landlord offers a one-year lease at renewal.

Staff requests feedback from the P&S Committee on the approach to reporting frequency. Staff recommends requiring initial rental unit registration in the RSP and, thereafter, reporting based upon qualifying reporting events. This approach makes reporting into the program an integrated component of landlord/tenant activity, supports awareness of and following through on compliance, and allows the program to have current information. This means that landlords might access the RSP multiple times in a year for various reasons. For landlords with no qualifying reporting events at their unit, they would only need to submit an annual affidavit.

Annual reporting has drawbacks. As examples, RSP annual reporting-only would prevent the City from being aware of trends in tenancy turnover rates and eviction trends such as the case if tenants were given the opportunity for at-fault circumstances to be cured if possible, or learn if rent increases are within state limits. Annual reporting would also establish the RSP as continuously out of date and remove opportunities to prepare policies to be more responsive to rental market conditions or a community emergency, such as in the case of the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Annual reporting may also be less helpful in ensuring that the RSP has

current information needed for any landlord- or renter-requested mediation and conciliatory process.

Event-based reporting addresses the information drawback examples mentioned above and many others. However, event-based reporting would require landlords to spend more time engaging with the RSP and there might potentially be more instances of non-compliance.

D. Rental Survey Program Costs

Staff is investigating the anticipated RSP costs for the development and setup of the program and the ongoing implementation costs. Based on staff research, anticipated minimum program costs would include:

- 1. RSP creation and maintenance requires a procurement for RSP consultant assistance:
 - a. RSP database design and functionality
 - b. RSP guidance and resources website
 - c. RSP online user interface/portal
 - d. Ongoing maintenance of database and online user interface/portal
- 2. RSP implementation requires new dedicated staff resources:
 - a. Ongoing community member training, outreach, and assistance
 - b. Ongoing administration of RSP contract/s, as needed
 - c. Ongoing RSP information quality control, analysis, and reporting
 - d. Enforcement

Staff anticipates that RSP costs would vary in association with at least the following factors:

- Level of RSP staffing for administration, ongoing education and outreach, and reporting,
- Differences in online user interface design/portal,
- Differences associated with the amount of information collected,
- Degree of design compatibilities with geographic information system (GIS) and other City software programs,
- Options for database reporting systems, and
- Cost if program administration was outsourced, rather than fully staffed by City FTEs.

Staff will continue to work on RSP cost estimates through gathering additional information from other jurisdictions. Actual cost estimates for Palo Alto would be prepared after receiving the results of the RSP RFP process. Note that the future RSP technical, contracting, staffing, ongoing monitoring/enforcement, and community outreach components cannot be absorbed by existing budgets without substantial impact to other programs or services.

E. Rental Survey Program Fees

Staff requests early P&S Committee feedback on a RSP fee and how that might be applied. Fees can off-set some program costs and could be based on the number of rental units required to participate in the RSP or other parameters. The City Council also discussed if the City might help

offset the cost of implementing the RSP so that the fee would not need to be set at a full cost recovery level. Further, it is advisable to help reduce the chance of the fee and RSP participation costs being passed on to tenants by setting the fee as low as possible and for the RSP to have easy data entry to minimize landlord time necessary to submit. Some jurisdictions have restricted the fee from being passed on to tenants, but this might be difficult to meaningfully enforce.

As discussed above, staff is still collecting information about RSP costs incurred by other jurisdictions, including the technical costs for the RSP online portal and database. Staff will report additional findings to the P&S Committee in Fall 2022 and will seek further guidance on resultant possible fees that may be considered for the RSP.

F. Community Outreach and Engagement

Community outreach and engagement would be central to the RSP to ensure that concerns, including costs and ease of implementation, are considered. Staff recognizes that the RSP may also be perceived differently by renters, as well as landlords of fewer units versus landlords with greater numbers of units. Outreach and engagement with renters will help understand the challenges faced, especially for low income and cost burdened households.

Community outreach and engagement will have multiple phases, including initial development of the RSP, RSP rollout, and ongoing implementation. Staff will tailor the engagement activities based on the tasks at hand and identified stakeholders. These activities could include citywide community meetings, attendance at meetings hosted by relevant stakeholder groups, social media blasts, and surveys.

After receiving P&S Committee feedback, staff will return to the P&S Committee in Fall 2022 with additional details of the proposed community outreach and engagement strategy.

Timeline

The City Council indicated that the implementation of a RSP for Palo Alto was one of three high priority assignments directed to staff in November 2021 (Attachment A). Staff proposes to continue extensive focus on the RSP. Staff already presented and the City Council acted on the second high priority assignment – the expansion of Tenant Relocation Assistance (TRA) to more rental units in Palo Alto. Staff work on the third priority assignment is also underway – the City Attorney's Office is currently preparing a local ordinance for review by City Council that extends those eviction protections in AB 1482 to rental units in Palo Alto that received occupancy within the past 15 years.

As the RSP requires considerable P&S Committee feedback and community engagement, staff identified the following tentative schedule for the next steps in RSP development.

September 2022

• P&S Committee Meeting #1

Fall 2022/Winter 2023

- P&S Committee Meeting #2
- HRC Meeting
- PTC Meeting

Spring/Summer 2023

- P&S Committee Meeting #3
- City Council Meeting(s)

Following City Council adoption of the RSP ordinance, staff will release an RFP to procure a consultant to design and implement the RSP. Additionally, staff anticipates City Council consideration of staffing and other program resources in the next budget cycle for Fiscal Year 2024. The anticipated launch of the RSP would be no later than the end of 2023.

Resource Impact

As identified in the program cost and fee discussions above, additional staffing resources and associated budget are anticipated for development, implementation, and maintenance of any RSP. The resource impacts will be better understood as staff continues to research and develop the RSP.

Completion of the initial work outlined in the timeline could be accomplished with existing budgeted staff resources in the Planning and Development Services Department, Office of Human Services, Information Technology Department, and the City Manager's Office Communications Team. Staff hopes to also continue the ongoing collaborative partnership assistance with SV@Home. It is anticipated that the highest resource impact would be the consultant assistance needed for the RSP design and development and the subsequent rollout of the RSP database/reporting system. Ongoing RSP operation and maintenance will also require more than existing staffing and budget resources, given RSP staffing needs and a contract for ongoing maintenance and operation of the database/reporting system. Based on initial feedback from the P&S Committee, staff will conduct a more detailed cost analysis and return to the P&S Committee with more defined costs and proposed fee(s). Staff will incorporate any program costs into the FY 2024 budget process.

Policy Implications

Pursuing renter protection policy work is consistent with the goals in the City's current Comprehensive Plan/Housing Element to provide adequate housing for all. The draft list of policies and programs in the Housing Element update effort also identifies the implementation of a Rental Survey Program. Therefore, it is anticipated that this effort would support the implementation of the forthcoming updated Housing Element. The creation and ongoing implementation of a RSP is considered a means to affirmatively further fair housing within Palo Alto, as well as a means by which to promote certainty, stability, and fairness in the rental market. It is not lost on staff that RSPs would have been helpful to all jurisdictions during the COVID-19 pandemic and economic recession to better assist tenants and landlords regarding rent relief availability and assistance. The RSP is a significant opportunity to collect information

that can identify rental trends and confirm compliance with existing policy. This information can be used to amend and create policies that affirmatively further fair housing in Palo Alto. It would also allow Palo Alto to stay ahead and be nimble to react to future renter protection laws.

Stakeholder Engagement

Staff conducted initial stakeholder outreach ahead of the publication of this report to help initiate discussions and feedback. While preparing this report, staff sent email notifications to identified stakeholders informing them of this P&S Committee meeting and were encouraged to participate; staff also offered to meet to get feedback ahead of this meeting. Detailed community feedback is anticipated at the P&S Committee meeting and throughout forthcoming RSP phases.

The following feedback was received thus far:

- 1. The RSP program (i.e., design, information collected, and process) warrants careful consideration, such as:
 - a. Minimize the time and effort it would take for landlords to participate.
 - b. Landlord and property management may require more resources for staff training.
 - c. Reduce the potential need for enforcement.
 - d. Address potential landlord and tenant privacy concerns for RSP information management and reporting.
- 2. There was interest in learning more about the Palo Alto-specific rental market, especially as it pertains to:
 - a. Rental housing types and services provided, and what types and services might be missing across the community.
 - b. Rental evictions, including types and frequency, so that existing available services might be offered and to also help avert potential homelessness, if applicable.
 - c. Rents and if rent increases were within the parameters allowed by state law.
- 3. The RSP could be considered a way to assist in future community emergency response and resilience efforts such as earthquakes, pandemics, etc.
- 4. The RSP could be designed to help renters and landlords access existing services, such as mediation, and for tenants to verify information submitted.
- 5. Regarding RSP community outreach and engagement:
 - a. Send outreach postcards and/or use other broad communication channels to property owners, being mindful that landlords managing many rental units may have perspectives different than landlords managing fewer or one unit.
 - b. Consider developing specific outreach efforts to renters, considering that representation might be decentralized and that renters might have diverse needs and perspectives.
 - c. Host structured community feedback forums so that feedback on specific topics could be readily provided.

Environmental Review

Policy discussions of the Rental Survey Program is not considered a project as defined by CEQA and no review is required.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Renter Protection Policy Work Status Update
- Attachment B: Profile of Renters and Rental Housing Units in Palo Alto
- Attachment C: Existing Renter Protections at Local and State Level
- Attachment D: Rental Survey Program Ordinances in Other California Jurisdictions
- Attachment E: Rental Survey Program Information Collection Examples
- Attachment F: Rental Survey Program Report Examples

Summary and Status of Council Supported Renter Protection Policies

On November 29, 2021, the City Council adopted a package of rental protection policies.¹ The policies are summarized below. Since that Council meeting, staff have focused primarily on the three policies identified by Council as priorities. Some policies are also identified for incorporation into Housing Element programs.

| | Policy | Brief Description | Status |
|---|--|--|---|
| 1 | Rental Survey Program (CC Motion #E) | Establish a program that gathers information on rental units in City for purposes identified by | Council referred the design and implementation to the Policy & Services Committee, including proposed fees, resources, and timeline. P&S Committee |
| | HIGH PRIORITY | Council. | meeting to receive feedback 9/13/22. |
| 2 | Expand Tenant Relocation Assistance (CC Motion #B) HIGH PRIORITY | Update existing local ordinance to extend tenant relocation assistance requirements to properties with ten units or more | <u>Completed</u> . Updated ordinance that expanded Tenant Relocation Assistance codified in the Palo Alto Municipal Code <u>Section 9.68.035</u> . |
| 3 | Eviction Reduction (CC Motion #C) PRIORITY | Create local ordinance to expand eviction protections in AB 1482 to include rental units receiving occupancy within the last 15 years. | Preparation of draft local ordinance underway. |
| 4 | Anti-Rent-gouging (CC Motion #D) | Consider preparation of a local ordinance to expand the number of units covered by AB 1482 rent increase limitations. | Council referred the anti-rent gouging topic to the Policy & Services Committee, including the review and discussion of measures to address loopholes. This is proposed for incorporation into the proposed Housing Element workplan. |

https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/city-council-agendas-minutes/2021/11-november/20211129/20211129pccs.pdf

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¹ City Council Meeting Minutes, 11/29/21: https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/city-council-agendas-minutes/2021/11-november/20211129/20211129amccs.pdf
City Council City Manager Report ID # 13786, 11/29/21:

| 5 | Security Deposit Limit (CC Motion #F) | Create a local ordinance that limits the locally allowable amount of security deposit charged for unfurnished rental units to 1.5 times the monthly rent. | Preparation of draft local ordinance underway. |
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| 6 | Fair Chance Ordinance (CC Motion #H) | Consider preparation of a local ordinance that supports fair chance policies. | Council referred the fair chance policy topic to the Policy & Services Committee, including a staff analysis of consequences and unintended consequences. This is proposed for incorporation into the proposed Housing Element workplan. |
| 7 | Right to Counsel (CC Motion #G) | Provide tenants with legal assistance in housing-related cases. | Ongoing to identify ways to support County efforts on right to counsel. |
| 8 | Improving Implementation of Existing Renter Protection Policies (CC Motion #I) | City review and assessment of the implementation of existing renter protection policies. | Council referred this implementation review and assessment to the Human Relations Commission. HRC meeting on this topic anticipated in October 2022. |

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Profile of Renters and Rental Housing Units in Palo Alto

Rental Population and Rental Property Types: The United States 2020 Decennial Census counted a total of 28,904 housing units in Palo Alto with 26,677 units occupied and 2,227 considered vacant.¹ The American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates Comparison Profiles contains more detailed housing unit characteristics, though there is a small margin of error. The 2020 ACS² estimates a total of 28,309 housing units in Palo Alto ±640 units for the years 2016-2020.³ Of the 28,309 housing units, the 2020 ACS estimates 2,159 vacant units with an owner vacancy rate of 0.6% and a rental vacancy rate of 6.8%.⁴ Of the 26,150 occupied housing units, 14,727 were owner-occupied and 11,423 were renter occupied.⁵ This translates to renter households representing 43.7% of occupied Palo Alto housing units in 2020. Regarding the distribution of the Palo Alto population, the 2020 ACS estimates that 40,129 (59.5%) people lived in owner-occupied housing and 27,301 people (40.5%) lived in renter-occupied housing.⁶

Renters live in a wide variety of property types, as shown in *Table 1* and *Figure 1*. The largest portion of rental units are single family detached homes at 25.3%, followed by large apartment complexes of 50 units or more at 20.8%.

| Table | Table 1: Distribution of Rental Households by Rental Unit Property Type | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------|
| | Mobile Home | Boat, RV, Van, etc. | Single Family Detached | Single Family Attached | Duplex | Triplex and Fourplex | Small Sized Rental Property (5 to 9 Units) | Medium Sized Rental Property (10 to 19 Units) | Medium Sized Rental Property (20 to 49 Units) | Large Sized Rental Property (50 or More Units) | Total |
| # of Units | 38 | 0 | 2,890 | 558 | 135 | 941 | 1,557 | 1,289 | 1,636 | 2,379 | 11,423 |
| % of Total Units | 0.3% | 0.0% | 25.3% | 4.9% | 1.2% | 8.2% | 13.6% | 11.3% | 14.3% | 20.8% | 100% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, B25032 Tenure by Units in Structure: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=units%20in%20structure&t=Housing%3Alncome%20%28Households,%20Families,%20Individuals%29%3AOwner%2FRenter%20%28Householder%29%20Chara cteristics&e=1600000US0655282&tid=ACSDT5Y2020.B25032

¹ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171), H1 Occupancy Status: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?t=Housing%20Units&g=1600000US0655282&tid=DECENNIALPL2020.H1

² The next release of updated 2021 ACS data is anticipated in September 2022.

³ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, B25001 Housing Units: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?t=Housing%20Units&g=1600000US0655282&tid=ACSDT5Y2020.B25001

⁴ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, DP04 Selected Housing Characteristics:

https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?t=Housing%20Units&g=1600000US0655282&tid=ACSDP5Y2020.DP04

⁵ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, DP04 Selected Housing Characteristics:

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⁶ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, B25008 Total population in Occupied Housing Units by Tenure:

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Distribution of Rental Households by Rental Unit Property Type Large Sized Rental Property (50 or More Units) Medium Sized Rental Property (20 to 49 Units) 14.3% Medium Sized Rental Property (10 to 19 Units) Small Sized Rental Property (5 to 9 Units) Property Type Triplex or Fourplex Duplex 1.2% Single Family Attached Rental Unit Single Family Detached 25.3% Boat, RV, Van, etc. 0.0% Mobile Home 0.3% 0.0% 5.0% 10.0% 15.0% 20.0% 25.0% 30.0% Percent of Rental Households Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, B25032 Tenure by Units in Structure:

Figure 1: Distribution of Rental Households by Rental Unit Property Type

Affordable Rental Housing Units: As of 2021, Palo Alto has 2,250 deed-restricted and/or subsidized affordable housing units listed in the City's inventory as built from 1968 through 2021.⁷ This includes 100% affordable housing developments, as well as below-market-rate (BMR) units included within market-rate housing developments. Of these affordable housing units, 242 are specified for ownership and the remaining 2,008 are rental units. Therefore, of the 2020 ACS estimated 11,423 renter-occupied housing units, only 17.6% of the City's rental housing stock is regulated under affordability provisions. The remaining estimated 82.4% of occupied rental units in Palo Alto are market rate rental units.

Rental Household Income: The incomes directly relate to the ability of households to afford rent without using a significant portion of their income for rent. *Figure 2* shows the distribution of annual income of Palo Alto renter households, as estimated by 2020 ACS.

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⁷ City of Palo Alto Affordable Housing List 2021, dated April 21, 2021.

Renter Household Income Distribution \$150,000 or more 43.60% Household Income in the Past \$100,000 to \$149,999 15.50% \$75,000 to \$99,999 5.70% \$50,000 to \$74,999 11.00% \$35,000 to \$49,999 Months 5.40% \$25,000 to \$34,999 3.50% \$20,000 to \$24,999 2.20% \$15,000 to \$19,999 2.60% \$10,000 to \$14,999 4.70% \$5,000 to \$9,999 1.80% Less than \$5,000 3.90% 0.00% 10.00% 20.00% 30.00% 40.00% 50.00% Percentage of Palo Alto Renter Households Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, S2503 Financial Characteristics:

Figure 2: Renter Household Income Distribution

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Table 2 shows the current 2022 Santa Clara County Area Median Income (AMI) and associated income limits for affordable housing units. This table also demonstrates the amount of income a household could earn and still qualify for affordable housing. The 2022 AMI for a four-person household in Santa Clara County is \$168,500, up from \$141,600 in 2020.8,9 The 2022 AMI for a two-person household is \$134,800 up from \$113,300 in 2020.

Source: Department of Housing and Community Development Division of Housing Policy Development, 2022 State Income Limits Briefing Materials California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Section 6932, May 13, 2022, https://www.hcd.ca.gov/docs/grants-and-funding/inc2k22.pdf

⁹ Source: Department of Housing and Community Development Division of Housing Policy Development, 2020 State Income Limits Briefing Materials California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Section 6932, April 30, 2020, https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/income-limits/state-and-federal-income-limits/docs/income-limits-2020.pdf

Table 2: California Code of Regulations – Title 25 SS 6932 - 2022 Santa Clara County Median Income and Income Limits

| Number of Per | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
|--|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Acutely Low | 17700 | 20250 | 22750 | 25300 | 27300 | 29350 | 31350 | 33400 |
| | Extremely Low | 35400 | 40450 | 45500 | 50550 | 54600 | 58650 | 62700 | 66750 |
| Santa Clara County Area Median Income: | Very Low Income | 59000 | 67400 | 75850 | 84250 | 91000 | 97750 | 104500 | 111250 |
| \$168,500 | Low Income | 92250 | 105400 | 118600 | 131750 | 142300 | 152850 | 163400 | 173950 |
| ψ100,000 | Median Income | 117950 | 134800 | 151650 | 168500 | 182000 | 195450 | 208950 | 222400 |
| | Moderate Income | 141550 | 161750 | 182000 | 202200 | 218400 | 234550 | 250750 | 266900 |

Source: Department of Housing and Community Development Division of Housing Policy Development, 2022 State Income Limits Briefing Materials California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Section 6932, May 13, 2022, https://www.hcd.ca.gov/docs/grants-and-funding/inc2k22.pdf

The 2020 ACS does not list the number of household members within each household for which annual income is reported, so it is difficult to say how many Palo Alto households qualify for affordable housing. However, the 2020 ACS estimates an average household size for renters as 2.39 people/unit.¹⁰ The 2020 ACS estimates that the median household income of renters in Palo Alto is \$130,979,¹¹ which suggests many, perhaps half or more of Palo Alto renter households, make less than the 2022 AMI for Santa Clara County and likely qualify for affordable housing.

Palo Alto Rents: Palo Alto rental rates vary across rental unit types. The 2020 ACS estimates that the median rent paid in Palo Alto for the 2016-2020 years was \$2,679. This included long-term renters, those living in affordable housing units, renters who newly entered the local real estate market at market rate, and renters living in the many different rental unit property types. The median in and of itself indicates that half of the renters pay more than the median and half pay less.

An older data source, the Bay Area Equity Atlas, reports on the estimated median rent of just market rate units in Palo Alto over time, ending in 2017 at \$6,155 (Figure 3).

As of July 2022, RentCafe.com (a nationwide apartment listing service) reported that \$3,704 is the average rent across all rental unit types in Palo Alto (*Figure 4*). RentCafe.com also included a disclaimer that COVID-19 may have impacted rent prices in a way that is not yet reflected in their reports and the data might not accurately depict the current reality of the market.

¹⁰ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, DP04 Selected Housing Characteristics:

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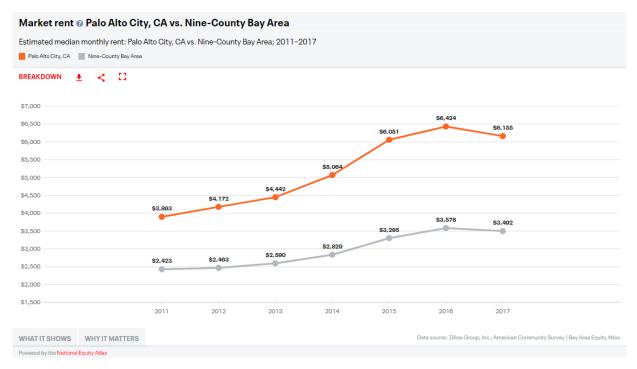
¹¹ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, S2503 Financial Characteristics:

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¹² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, DP04 Selected Housing Characteristics:

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Figure 3: Estimated Median Market Rent in Palo Alto, CA Compared with the Nine-County Bay Area 2011-2017



Source: Bay Area Equity Atlas: https://bayareaequityatlas.org/indicators/market-rent#/?geo=07000000000655282

Figure 4: Average Rent Trends in Palo Alto November 2018 – February 2022

Palo Alto, CA Rent Trends



Source: RentCafe.com Palo Alto Average Rent, last updated July 2022: https://www.rentcafe.com/average-rent-market-trends/us/ca/santa-clara-county/palo-alto/

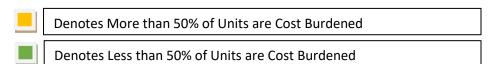
Renter Cost Burden: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines cost burden as a household spending more than 30% of their annual income on housing. Cost burden indicates these households are the most challenged to pay their rent and have limited resources to use for other needs such as food, childcare, transportation, medical care, education, and other needs. It also influences the ability to save and serves as a measure of financial insecurity and risk of eviction if income is disrupted. As shown in *Table 3*, 62.5% of rental households in Palo Alto make \$75,000 or more annually. Of those, 17% are still considered cost burdened. Furthermore, many households making less than \$75,000 annually are considered cost burdened. While overall the 2020 ACS estimates that 38.3% of Palo Alto renter households are cost burdened, most of each income group earning below \$75,000 are cost burdened.

Table 3: Estimated Palo Alto Renter Households Experiencing Cost Burden by Annual Household Income in the Past 12 Months (2020)

| Annual Household Income Level | | Estimated Number of Occupied Rental Units | Estimated Percent of Occupied Rental Units | Estimated Number of Cost Burdened Rental Households | Estimated Percent of Occupied Rental Units Cost Burdened by Income Level |
|-------------------------------------|------|--|--|---|--|
| Less \$20,000 | than | 1,173 | 10.3% | 1,030 | 87.8% |
| \$20,000 \$34,999 | to | 658 | 5.8% | 574 | 87.2% |
| \$35,000 \$49,999 | to | 578 | 5.1% | 458 | 79.2% |
| \$50,000 \$74,999 | to | 1,237 | 10.8% | 1,038 | 83.9% |
| \$75,000 more | or | 7,144 | 62.5% | 1,276 | 17.9% |
| Zero Negative Income | or | 296 | 2.60% | Not available | Not available |
| No Cash R | lent | 337 | 3.00% | Not available | Not available |
| TOTAL | | 11,423 | 100% | 4,376 | 38.30% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, S2503 Financial Characteristics:

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Renter Housing Problems: HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research prepares a data set called the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data based upon ACS compilations. Note that the most recent September 2021 release of CHAS data uses older ACS data for the 2014-2018 period. Staff anticipates more up to date information to be released in Fall 2022. CHAS data is used in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, including for needs assessments. One frequently used summary provides a high-level view of housing problems for both owner and renter households. The four housing problems are defined as: incomplete kitchen facilities; incomplete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room; and a cost burden greater than 30%. The four severe housing problems are defined as: incomplete kitchen facilities; incomplete plumbing facilities; more than 1.5 persons per room; and a cost burden greater than 50%. *Table 5* shows that as of the 2014-2018 ACS and CHAS data set, at least 41.9% of Palo Alto renters faced at least one of the four defined housing

problems and at least 25.7% of Palo Alto renters faced at least one of the four severe housing problems. Staff interprets that cost burden is contributing greatly to the high levels of reported housing problems in renter households, but that cannot explain all the percentages reported. Staff looks forward to the updated CHAS data release so that a more current picture can be presented.

Table 5: Palo Alto Renter Housing Problems Summary

| Housing Problems | Renter Households | Percent |
|--|----------------------|---------|
| Household has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems | 4,930 | 41.9% |
| Household has none of 4 Housing Problems OR cost burden not available no other problems | 6,830 | 58.1% |
| Total | 11,765 | 100% |
| | | |
| Severe Housing Problems | Renter Households | Percent |
| Household has at least 1 of 4 Severe Housing Problems | 3,020 | 25.7% |
| Household has none of 4 Severe Housing Problems OR cost burden not available no other problems | 8,740 | 74.3% |
| Total | 11,765 | 100% |

Source: HUD Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) Consolidated Planning/CHAS Data, released September 29, 2021 for the 2014-2018 period (2014-2018 ACS), Query: Data Year 2014-2018 Place Palo Alto City, Query date July 28, 2022: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp.html#2006-2018_query.

¹³ Source: HUD Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) Consolidated Planning/CHAS Data, released September 29, 2021 for the 2014-2018 period (2014-2018 ACS), Query: Data Year 2014-2018 Place Palo Alto City, Query date July 28, 2022: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp.html#2006-2018 query.

Existing Renter Protections at the Local and State Levels

State and local laws and requirements create a complex rental landscape for tenants and landlords to navigate. This summary is intended to provide a snapshot as of the time of the writing of this report and will be updated in the future, as laws and requirements change over time. The information provided in this summary does not, and is not intended to, constitute legal advice regarding tenants' rights or landlords' obligations; instead, all content is for general informational purposes only. Readers should contact their attorney to obtain advice with respect to any particular legal matter.

City of Palo Alto

Requirement to Offer a One-Year Lease – Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) Section 9.68.030

The City requirement for a landlord to offer a one-year lease to a tenant or prospective tenant has been in place since 1980. Leases do not have to be for one year, as a tenant may reject the offer in writing. If the lease is for a minimum of one year, the lease must set the rent for the rental unit at a rate or rates certain and these rates must not be otherwise modified during the term of the lease.

The requirement to offer a one-year lease does not currently extend to some rental units in Palo Alto, such as single-family dwellings or housing that is shared with the landlord. The requirement does extend to rental units in duplexes and multi-family dwellings, boardinghouses, lodging houses, and mobile home parks.

Requirement for Tenant Relocation Assistance (TRA) – PAMC <u>Section 9.68.035</u>

The City requirement for landlords to provide TRA came into effect in 2018. As of winter 2022, the TRA requirement applies to tenants subject to a no-fault eviction from a rental unit on a property with 10+ units.

The amount of tenant relocation assistance for no fault evictions is adjusted annually on July 1. Amounts also range by the number of bedrooms in a rental unit. An additional amount is applicable if a rental unit is occupied by a low-income household, someone who is 60 years of age or older, someone who is disabled, and/or someone that is a minor. When established in 2018, the lowest amount of tenant relocation assistance was \$7,000 for a studio rental unit and the amount for a three or more-bedroom rental unit was \$17,000. The assistance amounts have increased in subsequent years. The Tenant Relocation Assistance Calculations sheet(PDF, 151KB) contains the current tenant relocation assistance amounts. See also the Assembly Bill (AB) 1482 (Tenant Protection Act of 2019) discussion below for reference to tenant relocation assistance in state law.

Requirement for Conciliation and Mediation of Tenant/Landlord Disputes – PAMC <u>Chapter 9.72</u> and the City's <u>Human Resources website</u>

The City requirement for landlords and tenants to participate in the conciliation and mediation of rental housing disputes came into effect in 2002. This action was the result of a multi-year campaign by the Human Relations Commission (HRC) to respond to the concerns of tenants in Palo Alto who faced rising rents and other rental disputes without a viable forum to seek resolution. Rental housing disputes are fact-based grievances raised by any tenant, owner, or property manager regarding the occupancy or use of rental property limited to rental rate increases, deposits, repairs and maintenance, utilities, occupants, parking and storage facilities, privacy, quiet enjoyment, or use of common areas.

Every applicable rental agreement, lease, or other written document evidencing or changing the terms of tenancy for a residential rental property shall include or be accompanied by a notice summarizing the right to tenants to participate in this conciliation and mediation process, including but not limited to the protection against retaliation, and the name, address, and telephone number of the facilitation administrator.

The requirement to participate extends to any rented property where there are two or more dwelling units or in cases where the unit is owned by an entity with ownership of two or more rental properties in the City. However, the requirement to participate does not currently extend to some rental units in Palo Alto, such as two-unit properties where one unit is owner-occupied.

As part of implementing the requirement for conciliation and mediation, PAMC <u>Section 9.72.050</u> requires landlords to register their residential rental properties with the City. The required information is limited to the name and mailing address of the owner or owners of the property, as well as the name, mailing address and contact telephone number of the person having the legal authority to effectively resolve disputes at the rental units. Although the PAMC allows for the City to collect a cost recovery fee in the amount set by Council, no fee has ever been enacted.

The registration requirement applies to a landlord with residential rental property within the City, although the requirement to participate in the conciliation and mediation of rental housing disputes described in PAMC Chapter 9.72 excludes properties of only one rental unit or two-unit residential rental properties if one of the units is owner-occupied.

State of California

AB 1482 (Tenant Protection Act of 2019) - AB 1482 (Tenant Protection Act of 2019) came into effect in January 2022, although some of the protections about larger rent increases started in March 15, 2019. Unless local regulations are more protective, AB 1482 covers most rental units across the state. Some exceptions and exemptions to AB 1482 do apply, so it is important to understand how AB 1482 applies on a rental unit by rental unit basis. AB 1482 currently also has a self-repealing provision as of January 1, 2030.

In summary, AB 1482 contains many new tenant's rights and landlord responsibilities, primarily pertaining to evictions and limits on annual rent increases. Generally, AB 1482:

- Limits the amount that rent can be increased in a single year to prevent excessive rent increases.
- Requires landlords to have and state a fair reason for commencing an eviction, which is commonly referred to needing to have a "just cause" for an eviction.

Landlords are required to provide their tenants notices of some of their overall rights under AB 1482, as well as notices regarding allowable rent increases and regarding evictions. For certain just cause terminations that are curable, landlords are required to give a notice of violation and opportunity to cure prior to sending an eviction notice if the violation is curable. Relocation assistance or a rent waiver in the form of one month's rent is also required in the case of a no-fault just cause eviction, both of

which can be credited against any other relocation assistance applicable and required by a local law. If landlords do not strictly follow AB 1482, then notices of lease terminations may be void.

Generally, many types of rental units could be covered by AB 1482. As examples, the following types of rental units could be covered by the AB 1482 rent increase limitations and evictions protections:

- Apartments if the unit received a certificate of occupancy before or earlier than the last 15 years,
- Duplexes if the unit received a certificate of occupancy before or earlier than the last 15 years and if the owner does not live in the duplex, and
- Single-family homes if the unit received a certificate of occupancy before or earlier than the last 15 years and if it is owned by a corporation.

However, there are circumstances under which AB 1482 could <u>only partially cover</u> a rental unit. As examples, the following types of rental units could be covered by the AB 1482 rent increase limitations, but not covered by the AB 1482 evictions protections:

- Housing units where a tenant is sharing a kitchen or bathroom facilities with a landlord/owner,
 and
- Landlord/owner-occupied single family residential units where the landlord/owner rents/leases no more than two units or bedrooms, including ADUs or JADUs.

Furthermore, there are also many circumstances under which a rental unit might be <u>entirely exempted</u> <u>from and not be covered</u> by the AB 1482 rent increase limitations¹ and/or evictions protections,² such as in the following instances:

- If the tenant has continually rented and occupied the housing for less than 12 months,
- Any housing (including apartments, duplexes, and single-family homes) if the unit received a certificate of occupancy within the previous 15 years,
- Duplexes in which the landlord/owner lives in one of the units as their primary residence commencing at the beginning of tenancy,
- Single family homes not owned by a corporation,
- Housing that is restricted as affordable housing or that is subject to an agreement that provides housing subsidies for affordable housing,
- Hotel occupancies,
- Housing in a nonprofit hospital or care facility,
- School dormitories, and

¹ On November 29, 2021, Palo Alto City Council declined to ask staff to return with a local ordinance that extended the AB 1482 rent increase limitations to those rental units in Palo Alto that are currently exempted and not covered by AB 1482. However, Council did refer the topic of expanding rent increase limitations and anti-gouging policies to the Policy & Services Committee (P&S). As such, staff will return to P&S with this discussion.

² On November 29, 2021, Palo Alto City Council asked staff to return with a local ordinance that closes the AB 1482 eviction protection gap for housing units in buildings (not single-family homes or duplexes) receiving certificates of occupancy within the previous 15 years so that the eviction protections of AB 1482 apply to those buildings. This would result in AB 1482 applying to more rental units in Palo Alto. City Council declined to cover additional units not covered by AB 1482's eviction protection requirements, such as single-family homes not owned by a corporation, renters who live in a duplex that is landlord/owner occupied, and for tenants renting a unit for less than one year.

• If local law is more protective than AB 1482 or units are already covered through a local rentcontrol law or local "just cause" law.

AB 978 (Mobile Homes) – AB 978 came into effect in February 2021 and extends annual rent increase limitations and just cause eviction protections to renters in mobile home parks located within and governed by the jurisdictions of 2 or more incorporated cities. This legislation expires on January 1, 2030. Staff is unaware of any Palo Alto mobile homes that are covered by AB 978.

AB 838 (State Housing Law) – AB 838 came into effect July 1, 2022. It requires jurisdictions to investigate any claims made about substandard housing in buildings and/or housing with lead hazards. Please see the text of AB 838, Health and Safety Code Section 17920.3, and Health and Safety Code Section 17920 for more information. This legislation does not expire.

California Civil Code 1950.5- California Civil Code 1950.5 states that a landlord cannot charge more than two times the rent for an unfurnished unit and three times the rent for a furnished unit as a security deposit.



July 27, 2022

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Regina Celestin Williams Executive Director Mayor Burt and Councilmembers City of Palo Alto 250 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Mayor Burt, Vice Mayor Kou, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, DuBois, Stone, and Tanaka:

RE: Rent Registry

We are pleased to submit the attached policy memorandum with the intent of supporting the development of the forthcoming rental survey ordinance. The memorandum analyzes key components of existing rental survey ordinances in California, and identifies decision points to inform the policy making process in Palo Alto.

This memorandum was commissioned by SV@Home from The Renne Public Law Group®, LLP (RPLG), using technical assistance funds provided by the Partnership for the Bay's Future as a component of the Challenge Grant program, which has supported a partnership between the City of Palo Alto and SV@Home over the last two years. The memorandum was produced at RPLG by Shajuti Hossain under the supervision of Julian Gross. During the course of this work, Julian Gross separated from RPLG, but agreed to continue to support Ms. Hossain through the project under the auspices of his new firm, Law Offices of Julian Gross.

SV@Home has appreciated the value of the partnership we have had with the city, and looks forward to continued engagement as this process progresses.

Sincerely,

Mathew Reed Policy Director

To: Mathew Reed, Silicon Valley at Home

From: Shajuti Hossain, Associated Attorney

Date: July 5, 2022

re: Rental Survey Ordinances in California

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

This memorandum analyzes existing rental survey ordinances in California, describes key components of those ordinances, and identifies decision points for the City of Palo Alto (the "City") to determine how it should address those issues in its forthcoming rental survey ordinance ("Ordinance"). This memorandum is not attorney-client privileged and does not constitute confidential legal advice.

The California Constitution grants expansive police powers to cities, authorizing them to enact policies regarding land use, rents, and evictions to serve the public good. The City is thereby authorized to create rights and obligations on landlords and tenants as described below to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. However, federal, state, and local laws impose some limitations on the exercise of municipal police power. Those limitations include federal and state constitutional provisions.

In California, general law cities must follow state law.⁴ Charter cities may adopt and enforce ordinances that address municipal affairs pursuant to their police power even if they conflict with state law.⁵ However, charter city ordinances that address matters of statewide concern must be consistent with state law.⁶ Charter cities must also follow the terms of their own charters.⁷

¹ Cal. Const. art. 11, § 7; *Birkenfeld v. City of Berkeley* (1976) 17 Cal.3d 129, 140, 159–160 ["police power [of a county or city] under this provision ... is as broad as the police power exercisable by the Legislature itself."]; *Fonseca v. City of Gilroy* (App. 6 Dist. 2007) 56 Cal.Rptr.3d 374, 378-329.

² Sacramentans for Fair Planning v. City of Sacramento (App. 3 Dist. 2019) 37 Cal.App.5th 698, 709.
³ See Concerned Dog Owners of California v. City of Los Angeles (App. 2 Dist. 2011) 123 Cal. Rptr 3.

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⁴ Cal. Const. art. 11, § 7.

⁵ Id. at § 5(a); American Financial Services Assn. v. City of Oakland (2005) 34 Cal.4th 1239, 1251.

⁶ American Financial Services Assn, 34 Cal.4th at 1251.

⁷ Cal. Const. art. 11, § 5(a); *Sacramentans for Fair Planning*, 37 Cal.App.5th at 709.

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As of the date of this memorandum, we have found approximately a dozen California cities with rental survey ordinances. The table below lists those cities, their population size, and dates of adoption. This memorandum provides a summary of how each of them addresses key issues.

| City | Date | Approximate Population | Local Rent Stabilization |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Los Angeles | 1983 | 4,000,000 | Yes |
| Berkeley | 1980 | 121,000 | Yes |
| Santa Monica | 1998 | 92,000 | Yes |
| East Palo Alto | 2010 | 28,000 | Yes |
| Mountain View | 2016 | 82,000 | Yes |
| San Jose | 2017 | 1,000,000 | Yes |
| Beverly Hills | 2017 | 34,000 | Yes |
| El Cerrito | 2019 | 25,000 | NO |
| Alameda | 2019 | 79,000 | Yes |
| Concord | 2020 | 129,000 | NO |
| San Francisco | 2020 | 802,000 | Yes |
| Culver City | 2020 | 39,000 | Yes |
| Oakland | Expected 2022 | 425,000 | Yes |
| Palo Alto | | 67,000 | NO |

Several of these ordinances, including those enacted in Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and San Jose, have withstood federal constitutional challenges in court.⁸ Specifically, courts have dismissed constitutional claims of unreasonable search and seizure, Fourteenth Amendment due process, and equal protection against those

⁸ Apt Ass'n of Greater Los Angeles v. City of Beverly Hills (C.D. Cal 2019) WL 4137414; Apt Ass'n of Greater Los Angeles v. City of Los Angeles (C.D. Cal. 2019) WL 7856767; Hotop v. City of San Jose (N.D. Cal. 2018) 2018 WL 4850405.

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ordinances.⁹ *Hotop v. City of San Jose* also dismissed a federal contracts clause argument against the city's rental survey ordinance.¹⁰

Although most rental survey ordinances are tied to local rent stabilization laws, they do not have to be; for example, the cities of El Cerrito and Concord have rental survey ordinances but do not have local rent stabilization laws. Although both cities passed their rental survey ordinances simultaneously or shortly after the state passed its rent stabilization law (AB 1482, Cal. Civil Code § 1947.12) in fall of 2019, both cities require registration of a different range of rental units than those subject to AB 1482.¹¹

As described below, rental survey ordinances generally aim to achieve similar outcomes of increasing certainty, stability, and fairness in the rental market, while taking slightly different approaches.

II. <u>DISCUSSION</u>

A. Initial Rental Unit Registration

Rental survey ordinances require landlords to register their rental units by certain dates or timeframes to track changes and trends in the local rental market. Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 9.72.050 already requires "landlords" to register their "residential rental properties," as defined in Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 9.72.080, with their name and contact information. However, other rental survey ordinances require landlords to provide additional information, as described in Section B below.

Some ordinances require landlords to register within a certain number of days after a particular event. For example, El Cerrito and Beverly Hills require registration within 30 days after receiving a notice from the city. Lest Palo Alto requires landlords to submit their registration within 30 days after commencing a new tenancy for a specific unit. Other ordinances require landlords to submit their initial registration by a certain date each year. For example, Los Angeles requires landlords to submit their registration by the last day of February of each year and

¹⁰ City of San Jose, 2018 WL 4850405.

⁹ *Id*.

 $^{^{11}}$ For example, AB 1482 exempts new construction and single-family homes while El Cerrito does not (Cal. Civil Code § 1947.12(d)(4),(5); El Cerrito Municipal Code, § 10.100.020). However, Concord's rental survey ordinance incorporates AB 1482 but also exempts multi-family homes of three units or less, unlike AB 1482 (Concord Municipal Code, §§ 19.40.010(a)(5), 19.40.110(a)).

¹² El Cerrito Municipal Code, § 10.100.030(A); Beverly Hills Municipal Code, § 4-6-10(A).

¹³ East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.080(A).

¹⁴ See Culver City Municipal Code, § 15.09.230(B)(1).

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Mountain View requires them by February 1 of each year.¹⁵ These two types of options are further described as follows:

Option 1: City sends a notice of required registration to all landlords.

The City can consider first sending a notice of required registration to all landlords, similar to El Cerrito. It may also consider starting with a longer deadline initially as landlords transition to complying with this new requirement. Under this option, other ordinances have set a certain number of days by which landlords must register any rental unit that was previously exempt but becomes governed by the ordinance for the first time. El Cerrito and Beverly Hills require landlords to register such a unit within 30 days after receiving notice from the city that it is no longer exempt. East Palo Alto requires registration within 60 days after the ordinance becomes applicable to the unit. 17

Option 2: Ordinance requires landlords to register by a certain date each year.

Alternatively, the City could require landlords to register by a certain date each year, similar to Los Angeles and Mountain View. This option would require landlords of rental unit that were previously exempt to register by that same deadline instead of having a separate registration window.

B. Rental Unit Registration Information

Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 9.72.050 already requires landlords to submit their name and contact information to the City. Other ordinances collect information regarding individual units, such as their location and size, current and past rent, any utilities included with the rent, occupancy status, history of capital improvements and whether those expenses were passed through to tenants, and housing services included with the rent. They also seek information on tenants, such as their date of move-in, household composition, and whether they receive a housing voucher or rental subsidy.

These data can help local governments understand the diversity of their rental units, rents, tenants, tenancies, and changes in tenancies to make informed policy

¹⁵ Los Angeles Municipal Code, § 151.05(A)(5); Mountain View Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act Regulations, Chapter 11, § B(1); see San Francisco Administrative Code, § 37.15(c).

¹⁶ El Cerrito Municipal Code, § 10.100.030(D); Beverly Hills Municipal Code, § 4-6-10(A).

¹⁷ East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.080(I).

¹⁸ Berkeley Municipal Code § 13.76.080(B); East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.080(A); El Cerrito Municipal Code, § 10.100.030(C); San Francisco Administrative Code, § 37.15(b)(2); Santa Monica Charter, Article XVIII, § 1803(q); Culver City Municipal Code, § 15.09.230(B)(1).

¹⁹ *Id.*

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interventions. Some ordinances allow the local government to seek additional information as it deems necessary.²⁰

C. Rental Unit Registration Renewal

El Cerrito, Mountain View, and Los Angeles require landlords to renew their registration each year. El Cerrito sets a default renewal deadline of June 30 each year but also requires the city to notify landlords of their renewal deadlines in case it should differ from June 30.22 Renewals can help local governments evaluate and ensure compliance with state and local eviction procedures.

The City could consider requiring more frequent renewals, requiring registration amendments upon certain changes as described in the following section, or both. Renewals and amendments both help provide real-time data.

Registration renewal can require landlords to include documentation of attempted changes such as landlords' notices of lease violation and tenants' notice of curing the violation. If a tenant's notice was not made in writing, the City could require the landlord to describe the content, method of communication, and date or approximate date of the tenant's notice. This data can help the City verify landlords' notices and attempted evictions, evaluate how often landlords inform tenants of lease violations, how often tenants cure those violations, compliance with the City's landlord-tenant dispute resolution process (Section 9.72.040 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code), and compliance with other existing law. The City can use this information to identify problems and design tailored policy interventions to address them.

D. Rental Unit Registration Amendment

In addition to requiring registration renewals, El Cerrito, Mountain View, San Francisco, and Beverly Hills require landlords to amend their registration within 30 days after a change in the registration information or termination or commencement of a tenancy.²³ Alameda requires landlords to amend their

²⁰ East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.080(A)(7); El Cerrito Municipal Code, § 10.100.030(C)(11).

²¹ El Cerrito Municipal Code, § 10.100.030(B); Los Angeles Municipal Code, § 151.05(A)(5); Mountain View Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act Regulations, Chapter 11, § B(1).

²² El Cerrito Municipal Code, § 10.100.030(A).

²³ El Cerrito Municipal Code, § 10.100.030(E) ["A landlord shall notify the city if there is a change to the registration information for any rental unit. A landlord shall contact the city within thirty days of a change in a rental unit's ownership or management, or a change in the owner's or manager's contact information."]; Mountain View Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act Regulations, Chapter 11, §§ B(3)-(4) [requiring updates after a termination or commencement of a tenancy or change in ownership or management]; San Francisco Administrative Code, § 37.15(c) ["Unit information shall also be updated within 30 days of any change in the name or business contact information of the owner or designated property manager."]; Beverly Hills Municipal Code, §§ 4-5-801(C),(D), 4-6-10(C),(D), ["C.

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registration within 30 days after commencing a new tenancy and upon change of ownership of the unit.²⁴ Culver City requires landlords to amend their registration "upon a new tenancy, and when there are changes in housing services for the covered rental unit."²⁵

East Palo Alto does not require registration renewals but requires registration amendments within 30 days after the commencement of a new tenancy. ²⁶ It requires landlords to provide a reason for termination of tenancies, such as notice of termination or abandonment by the tenant or evictions pursuant to state law. ²⁷ The City could can require landlords to attach any related notices, such as the landlord's notice of lease violation and intent to evict, unlawful detainer forms filed with a court, and/or the tenant's notice of lease termination. State law already requires landlords to provide notices of lease violations to tenants in writing. ²⁸

This documentation can help the City flag spikes in evictions in real-time and understand the factors that are driving those spikes to inform potential policy solutions. Registration amendments can help capture constructive evictions, which are when landlords seek to terminate tenancies without initiating unlawful detainer proceedings through the court system. This information can help the City evaluate displacement of tenants, changes in the availability of affordable rental units, and how to design policy interventions.

E. Affidavit

East Palo Alto and Berkeley require landlords to include affidavits with their registration, including amendments and renewals, declaring that the information they provided is true and correct.²⁹ El Cerrito's rental survey treats providing false information as violations of the municipal code and chargeable as a misdemeanor or infraction.³⁰ The City can consider these options to ensure landlords report truthful information.

the unit with the City within thirty (30) days after the rerental. D. Registration Amendment: A landlord must file a registration amendment with the City within thirty (30) days of a change in a rental unit's ownership or management, or a change in the owner's or manager's contact information."].

²⁴ Alameda Municipal Code, § 6-58.55.

²⁵ Culver City Municipal Code, § 15.09.230(B)(3).

²⁶ East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.080(A) ["Within thirty (30) days after the commencement of a new tenancy for a specific rental unit, a landlord shall file a registration statement on a form provided by the board."].

²⁷ East Palo Alto Rent Stabilization Board Regulations for Residential Tenancies, § 600(F)(1)(l).

²⁸ Cal. Code Civ. Pro. § 1161(2)-(4).

²⁹ East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.080(B); Berkeley Municipal Code, § 13.76.080(C).

³⁰ El Cerrito Municipal Code, § 10.100.030(C).

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F. Tenant Portal

Along with its rental survey ordinance, San Jose developed a tenant portal through which tenants can view current information about the rent they pay and the date of their last rent increase by entering the address of their rental unit.³¹ They can also complete an online form to report a discrepancy.³² San Francisco's ordinance permits its rent board to develop procedures for tenants to also report optional information about their units.³³

The City could consider establishing a similar portal that includes optional questions of tenants such as their family size, ages, income, race or ethnicity, length of tenancy, prior place of residence, and number of years living in the City to better inform the City of its tenants' backgrounds. These questions would not ask tenants to provide their names or any other personally identifiable information.

This could be a helpful resource for the City because census data does not provide this type of information at granular levels and often includes information from outside of City boundaries. Tenants also may not feel comfortable sharing this information with their landlords but would be more willing to anonymously share the information with the City.

Although this portal would not show a complete picture of Palo Alto's tenants due to its optional nature, it would provide some data that is not currently available. Over time, the portal can become a common place for tenants to check their landlord's registration and share information about themselves in the meantime. The City could market this portal as an opportunity for tenants to help the City prioritize the resources they need.

G. Copy of Registration to Tenant

El Cerrito's ordinance allows the city to require landlords to provide tenants with a copy of their registration, including amendments and renewals, while allowing landlords to redact information that does not pertain to the particular tenant's unit.³⁴ Berkeley's ordinance requires its rent stabilization board to provide a copy of the landlord's registration statement with the occupant of the unit within 30 days after receiving it from the landlord.³⁵ Culver City requires landlords to post a notice

https://sirentregistrv.force.com/s/tenantphase2?language=en_US.

³¹ San Jose Tenant Portal available at

³² *Id*.

³³ San Francisco Administrative Code, § 37.15(a).

³⁴ El Cerrito Municipal Code, § 10.100.030(F).

³⁵ Berkeley Municipal Code, § 13.76.080(H).

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of its rent registration requirements in a common area.³⁶ The City can consider these options as well.

If the City includes some provision about providing a copy to the tenant, the City could consider requiring landlords to translate copies of their registration into other languages, or offering translation services to landlords, for limited English proficient tenants. This could further the purposes of fairness and transparency in the rental market. Culver City requires landlords to post its notice of rent registration requirements in English, Spanish, and any other languages as required by the city's housing division.³⁷ Alternatively, the City could translate this Ordinance and associated guidance into languages commonly used in the community, similar to East Palo Alto which publishes notices of its rent stabilization and just cause ordinance in common languages online for landlords to provide to their tenants.³⁸ The City already requires its landlord-tenant dispute facilitation administrator to provide notices of landlord-tenant dispute resolution rights under Chapter 9.72 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Russian.³⁹ Los Angeles also requires landlords to post a notice about its rent stabilization ordinance in a conspicuous location of the property in English and Spanish.⁴⁰ San Jose and San Francisco have adopted more general language access policies that require city services to provide language assistance services as well.41

H. Administrative Regulations

Mountain View requires its rental housing committee to issue rules and regulations to implement its ordinance, while El Cerrito authorizes its community development director, East Palo Alto and Santa Monica authorize their rent stabilization boards, and San Jose authorizes its city manager to do the same.⁴² Similarly, Alameda's ordinance requires landlords to register their units "as provided in Regulations."⁴³ The City could authorize the City to promulgate regulations to implement the Ordinance as well.

³⁶ Culver City Municipal Code, § 15.09.230(B)(5).

³⁷ *Id*.

³⁸ East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.060.

³⁹ Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 9.72.070(b).

⁴⁰ Los Angeles Municipal Code § 151.05(I).

⁴¹ San Francisco Municipal Code, § 91.1 et seq; San Jose Language Access Policy 6.1.10, available at https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=17927.

 $^{^{42}}$ Mountain View Municipal Code, § 1709(e); El Cerrito Municipal Code § 10.100.030(G); East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.070(D); Santa Monica Charter, Article XVIII, § 1803(g); San Jose Municipal Code § 17.23.040.

⁴³ Alameda Municipal Code, § 6-58.55.

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I. Confidentiality

Other ordinances protect the privacy of individuals and proprietary information of businesses by prohibiting disclosure of most individual registration information. East Palo Alto requires its rent stabilization board to only use the information to enforce the rent stabilization and just cause ordinance, although it permits use of the data for taxing purposes. 44 East Palo Alto and Berkeley require their rent stabilization boards to adopt rules and regulations for ensuring confidentiality of information. 45 El Cerrito requires confidentiality and expects the City to compile the information in aggregate through a database. 46

Like El Cerrito, the City could create a database of this information to generate reports on the numbers, sizes, rents, and lengths of tenancies of rental units in the City. These aggregated reports can help the City better understand its tenants and rental market in particular areas and across the City.

J. Program Fee

Section 9.72.050 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code already directs City Council to set a fee amount that landlords must pay for each rental unit to reimburse the City for its costs of maintaining registration records.

Los Angeles sets the fee amount in its ordinance, while East Palo Alto, El Cerrito, Mountain View, Culver City and San Francisco direct the rent stabilization board, city council, or staff to set the fee amount.⁴⁷ For rental units that were formerly exempt for part of the year, East Palo Alto requires the fee to be prorated based on the number of months left until the next fee is due.⁴⁸ Palo Alto could consider adding a sentence to Section 9.72.050 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to that effect.

Berkeley's ordinance set the initial fee amount and then directs its rent stabilization board to set subsequent annual fees.⁴⁹ Berkeley also prohibits landlords from passing on the fee to tenants without prior approval from the rent board.⁵⁰ Culver City permits landlords to pass through half of the initial registration fee to tenants, but requires noting it as a separate line item on the rent statement.⁵¹ Palo Alto could

⁴⁴ East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.150(A).

⁴⁵ *Id.* at (B); Berkeley Municipal Code, § 13.76.090.

⁴⁶ El Cerrito Municipal Code § 10.100.030(H).

⁴⁷ Los Angeles Municipal Code § 151.05(B); East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.150(C); El Cerrito Municipal Code § 10.100.040(B); Mountain View Municipal Code, § 1709(j)(1); Culver City Municipal Code, § 15.09.230(D)(1); San Francisco Administrative Code, § 37A.2(d).

⁴⁸ East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.080(I).

⁴⁹ Berkeley Municipal Code, § 13.76.080(D).

⁵⁰ *Id.* at § .060(N).

⁵¹ Culver City Municipal Code, § 15.09.230(D)(2).

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consider prohibiting landlords from passing the all or a portion of the fee onto tenants as well.

K. Penalties

Mountain View authorizes its rental housing committee to establish a schedule of penalties for noncompliance with the ordinance or its regulations.⁵² Los Angeles sets a penalty of 150 percent of delinquent fees and a penalty of \$250 per day after the 7th day of failing to post a notice about the rent stabilization ordinance at the rental property.⁵³ Berkeley sets a penalty of 100 percent of delinquent fees for every 6 months the fee and penalty remain delinquent.⁵⁴ Berkeley and East Palo Alto explicitly prohibit landlords from passing penalties onto tenants.⁵⁵ El Cerrito and Beverly Hills subjects any person violating its ordinance to the city's administrative penalties.⁵⁶ If a landlord in Santa Monica willfully and knowingly fails to register its unit, then its rent control board can authorize the tenant to withhold all or a portion of the rent until the landlord properly registers.⁵⁷ After the landlord registers, the rent control board must determine what portion, if any, the tenant then owes to the landlord.⁵⁸ The City could consider including similar provisions to enforce the Ordinance.

East Palo Alto, Los Angeles, and Berkeley include a provision permitting the City to waive penalties for landlords who make a good faith attempt to comply, file their registration, pay their fees, and fulfill any other requirements of the ordinance and its regulations.⁵⁹ El Cerrito's administrative penalty procedure provide landlords the opportunity to contest assessments of penalties against them.⁶⁰ The City could consider including a good faith exception and similar appeal procedure for landlords in this Ordinance.

L. Lien or Debt

East Palo Alto includes a provision that enforces the fees and penalties by deeming them debts to the city and authorizing the city to file a lien on properties for which

⁵² Mountain View Municipal Code, § 1709(d)(13).

⁵³ Los Angeles Municipal Code § 151.15.

⁵⁴ Berkeley Municipal Code, §§ 13.76.080(F).

⁵⁵ *Id.* at (K); East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.180(E).

⁵⁶ El Cerrito Municipal Code § 10.100.050; Beverly Hills Municipal Code §§ 4-5-706, 4-6-12(E).

⁵⁷ Santa Monica Charter, Article XVIII, § 1803(q).

⁵⁸ *Id*.

⁵⁹ East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.080(F); Los Angeles Municipal Code § 151.15; Berkeley Municipal Code, §§ 13.76.080(F) ["The board may waive the penalty if payment is made within thirty days of the original due date. A landlord may request the board to waive all or part of the penalty if he/she can show good cause for the delinquent payment."].

⁶⁰ El Cerrito Municipal Code § 1.14.080 et seq.

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registration and fees are delinquent for more than 180 days.⁶¹ Berkeley deems fees and penalties as debts to the city but is silent on whether the city can file a lien on the property.⁶² The City could consider these options to enforce the fees and penalties as well.

III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

In sum, the above components of other rental survey ordinances in California provide options for the City of Palo Alto to consider and adapt for local circumstances, in an effort to achieve a balance between receiving valuable information and minimizing administrative costs for the involved parties.

 $^{^{61}}$ East Palo Alto Municipal Code, § 14.04.080(G).

⁶² Berkeley Municipal Code, §§ 13.76.080(G).



2022 Rent Registry User Guide for Property Owners/Managers

Also available at www.el-cerrito.org/rentregistry

Step 1: To begin, access your account by visiting https://elcerrito.progressivecloud.net/webrenewals/. The screen below will then appear. To proceed, you will need your business license account number and security access code which can be located on your Business License Renewal Notice in the top right corner. Enter your https://elcerrito.progressivecloud.net/webrenewals/.



Business License Payments

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You may obtain information about your legal obligations and how to comply with disability access laws at the following agencies:

The Division of the State Architect at www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/Home.aspx
The Department of Rehabilitation at www.rehab.cahwnet.gov
The California Commission on Disability Access at www.ccda.ca.gov

Report a Problem

Step 2: Once you enter your *account number* and *security code*, you will automatically be taken to the *Business License Payments* screen. Here you will have the opportunity to review your account information and make changes, if needed.

Questions?

Website: www.el-cerrito.org/rentregistry | Email: housing@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us | Phone: 510-215-4314



Business License Payments

Please confirm that the following information provided is correct for account: 13459

| License Expiration Date: | |
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| Expiration Date: | 6/30/2020 |
| Business Attributes: | |
| Business Name: | MY RENTAL PROPERTY |
| Business Type: | RENTALS |
| Account Number: | 13459 |
| Business Phone: | (510)215-4300 |
| Business Address: | |
| Address: | 10890 SAN PABLO AVE |
| City: | EL CERRITO |
| State: | CA |
| Zip code: | 94530-2321 |
| Mailing Address: | |
| Attention: | |
| Mailing Address: | 10890 SAN PABLO AVE |
| City: | EL CERRITO |
| State: | CA |
| Zip code: | 94530-2321 |

- **A.** Below you will have the choice to select either the *paper* or *email* renewal notice option for the next renewal period, **2023**, at which time renewals will be sent digitally only.
- B. If you need to modify your account information, indicate that your business has closed or print a copy of the current renewal notice, you can make that selection below. Otherwise, proceed by selecting *Make a Payment*, acknowledging the certification requirements, and clicking *Continue*.

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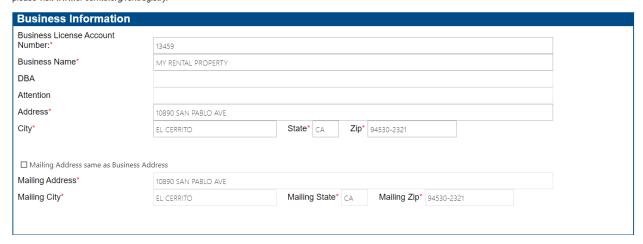
Step 3, Rent Registry: Once you reach this point, you can begin the *Rent Registry*. Start by entering your *Business License Account Number* and your *Business Information* will appear. You can make updates, as necessary.

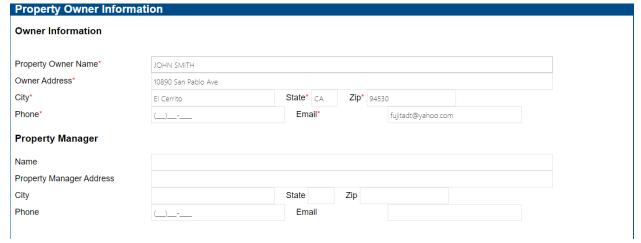


RENT REGISTRY 2022 Online Registration

* Required fields must be completed

Per El Cerrito Municipal Code, Chapter 10.100 Rent Registry, all residential rental properties are required to register units annually. Registration submissions are due within 30 days from the date of the business license renewal notice of July 31, 2022. You are required to complete and submit a registration for each rental building/property for the reporting period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. For more information, please visit www.el-cerrito.org/rentregistry.





Step 4, Property Information: Here, you will begin to enter the Rental Property Information.

A. The Assessor Parcel Number (APN) will auto populate from the 2020-2021 reporting period. You can also find the APN on your annual property tax statement or online here at the Contra Costa County Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office.

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- B. Please indicate the *total number of unit* for all units at the property, including any unit that may be occupied by the owner and/or on-site property manager.
- C. If any of your rental unit(s) are *deed restricted*, meaning that they are designated as affordable housing, please indicate that in this section.
- D. Next, specify the *total number of rental units*. For example, if you own/manage a duplex where 1 unit is occupied by the owner and 1 is occupied by a tenant, the total number of rental units would be 1.
- E. Please be sure to provide information about the property including *year built, year purchased,* and *type of building*.
- F. If there were *capital improvements* made between 7/1/2021 6/30/2022, please list those as well as the costs. In general, capital improvements increase the value of your property by adding and/or improving existing items. Some examples include bathroom remodel, kitchen remodel, replacement of windows, replacing all plumbing, replacing all electric wiring, etc. Capital improvements often require a permit from the City's Building Department. Maintenance and repairs are typically associated with general maintenance of the property, such as replacement of a toilet.

Step 5, Additional Questions: Please indicate if you are an *El Cerrito resident, how many properties you own in El Cerrito* (whether rented or owner-occupied), and the *total number of rental units in El Cerrito*.



Step 6, Rental Unit/Property Information: Please provide the data for each rental unit. Most of this information will auto-populate from the 2020-2021 reporting period. If you need to add or edit information, follow these steps.

- A. Enter the basic *property street address* and *unit number* (if applicable).
- B. Indicate the occupancy status of the property: rented, vacant or owner-occupied.
- C. If a unit is *exempt*, please indicate that below. Some examples of exemptions include units where the rents are controlled/regulated ("deed restricted") by a government agency, on-site manager's living unit, and rental of rooms if the owner resides at the property. Visit www.el-cerrito.org/rentregisty for additional details.
- D. Please provide the number of *bedrooms*, *bathrooms*, and *square footage*. If you do not have information regarding the square footage, you can access this through the County's ParcelQuest by clicking here. There may be instances, such as multi-unit properties, where unit-specific square footage is not available. In these circumstances, you may submit the total livable square footage for the property/building.

Questions?

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Once you are done entering the *Rental Unit/Property Information*, click *Save*. If you need to add more units, click *Add Rental Unit Information*. If finished, click *Complete* to proceed. If there are any errors, the system will prompt you to enter the correct information. Please correct any errors to proceed.

Rental Unit/Property Information You are required to provide data for each unit at this property for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. Please compile all necessary documentation in order to complete this section. If you need additional information, please visit http://www.el-cerrito.org/rentregistry Include all rental units below. Click the "Add Rental Unit units below. Click the "Add Rental Unit units below." Information" button to enter information about a unit. When done entering information, click the Save to save the information for that rental unit. When you have entered all units, click "Continue" button. Property Street Occupancy Unit Number Exempt Square Footage # of Bedrooms # of Baths Address 10890 San 1.00 Pablo Ave 10890 San Pablo Ave Add Rental Unit Information Continue

Step 7, Tenant History: Here, you are required to report *Tenant History* at the property/units between 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022. This information will auto-populate using the 2020-2021 reporting period. If there were no changes in tenancy, click *No change in tenant info*. If there were move-outs, you must report those along with the *move-out reason*. You will also need to include any move-ins that occurred between 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 by clicking *Add Additional Tenant History*. Please also be sure to indicate whether a tenant is renting the property/unit with a Housing Voucher, such as Section 8.

Tenant History

Add Additional Tenant History

You are required to provide data for each unit at this property for the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Please review the tenant history below. If there were no changes in tenancy, click No change in tenant info. If there were any move-outs, you must report this information along with the move-out reason by clicking edit followed by save once you are done. You will also need to include any move-ins that occurred between 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021 by clicking Add Additional Tenant History. If the current tenant has lived in the unit for 12-months or longer and still resides in the property, a move-out date is not applicable. Please also be sure to indicate whether a tenant is renting the property/unit with a Housing Voucher, such as Section 8.

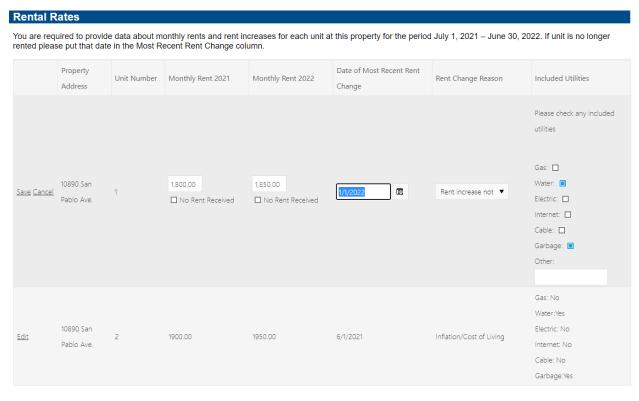
| | Same Tenant | Property Address | Unit Number | Tenant Move in Date | Tenant Move Out Date | Move Out Reason | Housing Voucher Recipient | |
|------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | | 10890 San Pablo Ave. | 1 | 10/1/2010 12:00:00 AM | 1/1/2020 12:00:00 AM | Marriage/Divorce/Dissolution | No | |
| Edit | | 10890 San Pablo Ave. | 1 | 2/1/2020 12:00:00 AM | | | No | × |
| | | 10890 San Pablo Ave. | 2 | 1/1/2016 12:00:00 AM | 12/31/2020 12:00:00 AM | unknown | No | |
| Edit | | 10890 San Pablo Ave. | 2 | 1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM | | | No | × |

Step 8, Rental Rates: You are required to report *Rental Rates* for the period 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022. Click *edit* to enter data for a unit.

Questions?

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- A. First, begin by providing the *Monthly Rent 2022* for each property/unit between 7/1/2021 6/30/2022.
- B. Second, please provide the *Date of Most Recent Rent Increase* and *Rent Increase Reason*. If a rent increase was not issued during 7/1/2021 6/30/2022, please select *Not Applicable*.
- C. Third, please indicate if any utilities are included with rent.
- D. Click Save once done.



Step 9, Complete Registry: Once you reach this point, please review the information, and click *Complete Registry* to proceed to payment.

| I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information contained in this form is true and correct, and that all requirements are in full compliance of th | e El Cerrito |
|--|----------------|
| Municipal Code Chapter 10.100. | |
| Applicant Name: John Smith | |
| | Complete Regis |

Step 10, Payment:

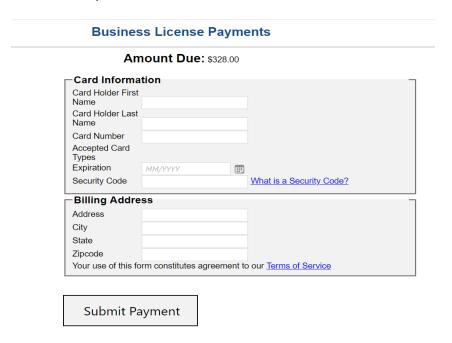
A. Congratulations, you are almost done. To proceed, click *Calculate Amount Due* for an itemization of fees. To make payment, click *Submit Payment*.

Questions?

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B. Enter your credit card information and submit.



CONGRATULATIONS, YOU ARE DONE!

Next Steps: You will receive an email confirmation of your submission. Registration is deemed to be complete when all required information has been provided and all outstanding fees have been paid. A *Notice of Completion* will be provided upon review by City staff to property owners once all requirements are satisfied.

Questions?

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City of Concord Residential Rent Registry Application

8839 N Cedar Ave #212, Fresno, California 93720 PH (925) 350-6414 • FAX (909) 348-0465 Apply Online Today At: https://concord.hdlgov.com

| OFFICIAL USE ONLY | 1.e |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Property Registration No. | |
| Expiration Date | |
| Reviewed By | |

| PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT WITH PEN | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--|
| | | |
| Rental Property Address | Parcel Number: | |
| | | |
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| Rental Property Address | | Parcel Number: |
|---|---|---|
| City, State & Zipcode | | No. of Rental Units at this Property: |
| Mailing Address | | Phone No. |
| City, State & Zip Code | | Alt. No. |
| Email Address | | |
| Is the owner a trust, LLC, Corporation or business partnership? | Yes or No | |
| | *If yes, please provide the f sections below. | full names and titles of all owners in the |
| OWNERSHIP - Complete information below for all owners. If necess Instructions: If Individual Owner, please provide your home addr | • | |
| 1st Owner Name | Title C | Ownership percentage |
| Home or BusinessAddress | E | Phone No. Small Address sthis person the primary contact? |
| 2nd Owner Name | | Ownership percentage |
| Home or Business Address | Е | rhone No. mail Address sthis person the primary contact? |
| EMERGENCY CONTACT FOR RENTAL PROPERTY: | ` | s this person the primary contact: |
| CONTACT NAME: | CONTACT PHONE | : |
| AUTHORIZED AGENT OR PROPERTY MANAGER - PERSON AUTHORIZED T | O COMPLETE RENT REGISTRY DOCU | MENTS, IF DIFFERENT FROM THOSE LISTED IN THE OWNERSHIP SECTION ABOVE. |
| Company Name | | Is this person the primary contact: |
| Agent Name | | Email Address |
| Address | | Phone No. |

PLEASE FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW AND SIGN

CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If an Authorized Agent or Property Manager has been designated, I hereby authorize and appoint the agent listed above to execute, under penalty of perjury, the City of Concord Rent Registry and other registration related documents for this property. I agree to be bound by each document filed by this person to the same extent as if I had completed the document and executed it under penalty of perjury myself.

| SIGN HERE | | |
|------------|-----------------------------|---|
| SIĞN HERE | Signature of Property Owner | _ |
| PRINT HERE | Date | _ |
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Thank you for doing business in the City of Concord

RETURN APPLICATION BY MAIL TO:

City of Concord Rent Registry 8839 N. Cedar Ave #212 Fresno, CA 93720-1832

OR

SCAN & RETURN APPLICATION BY EMAIL TO:

concord@hdlgov.com

RENTAL UNIT INFORMATION

TOTAL OPTIONAL CHARGES

Instructions: List <u>ALL</u> units including vacant. Please include information for all units as of **July 1, 2021.**

| 1. UNIT # OR ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT | T THA | AN PROPERTY ADDI | RESS | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| 2. UNIT SQUARE FEET | | 3. NUI | IBER C | F BEDROOMS I | N UNIT |
| | | | | | |
| 4. # OF PARKING SPACES ASSIGNED 1 | TO UI | NIT 5. IS UN | IIT OC | CUPIED AS OF J | JLY 1 ST |
| | | | | | |
| 6. IS THERE AN ACTIVE LEASE IN WRIT | ΓING? | P IF YES, WHAT TYP | E OF L | EASE? (12-MON | TH, 6 MONTH, |
| | | | | | |
| 8. MOVE IN DATE OF CURRENT TENAN | NT (M | ONTH & YEAR) | | 9. BASE REN | IT AS OF JULY 1st |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 10. MONTHLY COST OF ADDITIONAL N | NON- | OPTIONAL CHARGE | | | 1 |
| NON- OPTIONAL CHARGES | | COST | | OLLECTED BY OWNER | COLLECTED BY THIRD PARTY |
| ELECTRICITY | | COST | | OWNER | INIKU PAKTY |
| NATURAL GAS | - | | | | |
| CABLE | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| WI-FI | _ | | - | | |
| GARAGE RECYCLING | | | | | |
| | _ | | - | | |
| WATER | | | | | |
| SEWER | | | | | |
| COMMON AREA MAINTENANCE | | | | | |
| OTHER | _ | | | | |
| TOTAL NON-OPTIONAL CHARGES | | | | | |
| 11. MONTHLY COST OF ADDITIONAL O | OPTIC | ONAL CHARGES AS | OF JUI | .Y 1 st | |
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| OPTIONAL CHARGES | | COST | ╂ | OWNER | THIRD PARTY |
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| STORAGE SPACE | | | | | |
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Rent Stabilization Program
2415 University Avenue 2nd floor
East Palo Alto, CA. 94303
Tel: 650-853-3157 Fax: 650-853-3115

rentprogram@cityofepa.org

CHANGE IN REGISTRATION STATUS STATEMENT

Submit this form when a unit or property that was formally claimed as exempt under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance is no longer exempt and therefore must be registered.

| Rental Property | Address: | | | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Unit #: | # Units on property: | # Bedrooms: | # Bathrooms: | | | |
| (If new Owner or agent, submit a Change of Ownership Form.) | | | | | | |
| Owner Check | c if new owner or address | Agent Check is | f new agent or address | | | |
| Name | | Name | | | | |
| Address Address | | | | | | |
| City, State, Zip | City, State, Zip City, State, Zip | | | | | |
| Phone () | | Phone () | | | | |
| Email | | Email | | | | |
| Send all future | notices, correspondence and invo | oices to: OWNER | ☐ AGENT ☐ | | | |
| Reason this unit apply): | t is no longer claimed as exempt | under the Rent Stabiliz | zation Ordinance (Check all that | | | |
| Tenant no lo | onger under Section 8 contract | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Two or Three unit property no longer owner-occupied | | | | | | |
| ☐ No longer owned by non-profit with rent covenants | | | | | | |
| Determined | by Rent Stabilization Program to | o be ineligible for the e | exemption claimed | | | |
| Other reason | (Describe reason below or on pa | age 3): | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Date basis for | exemption ended, if unit was or | nce exempt: | | | | |
| Beginning date | e of current tenant's initial leas | e or rental agreement | : | | | |
| | s vacant, date unit became vaca tement. When vacant unit becom | | | | | |
| For occupied u | nits: Number of tenants includ | led in initial rental ag | reement or lease: | | | |
| | tenant included in the lease or | | | | | |
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| City of East Palo Alto Rent Sta | bilization Program | Change in F | Registration Stateme | ent – Page 2 of 4 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Property Address and Unit #: _ | | | | |
| = : | | | | |

| For Current Tenant Report the Following Information | At Initial Occupancy when tenant first moved into Unit: or, if tenancy started between January 1, 1996 – Dec., 31, 2005 report instead charges and discounts on January 1, 2006: | At Current Date of |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Rent Charged (before adjustment for discounts or fees) | \$ | \$ |
| Report Any Discount in Rent Provided (Leave blank if none) Describe Type of Discount provided Report Any Fees Charged Tenant | | \$ Leave blank if no fees are |
| charged): | | |
| Water | \$ | \$ |
| Garbage or Refuse Removal | \$ | \$ |
| Sewer | \$ | \$ |
| Gas / Heat | \$ | \$ |
| Electricity | \$ | \$ |
| Parking | \$ | \$ |
| Pet Accommodation | \$ | \$ |
| Gas / Heat | \$ | \$ |
| Total Net Rent (Rent less Discounts plus Fees Charged) | \$ | \$ (Larry blank if no donority |
| Report any Deposits Paid by Tena | nt that are being held by landlord | (Leave blank if no deposits |
| are held): | \$ | \$ |
| Security Deposit Cleaning Deposit | \$ | \$ |
| Pet Deposit | \$ | \$ |
| Key Deposit | \$ | \$ |
| Other Deposit: | \$ | \$ |
| Other Deposit. | Ψ | Ψ |
| Check all Housing Services provid pay separately: | led by landlord that are included in | n rent and tenant does not |
| Laundry access | Washer/dryer in unit | Kitchen appliances |
| Water | Garbage / Refuse removal | Pets allowed |
| Gas | Electricity | Extra storage space |
| Report Parking Assigned: | # Covered parking spaces: | # Uncovered parking spaces: |

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|--|---|
| Property Address and Unit #: | |

If this unit is now rented, submit with this Change in Status Registration Statement the initial lease or rental agreement signed by tenant at the time tenant moved into this unit, and any current lease or rental agreement.

If this unit is now vacant, complete the Vacancy Registration Statement below. When the unit becomes rented again, submit a Change in Tenancy Statement with the initial lease or rental agreement within 30 days of occupancy.

VACANCY REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Report Prior Tenancy Information:

| Date unit became vacant: Final rent charged to prior tenant: \$ |
|---|
| Reason unit became vacant: |
| ☐ Voluntary ☐ Abandonment by prior tenant |
| For cause eviction pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1161 |
| ☐ Notice by landlord pursuant to Civil Code § 827 or § 1946 |
| Other reasons for eviction |
| List changes in housing services, including parking spaces, offered to new tenant compared to the last tenant: |
| |
| |
| |
| Was the former tenant charged more than the Maximum Allowable Rent for this unit? |
| ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| If yes, was a rebate provided to the former tenant for any overcharges paid above the Maximum Allowable Rent back to August 2010? |
| ☐ Yes ☐ No |

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| City of East Palo Alto Rent Stabilization Program Change in Registration Statement – Page 4 of 4 Property Address and Unit #: |
|---|
| Provide below information if there are other reasons this unit is no longer claimed as exempt under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, or other relevant information about the Registration of this rental unit or its current occupancy: |
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| Declaration: I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that to the best of my knowledge, the property is in compliance with the East Palo Alto Rent Stabilization Ordinance and that the information provided in this Change In Registration Status Statement is true and correct. I recognize that any inaccurate information contained in this statement may be deemed a misrepresentation. |
| Signature Date: |
| Name (print) |
| Title: |
| |



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CHANGE IN TENANCY / VACANCY REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Submit this form at the start of a new tenancy with a copy of the lease or rental agreement and a signed copy of the Notice of Existence of the Ordinance

| Rental Property | y Address: | | | | |
|--|--|---|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Unit #: | t #: # Units on property: | | # Bedrooms: | # Bathrooms: | |
| | (If new Owner | or Agent, sub | mit a Change of Ov | vnership Form.) | |
| Owner | | | Agent | | |
| Name: | | | Name: | Name: | |
| Address: | | | Address: | | |
| City, State, Zip |): | | City, State, Zip: | | |
| Phone: | | | Phone: | | |
| Email: | | | Email: | | |
| New Tenant I | nformation: | | | | |
| Beginning Da | te of This Tenancy: | : In | nitial Rent: \$ | Section 8 Contract | |
| 1. 2. 3. 4. <i>Tenant names</i> | will be kept confider | ntial in accordar | nce with the Informa | tion Practices Act of 1977. | |
| Tenant Phone | Number: | | Email: | | |
| Security deposit: \$ Cleaning deposit: \$ | | osit: \$ | Pet deposit: \$ | | |
| Housing Servi | ice Fees required b | y Rental Agree | ment: Water: \$ | | |
| Electricity: \$ | Gas: \$ | Sewer: \$ | Garbage rem | oval: \$ | |
| Parking: \$ Pet: \$ Storage: \$ Other fees charged: \$ | | narged: \$ | | | |
| Housing Servic | es provided by landlo | ord that are include | ed in the rent include: | | |
| # Parking space Laundry access Water Gas | | # Uncovered spa Washer/dry Garbage rer Electricity | er in unit | Extra storage space Kitchen appliances Pets allowed Cable/satellite TV | |
| | f reduced, discount over the first 12 mon | | offered: \$ or concessions are p | None: | |

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City of East Palo Alto Rent Stabilization Program Change in Tenancy / Vacancy Registration Statement

VACANCY REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Prior Tenancy Information:

| Date unit became vacant: Final | rent charged to prior tenant: \$ | |
|--|---|--------------|
| Reason unit became vacant: | | |
| Voluntary Abandonment Non Payment of Rent Due to Substantial Repairs Permanent Removal From the Housin Permanent Removal From the Housin Owner / Relative Move-In Government Agency Order (such a co- Court Order Other Reasons for Termination of Ter | g Market Through Ellis Act de enforcement action) | |
| | | |
| Was the former tenant charged more than ☐ Yes ☐ No | the Maximum Allowable Rent for this te | nant's unit? |
| If yes, was a rebate provided to the former Allowable Rent for this tenant's unit from | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Maximum |
| ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| Lease or rental agreement signed b tenant, or the Section 8 contract is attac | y the owner or owner's representative a hed. | nd the new |
| Declaration: I hereby under penalty of per Tenancy / Vacancy Registration Form is to | • | _ |
| Print Name | Signature | Date |
| Title: | | |

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Create an Online Account

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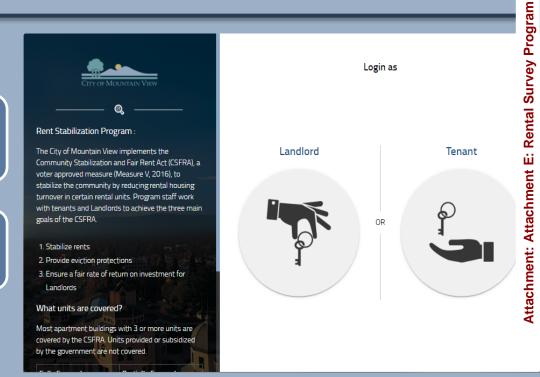
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Step 1: mvrent.mountainview.gov

Go to Website: mvrent.mountainview.gov

Click the Landlord icon

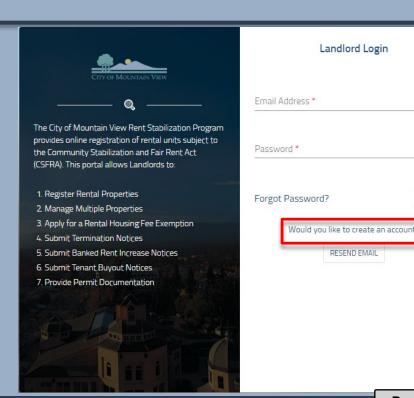


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Step 2: Register as New User

First time user:

Click Would you like to create an account? link





Step 3: User Information & Password

Fill in required information and click "Submit"

Password must be 8 to 16 characters, must contain a capital letter, and must contain at least one number.

The system will send a verification email to the Email Address that was provided.

| | Register | |
|--|--------------------------|----------|
| CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW | First Name * | |
| Important Notice | | |
| The City of Mountain View Rent Stabilization Program provides online registration of rental units subject to the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act | Last Name * | |
| (CSFRA). Owners/ Property Managers can: | Mobile Number (Optional) | |
| 1. Register Rental Properties | | |
| Manage Multiple Properties Review Registration Status | Email * | |
| Apply for a Rental Housing Fee Exemption. | | |
| | Password * | |
| | | |
| | Confirm Password * | |
| | | T1000000 |

E-mail verification pending.

Rental Survey Program Attachment: Attachment E:

Step 4: E-mail Verification

Navigate to your Email's inbox Click on the verification link as shown below

You will be redirected to a screen indicating your account was activated

Click "Go Home" to return to the login screen

Registration Confirmation D



capsupport@3disystems.com via amazonses.com

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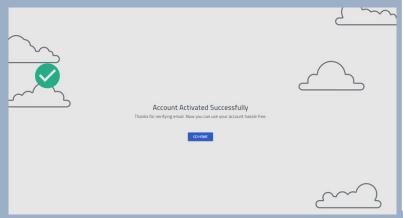
Dear Jane Doe,

Thank you for registering an account with CSFRA Rent Stabilization.

Username jaedoe@gmail.com

Visit https://mvrent.mountainview.gov/#/verifyUser/7aa08b4a-f49d-48bf-bc0d-6ff to activate your account.

You can access the portal by visiting https://mvrent.mountainview.gov/#/homepage.



Rental Survey Program ш Attachment Attachment:

Step 5: Log In

Enter your email address in the User Name field

Enter your password & Login





Verify account?

Welcome to the Online CSFRA Registration System

Registration

You must first create a user ID and password by clicking on the "would you like to register?" link. Once your account is created you are able to register your property, make changes to ownership or mailing address or claim an exemption of Rental Housing Fees. Use the APN and PIN number identified on your Rental Housing Fee Invoic to add property(ies) to your profile.

ΔPN

Owners/ Property Managers receive an annual Rental Housing Fee Invoice which includes a PIN and Assessor Parcel Number (APN) located in the "Description" section of the invoice under the CSFRA Rental Housing Fee.

Contact Us

Andrea.kennedy@mountainview.gov

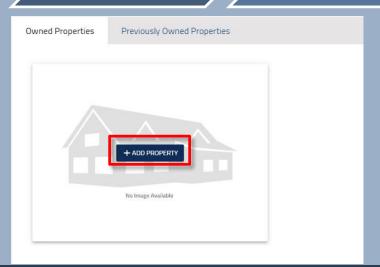
How to find MVrent PII

Step 6: Add Property

Click "Add Property" to bring you to the property pop up Enter the APN and Pin combination for your property

Click "**Verify**" to confirm the property address

If all information is correct, click "Register"



| Add Property | |
|---|--|
| Find APN | Help |
| Enter APN * | Enter APN and PIN to verify it with us. |
| Enter PIN * | Once your APN and PIN is verified, you will see a "Site Address" list. You can provide a "Nickname" for your property to help you quickly identify your property. |
| Enter APN Alias (optional) | After providing this information, you can add your property. Where to find APN and PIN. |
| VERIFY | * If you are adding a property, it will imply that you are agreeing to the terms and conditions. |
| Site Address List T, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041 | For more help, Click Here. |

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Attachment:

Step 7: APN & PIN Combo?

The PIN and Assessor Parcel Number (APN) is located in the "Description" section of the Rental Housing Fee invoice

If you need assistance please contact:
Andrea.Kennedy@mountainview.gov



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

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MULTI-HOUSING & CSFRA RENTAL HOUSING INVOICE

FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 (JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019) Fire and CSFRA Rent Stabilization

Payment Inquiries - Finance Department: (650) 903-65 MFH Billing Inquiries - Fire Department: (650) 903-64 CSFRA Rent Stabilization Program: (650) 903-61

| Invoice Number: AR | Customer Number: C00 | Invoice Date: 01/02/2019 | Due Date: 02/01/2019 |

Description

COMMUNITY STABILIZATION 2 FAIR RENT ACT (CSFRA) RENTAL HOUSING FEE APNXXXXXXXX PIN XXXXX UNIT3

MEH. TLFAMILY HOUSING INC. LCTION FEE (MFH)

Total Amount Due

\$

Amount Due

Pay online 24/7 at www.mountainview.gov/miscpayments. There are no additional payment processing fees to the business.

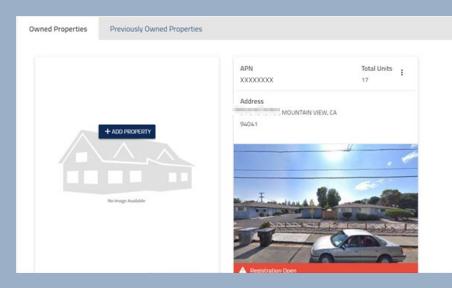
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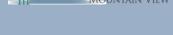
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Step 8: Property Profile

You have successfully added the property to your profile!

Click into the property to edit the property details or click "Add Property" to add another property to your profile





Property Registration

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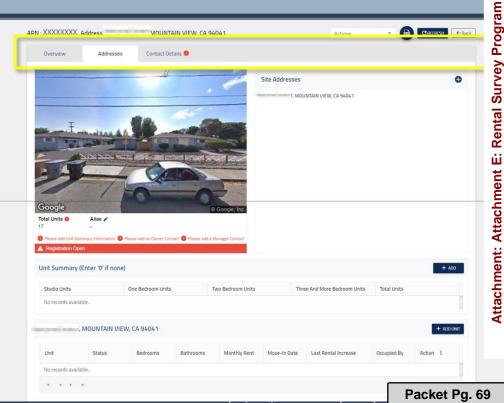
Step 1: Property Details

Property registration allows you to manage multiple properties, update contact information and file for exemptions

Navigate through the tabs on the top of the page to view/add property details

Required information is noted in red:

- Owner Contact
- Manager Contact
- Add unit information





Step 2: Owner Contact Information

Navigate to the "Contact Details" tab

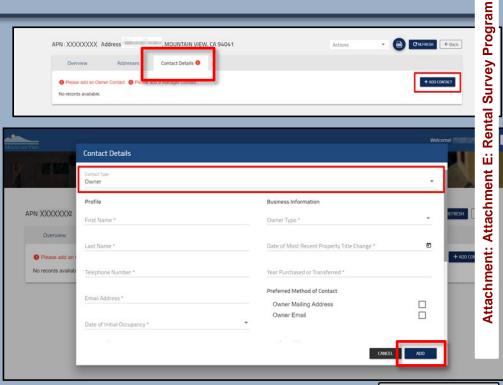


Click "**Add Contact**" and select Owner from drop down menu



Fill in all required information and click "Add"

*be sure to scroll down to complete the form





Step 3: Manager Contact Information

Navigate to the "Contact Details" tab

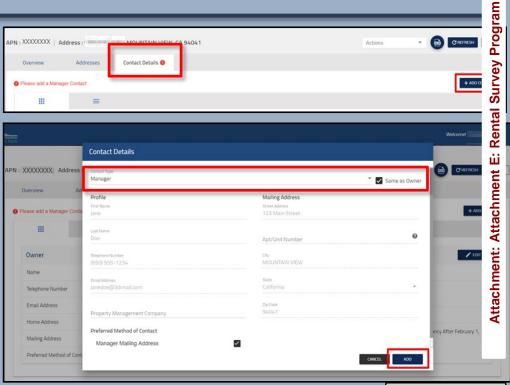


Click "Add Contact" and select Manager from drop down menu



Fill in all required information and click "Add"

*click "Same as Owner" box to prefill form with owner's information





Add Units to Property Profile

Add Units Individually or Mass Upload Unit Information

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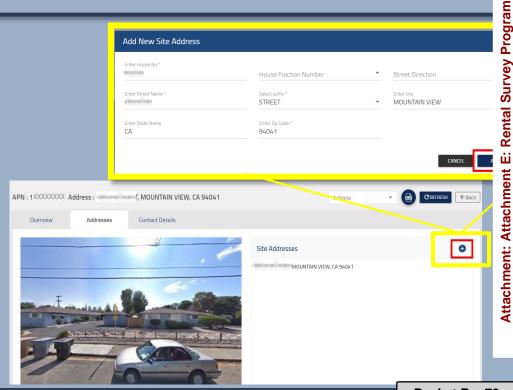
Add Site Address

If your property has more than one site address, you can add the Site Address to your APN

Click "Add" to add a new Site Address

Fill in required information and click "Submit"

Once the address has been added, it will appear in the Site Addresses section



Add Units Individually

Click "**Add Unit**" in the property unit section

Enter the unit number and other required information

Click "**Add**" to save the unit information

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| | | - | 100 | William III | | | | |
| | / | 9 | 9 | 7 | | | | |
| Google Total Units | Alias / | Owner | Manage | Google, Inc. | | | | |
| 17 | - Alles / | Jane Doe | Jane Do | | | | | |
| Registration C | pen | | | | | | | |
| Unit Summar | y (Enter '0' if non | ie) | | | | | | |
| Studio Units | | One Bedroom Units | 1 | Two Bedroom Units | Th | iree And More Bedroom Units | Total Units | |
| 3 | | 10 | | 2 | 2 | | 17 | |
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| | T, MOUNTA | AIN VIEW, CA 9404 | 1 | | | | | + ADD UNIT |
| - | Status | Bedrooms | Bathrooms | Monthly Rent | Move-In Date | Last Rental Increase | Occupied By | Action 1 |
| Unit | | | | | | | | |
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| Add Unit | |
|---|---|
| Select Site Address (Required) * 315 VIEW ST MOLINTAIN VIEW, CA 94041 | • |
| Enter Unit No (Required) * | Select Occupant * Tenant ▼ |
| Select Move in Date * 1/1/2018 | Date of Last Rent increase (if applicable) * 1/1/2019 |
| Select Number of Bedrooms * | Select Number of Bathrooms * |
| 2 Bedroom ▼ ② Enter Current Monthly Rent * | 1 Last Monthly Rent Increase Amount (If applicable) * |
| \$2,500.00 Last Monthly Rent Increase Percent (If applicable) * | \$75.00 € |
| 3.00% To calculate the percentage click here | |
| Rent History | |
| Base Rent Amount * Amount of Rent paid on October 19, 2015 or the initial rent amount on move- in if this date falls after October 19, 2015. | |
| Was a rent increase given between October 19, 2015 and Decem | nber 23, 2016? * |
| O Yes O No | |

Program

Survey

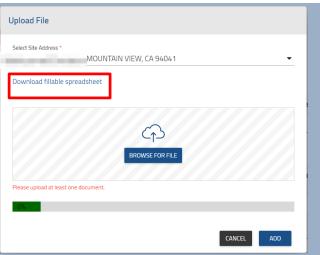


Mass Upload Units

Select "Add Multiple **Units**" from property unit section

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041 **≡**+ADD MULTIPLE UNITS Bedrooms Occupied By Move-In Current Monthly Date of Last Rent Last Monthly Rent Increase Last Monthly Rent Increase Action Date Percent No record found Attachment: Attachment E: Rental 0 - 0 of 0

Click "Download Fillable Spreadsheet" from the pop up



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Mass Upload Units

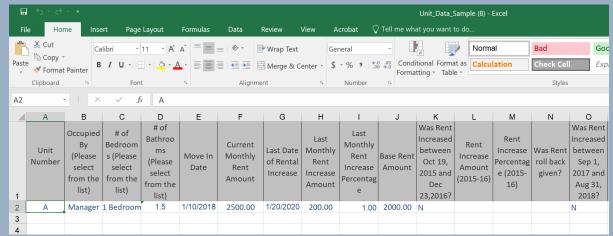
An Excel document will be uploaded to your computer

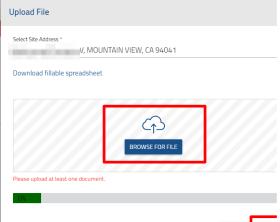
*use "0" if there has been no rent

Save the completed Excel document to your computer

Note: Any errors in the document may result in upload failure

Upload the Excel document by clicking "Browse For File" Click "Add" to upload unit information





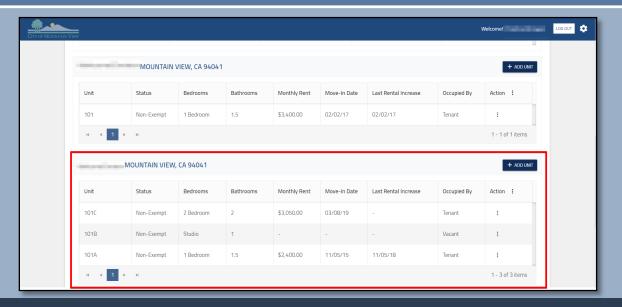
* Delete example row before uploading document

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Unit Display

The newly added unit(s) will appear in the Site Address's Unit table.

If your unit qualifies for an Exemption, you will need to submit an Exemption request.



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Step 5: Exemptions

If your property does not qualify for unit or property exemptions you can skip this step to finalize and submit your property registration.

To skip click here

If your unit or property qualifies for an exemption you <u>MUST submit these requests PRIOR to</u> submitting your registration.

To submit an exemption request on the property click here
To submit an exemption request on a unit(s) click here



Property Exemptions

Property exemptions apply to:

- Properties built after December 23, 2016
- Government or subsidized rental properties

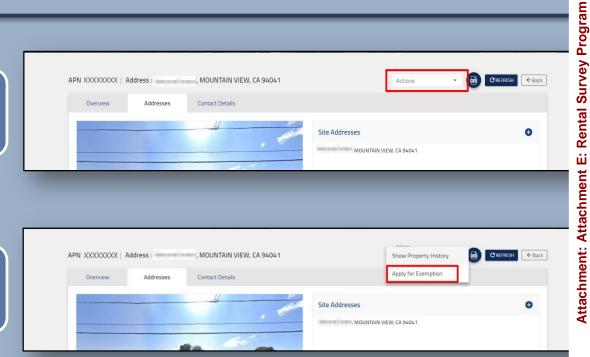


Step 1: Property Exemption

Click the "Actions" menu at the top of the property profile

CREFRESH APN XXXXXXXX | Address : , MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041 Addresses Contact Details 0 Site Addresses MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041

Select "Apply for Exemption" in the dropdown menu

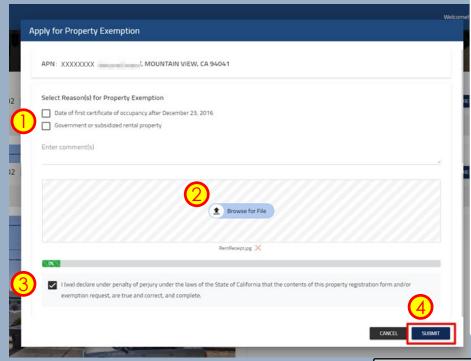


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Step 2: Property Exemption

1. Select the reason for the property exemption

- 2. Upload document(s) to support your request by clicking "Browse For File"
- 3. Select the box indicating you are submitting the information under penalty of perjury
- 4. Click "**Submit**" to submit the exemption request



Unit Exemptions

Unit exemptions apply to:

- Owner occupies the unit as their primary residence
- Owner spouse, domestic partner, children, parent(s) or grandparent(s) occupy the unit as their primary residence
- Duplex



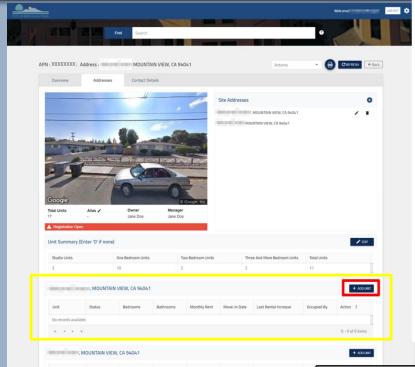
Step 1: Unit Exemption

In order to file a unit exemption, you must first add units to the property profile.

Click "Add Unit" in the property unit section

Click here for "Add Unit(s) to Property" Instructions

Enter unit number and other required information then click "Add"





Step 2: Unit Exemption

Click the Actions menu to the right of the desired unit

Select "**Apply for Exemption**" in the dropdown menu





Step 3: Unit Exemption

1. Enter the date exemption started

2. Select the reason for the exemption

3. Upload document(s) to support your request by clicking "Browse For File"

4. Select the box indicating you are submitting the information under penalty of perjury

5. Click "Submit" to submit the exemption request

| UNIT NUMBER: | MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041 T, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041, 101 | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Date Exemption Started * | | |
| Select Reason(s) for Unit E | Exemption | |
| Duplex** | | |
| The owner/landlord's spo | ouse, domestic partner, children, parent(s) or grandparent(s) now occupy the unit as | s their primary residence. |
| The owner/landlord* now | v occupies the unit as their primary residence. | |
| * Section 1705(a) of the CSFRA | A defines landlord/owner as a natural person with at least fifty percent (50%) recor | ded ownership interest in the property |
| Enter comment(s) | | |
| | | |
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Finish and Submit

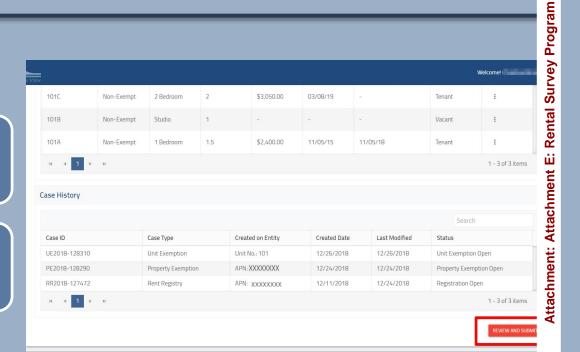
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Step 1: Finalize

Now that you have entered the required information, you are ready to submit your registration!

Click "**Review And Submit**" at the bottom of the page

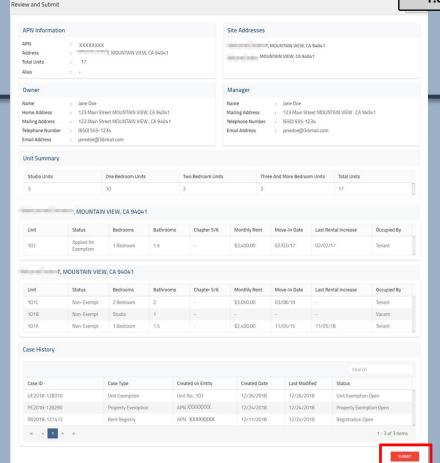


Step 2: Review

Review information for accuracy

If information is not correct, click the "Back" at the top of the page

If all information is correct, click "Submit"



Step 3: Submit

Enter full name and title

Select the box indicating you are submitting the information under penalty of perjury

Click "Submit"

You will receive an email confirming the status of your registration

| Decla | aration Statement |
|-------------------|--|
| Enter F Jane [| ull Name * Doe |
| Select 1 Owne | |
| ~ | I (we) declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the contents of this property registration form and/or exemption request, are true and correct, and complete. |
| | CANCEL SUBMIT |

Annual Registration

Review, update and resubmit property information

Apply for yearly unit exemptions



Next Steps

Once you submit your registration you can:

Submit Termination Notice Submit Termination Notice Follow-up (Coming Soon) Submit Banked Rent Increase Notice Submit Tenant Buyout Information

Submit Termination Notices

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Termination Notices

Notices of Termination must be filed with the Rental Housing Committee within three (3) days of serving the Notice on the tenant.

9 Reasons for Termination

- 1. Failure to pay rent
- 2. Breach of Lease*
- 3. Nuisance*
- 4. Criminal Activity*
- 5. Failure to give Access*

- 6. Repairs/temporary vacancies**
- 7. Owner move-in**
- 8. Withdrawal from rental market**
- 9. Demolition**

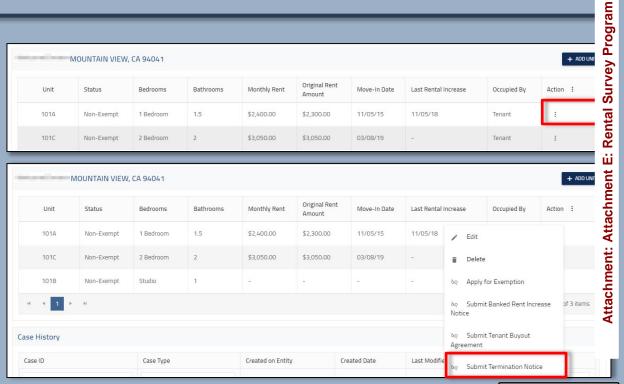
- * Requires Notice to Cease, before termination notice
- ** Requires payment of relocation assistance to qualifying households and right of first return



Submit Termination Notice

Click the Actions menu for the Unit you wish to submit a notice

Select "**Submit Termination Notice**" in the dropdown menu



Submit Termination Notice

1. Enter the Tenant First and Last Name

2. Enter the date the notice was served to the tenant

3. Select the reason for eviction from the dropdown menu

| This form must be used by Landlords to file a copy Housing Committee within three (3) days of serving | of the Notice to Terminate. Notices of Termination must be filed with the Rental g the Notice on the tenant. |
|---|---|
| APN: 'XXXXXXXXX ', MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 940 | |
| Landlord/Company Name * | |
| | |
| Tenant First Name * | Tenant Last Name * |
| Tenant First Name * Date Notice Served to Tenant * | Tenant Last Name * Select Reason for Eviction * |
| Date Notice Served to Tenant * | |
| Date Notice Served to Tenant * • Any notice to terminate tenancy must specify the ! • For Breach of Lease, Nuisance, Criminal Activity an | Select Reason for Eviction * |
| Any notice to terminate tenancy must specify the ! For Breach of Lease, Nuisance, Criminal Activity an provide the Tenant an opportunity to cure an allege CSFRA. For terminations based on Necessary and Substan | Select Reason for Eviction * basis on which the landlord seeks to terminate the tenancy. Section 1705(9)(e) of the CSFRA. d Failure to Give Access, the Landlord is required to serve the Tenant a Written Notice to Cease to |



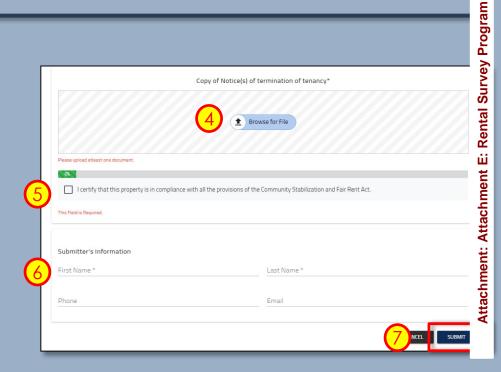
Submit Termination Notice

4. Upload the notice by clicking "Browse For File"

5. Check the "penalty of perjury" box

6. Enter the submitter's contact information

7. Click "**Submit**" to submit the termination notice for review





Withdraw Termination Notice

You may withdrawal your submission by clicking into the Case ID number in the Case History section to withdrawal the notice correct an error.

| Case ID | Case Type | Created on Entity | Created Date | Last Modified | Status |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| N2019-128819 | Termination Notice | Unit No.: 101A | 08/14/2019 | 08/14/2019 | Termination Notice Pending Review |
| 019-128817 | Rent Registry | APN: XXXXXXXX | 08/14/2019 | 08/14/2019 | Registration Open |
| N2019-128816 | Termination Notice | Unit No.: 101A | 08/14/2019 | 08/14/2019 | Termination Notice Accepted |
| JE2019-128342 | Unit Exemption | APN: XXXXXXX | 01/07/2019 | 01/07/2019 | Unit Exemption Denied |
| PE2019-128341 | Property Exemption | APN: xxxxxxxx | 01/07/2019 | 05/31/2019 | Property Exemption Denied |

Withdraw Termination Notice

Click "Withdraw" to formally withdraw your notice. An email confirmation will be sent to the email on file.

| Case View | | | ⊘ REFRESH ← Back |
|--|---|---|--|
| APN Primary Address Unit Number No of Units Case Type Overview | : XXXXXXXXX : T, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041 : 101A : 17 : Termination Notice | Case ID : Status : Created On : Modified On : | Termination Notice Pending Review 08/14/2019 |
| Date Notice Served To Tenant Landlord/Company Name Eviction Reason | : 08/14/2019 : john Doe Tenant Name : Breach of Lease | : jane doe | Action WITHDRAW |
| Submitter's Information First Name Last Name | : andrea : kennedy | | |

Submit Banked Rent Increase Notices

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Banked Rent Increase Notice

Notices of Banked Rent Increase must be filed with the Rental Housing Committee within seven (7) days of serving the Notice on the tenant.

Rent Increases Not Previously Charged

• A rent increase, using both a Banked Rent Increase and the Annual General Adjustment may be higher than the AGA for a given year but cannot exceed an annual 10% increase of the current rent.

Noticing Requirements

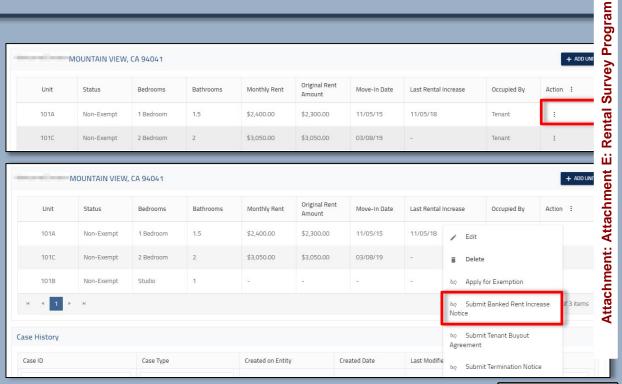
- At least 30 days notice to tenant
- Required text in Notice



Submit Banked Rent Increase Notice

Click the Actions menu for the Unit you wish to submit a notice

Select "**Submit Banked Rent Increase Notice**" in the dropdown menu





Banked Rent Increase Notice Template

Download the template by clicking "Download Template" in the pop up

| ıte | Notice Issued: | |
|-------|---|---|
| fec | ctive Date of Rent Increase: | |
| na | ant Name(s): | |
| ор | perty Address: (Street Number) (Street Name) | (AptUnit Number) |
| e f | (City) following table may be used to show the Annual General | (Zp Code) al Adjustment of Rent: |
| 1. | Current Rent | s |
| 2. | 2018 Annual General Adjustment (Up to 3.6%) | % |
| 3. | 2017 Banked Annual General Adjustment (if not previously cha 2 for details)* (Up to 3.4%) MANDATORY TEXT IN NOTICE REQUIRED and FILE COP | % |
| 4. | 2016 Banked Increase (if eligible; see page 2 for details)* (Up to 2.6%) MANDATORY TEXT IN NOTICE REQUIRED and FILE COP | PY WITH CITY |
| 5. | Total Rent Increase Percentage (Add Lines 2, 3, and 4, as applicable; increase cannot exceed 10% of rent ch 12 months) | narged in the past% |
| 6. | Total Amount of Rent Increase (Multiply Line 1 by total Line 5) | s |
| 7. | New Total Rent Amount ** (Add Lines 1 and 6) | s |
| all r | No rent increase shall be effective unless the Landlord has substantially compli- rules and regulations promulgated by the Rental Housing Committee (see CSF | ed with all the provisions of the CSFRA and RA Section 1707(f)). |
| œ, | idlord charges a Banked Rent Increase, page 2 of this temple, and a copy of the Notice of Banked Rent Increase must be nountainview.gov/rentstabilization/forms | |

| ΑT | ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL ADJUSTMENT OF RENT UNDER THE COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AND FAIR RENT ACT (CSFRA) | | | | |
|--------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| | *ADI | DENDUM for Banked Rent I | ncreases | | |
| | A. Mandatory Text in Noti | ce of a Banked Rent Increase | | | |
| the | current year. Landlords may vious years and implement t | save ("bank") annual general ad | general adjustment authorized for justments that were not imposed in ral adjustment in accordance with implementing regulations. | | |
| Hou defi hou | Rent may only be increased once every twelve months and rent increases cannot acceed an percent (10%) of the next extaugly charged in the pervious year. Treants have the right to petition the Rent Housing Committee (19%) or netlet if this rent increase will cause an undue hadden). The RHC defines a hardfally based on either household income or if the household spends 50% or more of household income on rent, with specific definitions for households with children, seriors, or persons with disabilities or who are terminally in | | | | |
| han | If you believe the rent increase requested with this notice is incorrect, excessive or causes an undue hardship, you can (a) contact your landlord to discuss the increase, and/or (b) file a petition with the RHC. For more information about petitions or the hardship process, contact the Mountain View Rental Housing Helpline at (650) 282-2514 or CSFRA@housing.org.* | | | | |
| | B. Required Qualifications | s for eligibility to use the 2016 E | Banked Rent Increase | | |
| The | The 2016 Banked Rent Increase of 2.6% may only be used by landlords for the following rental units: | | | | |
| | The property has been continuously owned by the landlord since October 19, 2015, and The unit has been occupied by the same tenant household since October 19, 2015, and The unit was not subject to a rent increase between October 19, 2015 & December 23, 2016. The 2016 Banked Rent Increase of 2.6% must be used by August 31, 2020 or it is forfeit. | | | | |
| | C. Tenant Hardship Information | | | | |
| | e proposed rent increase in dship Petition based on any | cludes any Banked Rent Increase of the following conditions: | a tenant may file an Undue | | |
| | Hardship Condition | Household Income Limit Or Rent Burden Status | Additional Criteria | | |
| а. | Inadequate Household Income | 100% of AMI or Severe Rent Burden | n/a | | |
| b. | Families with Children | 120% of AMI or Severe Rent Burden | Primary residence of one or more persons under the age of 18 | | |
| C. | Senior Household | 120% of AMI or Severe Rent Burden | Primary residence of individual who is 62 or older | | |
| d. | Persons with Disabilities | 120% of AMI or Severe Rent Burden | Primary residence of person who is disabled | | |
| e. | Persons who are Terminally III | 120% of AMI or Severe Rent Burden | Primary residence of person who is | | |

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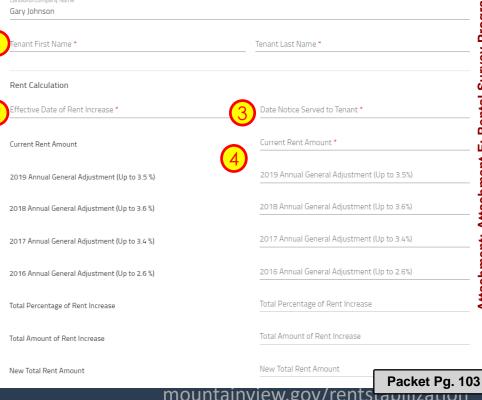
Submit Banked Rent Increase Notice

1. Enter the Tenant First and Last Name

2. Enter the date of the rent increase

3. Enter the date the notice was served

4. Enter the current rent and all applicable rent increase





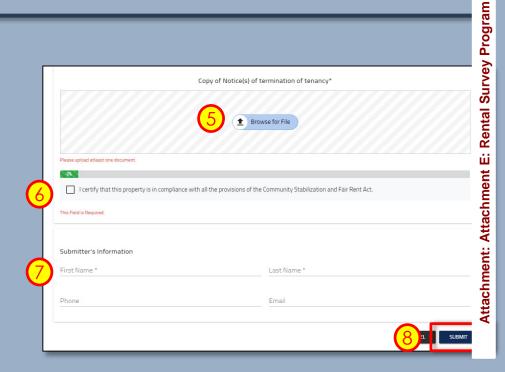
Submit Banked Rent Increase Notice

5. Upload a copy of the notice by clicking "Browse For File"

6. Check the "penalty of perjury" box

7. Enter the submitter's contact information

8. Click "**Submit**" to submit Banked Increase notice for review





Withdrawal Banked Notice (optional)

You may withdrawal your submission by clicking into the Case ID number in the Case History section to withdrawal the notice or correct an error.

| Case ID | Case Type | Created on Entity | Created Date | Last Modified | Status |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| N2019-128819 | Termination Notice | Unit No.: 101A | 08/14/2019 | 08/14/2019 | Termination Notice Pending Review |
| 2019-128817 | Rent Registry | APN: 'XXXXXXXX | 08/14/2019 | 08/14/2019 | Registration Open |
| N2019-128816 | Termination Notice | Unit No.: 101A | 08/14/2019 | 08/14/2019 | Termination Notice Accepted |
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| PE2019-128341 | Property Exemption | APN: xxxxxxxx | 01/07/2019 | 05/31/2019 | Property Exemption Denied |

Withdrawal BankedNotice (optional)

Click "Withdraw" to formally withdraw your notice. An email confirmation will be sent to the email on file.

| Case View | | | ⊘ REFRESH ← Back |
|--|--|--|---|
| APN Primary Address Unit Number No of Units Case Type | : 15804002 : T, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041 : 101A : 17 : Termination Notice | Case ID Status Created On Modified On | : TN2019-128819 : Termination Notice Pending Review : 08/14/2019 : 08/14/2019 |
| Date Notice Served To Tenant Landlord/Company Name Eviction Reason | : 08/14/2019 : john Doe Tenant Name : Breach of Lease | : jane doe | Action |
| Submitter's Information First Name Last Name | : andrea : kennedy | | |

Submit Tenant Buyout Information

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Tenant Buyout Information

Buyout information and a signed copy of the Tenant Buyout Disclosure Form must be filed with the Rental Housing Committee (RHC) within fifteen (15) days of execution of a Tenant Buyout Agreement.

Tenant Buyout Disclosure Form

• Provides notice to tenants of their rights under the CSFRA regarding offers to vacate a rental unit in exchange for compensation by the landlord.

Buyout Information to RHC

- Landlord's full name
- Tenant's full name and address
- Amount paid to the tenant(s) and the date when paid to the tenant(s)



Tenant Buyout Disclosure Form Template

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| CITY OF MOUN | TAIN VIEW | Rent increases limited under the CSFRA. Rent increases for Covered Units can only be charged once per 12 months in accordance with the Annual General Adjustment ("AGA") as set by the Rental Housing Committee. For 2 rent nonesse is limited to 3.6% Just Cause Termination Notices under the CSFRA. The CSFRA limits the reasons for which a landord can issue |
|--|---|--|
| CSFRA TENANT BUYOUT DISCLOSURE FORM is residential until is subject to the City of Mountain View Community Stabilization in form provides notice to tenants of heir rights under the City of Mountain View's Communi air Rent Act regarding offers to vacate a rental until in exchange for compensation by the lain eliting subcer regarding a boyout agreement may contact the Mountain View Rental Housing Law an authors, "Its form mount as signed or Plage 2 prior to filing with the City by both the Law an authors," Its form mount as signed or Plage 2 prior to filing with the City by both the control of the Community of the Communit | nity Stabilization and dlord. Tenants Helpline (650) 282- | termination notices ("Lata Clause" evictions), including failure to pay rety heach of lease, ruisance, crimal active failur to to give access. Recessary repairs, owner more, in-withdrawist of the property from the rental market and demolition are also just causes for eviction and in these instances a landord may be required to provide tenant relocation assistance, or where applicable offire fair right of return to a terminated tenant. Leagility manufacter relocation payments and first right of return under the CSFRA and TRAO. The CSFRA in the Fernant Relocation payments are first right of return under the more required to the control of the return to the first right of return under the CSFRA and TRAO. The CSFRA in the Fernant Relocation sassistance Ordinance require that lendorsh make relocation payments be that the second required to the control of the return that the first right of return under the CSFRA and TRAO. The CSFRA in the first return the return of the second required to the return that the return of the return |
| Date: | | These legally mandated relocation payments are not buyout agreements and do not limit the scope and applicability buyout agreements in any way. Tenants and landinotics with questions about whether a relocation payment may be required by law and what amount is mandatory may contact the Rental Housing Committee for more information. |
| Init Number(#); | | Tenant Relocation Assistance Amounts per Household Q4 2018 |
| renant Name(s)*: | | Studio 1.8edroom 2.8edroom 3.8edroom 2.8edroom 3.8edroom 3.8edro |
| tenant has the following rights when considering whether to accept a landlord's buye | out offer: | TRAO Assistance Base Amount for Household income < 120% AMI \$6,078 \$7,749 \$9,810 \$11,566 TRAO Special Corporatances: |
| The right to refuse any buyout offer and the landlord is prohibited from retaliation. | | TRAO Special Circumstances: \$3,389 \$3,389 \$3,389 \$3,389 \$3,389 |
| The right to a translation of the disclosure form and buyout agreement. | | Average Median income per Household Size 2018 |
| The right to consult an attorney and/or the Housing Helpline before deciding whether t | | Household Size 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| The right to cancel the agreement within 10 calendar days after it is fully executed (ap and landlords). | plicable to tenants | 120% AM \$105,200 \$120,200 \$135,250 \$150,250 \$162,250 \$174,300 |
| The right to rescind the buyout agreement at any time if it does not meet the requirem regulations or the landlord failed to provide this disclosure form. | ents of the CSFRA | Declaration of Landlord |
| TTENTION: Illing requirement. The landlord must file a notice of the execution of a buyout agreement, a enant Buyout Disclosure form, with the Rental Housing Committee within 15 calendar days fig- greement is executed. | | I declare under pensity of perjuny under the laws of the State of California that I have given copy of the Tenent Buyout Disclosure From to the Tenentity immediately prior to making a buyout other: Executed on this day of |
| ayments may be taxable. Tenants should be aware that a buyout payment may be taxable hould seek advice from someone qualified to answer questions about possible tax implication | | Print Name: Address: |
| larket Rents. Market rate rents in the area might be significantly higher than your current rer check rents for comparable rental units before entering into a buyout agreement. | nt and you may wish | |
| ublic Records. Certain information related to buyout agreements submitted to the City may | be public, after | Acknowledgement of Tenant(s) |
| daction of personal information. | | I verify that I have received a copy of the Tenant Buyout Olabbaure Form under the CDFRA regarding buyout offers and agreeme. Tenant Signature(s): Prix Name(s): |
| Este formulario está disponible en español y mandarín 此类格有西班牙□和中文版本 | | Date: |
| ntal Housing Committee, PO Box 500, Mountain View, CA 94039 | Rev. 2019.02.26 | Rental Housing Committee, PO Box 500, Mountain View, CA 94039 Rev. 2019.0 |

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Submit Tenant Buyout Information

Landlord's contact information will autopopulate

Enter tenant contact information

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tenant Buyout Notice | | Rental Survey Program |
| Owner Details | | Ş |
| First Name * | Last Name * | S |
| Gary | Johnson | _ |
| Street Address * | | en |
| 111 Main Street | Apt/Unit Number | ····································· |
| This Field is Required. City * | State * | |
| MOUNTAIN VIEW | California | Je . |
| Zip Code * | | Ch. |
| 94040 | | tta |
| | | ∷ |
| Tenant Details | | en |
| First Name * | Last Name * | Attachment: Attachment |
| Street Address * | Apt/Unit Number | Aff |
| This Field is Required. City | State | |
| Mountain View | California | |

Attachment: Attachment E: Rental Survey Program

Submit Tenant Buyout Information

1. Enter the date the Tenant Buyout Agreement was signed

2. Enter the date the Tenant Disclosure Form was signed

3. Enter the date of tenant move-out

4. Enter the benefit/money provided to tenant

Date of Tenant Move-out*



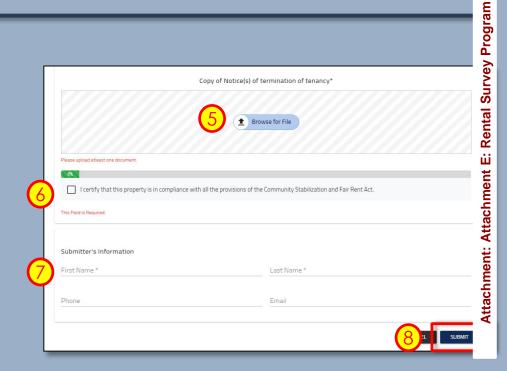
Submit Tenant Buyout Information

5. Upload a copy of the notice by clicking "Browse For File"

6. Check the "penalty of perjury" box

7. Enter the submitter's contact information

8. Click "**Submit**" to submit Tenant Buyout Information for review





Withdrawal Tenant Buyout (optional)

You may withdrawal your submission by clicking into the Case ID number in the Case History section to withdrawal the notice or correct an error.

| Case ID | Case Type | Created on Entity | Created Date | Last Modified | Status |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| N2019-128819 | Termination Notice | Unit No.: 101A | 08/14/2019 | 08/14/2019 | Termination Notice Pending Review |
| 2019-128817 | Rent Registry | APN: 'XXXXXXXX | 08/14/2019 | 08/14/2019 | Registration Open |
| N2019-128816 | Termination Notice | Unit No.: 101A | 08/14/2019 | 08/14/2019 | Termination Notice Accepted |
| JE2019-128342 | Unit Exemption | APN: XXXXXXXX | 01/07/2019 | 01/07/2019 | Unit Exemption Denied |
| PE2019-128341 | Property Exemption | APN: xxxxxxxx | 01/07/2019 | 05/31/2019 | Property Exemption Denied |

Withdrawal Tenant Buyout (optional)

Click "Withdraw" to formally withdraw your notice. An email confirmation will be sent to the email on file.

| Case View | | | ♂ REFRESH ← Back |
|--|--|--|---|
| APN Primary Address Unit Number No of Units Case Type | : 15804002 : T, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041 : 101A : 17 : Termination Notice | Case ID Status Created On Modified On | : TN2019-128819 : Termination Notice Pending Review : 08/14/2019 : 08/14/2019 |
| Date Notice Served To Tenant Landlord/Company Name Eviction Reason | : 08/14/2019 : john Doe Tenant Name : Breach of Lease | : jane doe | Action WITHDRAW |
| Submitter's Information First Name Last Name | : andrea : kennedy | | |

Attachment: Attachment E: Rental Survey Program Information Collection Examples (14139: Rental Survey Program Overview for Feedback)

2021 RENT REGISTRY FORM

Instructions

To ensure accuracy and avoid any delays, we strongly recommend that you register your apartments on-line at https://sjrentregistry.force.com. Incomplete submissions will not be processed. Apartments not registered by October 31, 2021, will be ineligible for annual rent increases and can result in an administrative citation.

If you have any questions, please contact us at rentregistry@sanjoseca.gov or 408-975-4480.

Mail completed forms to:

Rent Stabilization Program Dept. of Housing 200 E. Santa Clara St, 12th Floor San Jose, CA 95113

| | OWNERSHIP INFORM | MATION | | |
|---------------------|--|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Owner Name | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Owner Address . | Street Address | | Apt/Unit # | |
| - | City | | State | Zipcode |
| | PROPERTY INFORM. | ATION | | |
| Proporty Addres | S | | | |
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| - | City | | State | Zipcode |
| Total # of Units of | on the Property | | | |
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| | YOUR INFORMATION — Person o | ompleting the form | | |
| Name | Re | elationship | | |
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| I certify that my | answers are true and complete to the best of my know | vledge. | | |
| Signature | Da | ate | | |
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RENT REGISTRY FORM PAGE 1

Instructions: Complete only one section (A, B, C, D, or E) per unit. For example: to report a rent increase, complete section A Please Note: Incomplete submissions will not be processed.

| Unit #: | · | | | | | |
|----------|---|-----|---|--|--|--|
| A. REN | IT INCREASE/DECREASE | | | | | |
| 2. Effe | / Monthly Rent \$ ctive Date (MM/DD/YYYY) tal Assistance Voucher YES NO | | | | | |
| B. NE | W TENANT INFORMATION | | | | | |
| 1. 2. | Move Out Date of Previous Tenant Vacancy Reason — Select one | | (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | |
| | Voluntary Move Out | | Unapproved Holdover Subtenant | | | |
| | Owner Move Out | | Criminal Activity | | | |
| | Nonpayment of Rent | | Substantial Rehabilitation to the Apartment | | | |
| | Material or Habitual Violation of the tenancy | | Ellis Act Removal | | | |
| | Substantial Damage to the Apartment | | Owner Move In | | | |
| | Refusal to Agree to a Like or New Rental Agreement | į | Order to Vacate | | | |
| | Nuisance Behavior | | Vacation of Unpermitted Apartment | | | |
| | Refusing Access to the Apartment | | | | | |
| 3. 4. | New Monthly Rent \$ Move In Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Eff | Fective Date of Rent (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | |
| 5. | Security Deposit Amount \$ | 6. | Rental Assistance Voucher YES NO | | | |
| 7. | Services Included in Rent — Select all that apply Laundry Storage Pool | 8. | Number of Parking Spaces Included in Rent | | | |
| 9. | Tenant Names — Enter at least one (1) tenant name | - | | | | |
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RENT REGISTRY FORM 2021 PAGE 2

| | V/A | CAR | UT. | UNI | i |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| C. | VA | CAI | A I | UNI | |

- 1. Move Out Date ______(MM/DD/YYYY)
- 2. Vacancy Reason Select one

| Voluntary Move Out | Unapproved Holdover Subtenant |
|--|---|
| Owner Move Out | Criminal Activity |
| Nonpayment of Rent | Substantial Rehabilitation to the Apartment |
| Material or Habitual Violation of the tenancy | Ellis Act Removal |
| Substantial Damage to the Apartment | Owner Move In |
| Refusal to Agree to a Like or New Rental Agreement | Order to Vacate |
| Nuisance Behavior | Vacation of Unpermitted Apartment |
| Refusing Access to the Apartment | |

D. OWNER OCCUPIED

- 1. Move Out Date of Previous Tenant ______ (MM/DD/YYYY)
- 2. Vacancy Reason Select one

| Voluntary Move Out | Unapproved Holdover Subtenant |
|--|---|
| Owner Move Out | Criminal Activity |
| Nonpayment of Rent | Substantial Rehabilitation to the Apartment |
| Material or Habitual Violation of the tenancy | Ellis Act Removal |
| Substantial Damage to the Apartment | Owner Move In |
| Refusal to Agree to a Like or New Rental Agreement | Order to Vacate |
| Nuisance Behavior | Vacation of Unpermitted Apartment |
| Refusing Access to the Apartment | |

3. Owner Move In Date ______ (MM/DD/YYYY)

E. NO CHANGE

The rental information has not changed since the last registration of this unit.



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Housing Department
Rent Stabilization Program
Rent Registry User Guide

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PURPOSE

All rental apartments subject to the Apartment Rent Ordinance (ARO) must be registered yearly with the Rent Stabilization Program.

The rent registry allows jurisdictions with rent-stabilization programs to collect data on apartments, monitor changes in tenancy and rents, and track allowable rent increases. The information will enhance the ability of City of San José staff to monitor compliance with the Apartment Rent Ordinance.

Portal User Requirements

The Online Rent Registry Portal requires the use of the following web browsers:

- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Apple Safari

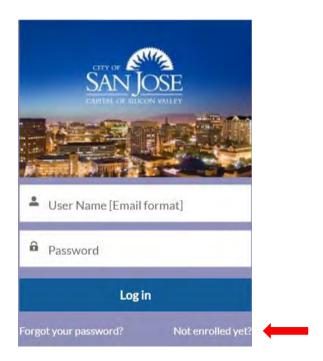
Microsoft Internet Explorer is not supported.

CREATING AN ACCOUNT

The Owner Portal in the Rent Registry is only accessible to authorized owners after enrolling in the Rent Registry. Enrolling requires entering the [Property Owner Name] and [PIN] mailed to owners of rent-stabilized properties in San José. Once enrolled, you will have access to review your list of properties, register your apartments, track rent increases, and update occupancy status after a move-out/move-in. Subsequent access to the Rent Registry will only require entering your User Name and Password to log in.

Step 1: Go to https://sirentregistry.force.com and click on the https://sirentregistry.force.com and <a hre

Step 2: Click on "Not enrolled yet?" located at the bottom right of the login screen.



*If you lost the PIN and/or Property Owner Name that was mailed to you, contact the City of San José's Housing Department at 408-975-4480 or by email at <a href="mailto:rentalequal-renta

Owners of multiple properties under different ownership names will receive more than one unique PIN and Property Owner Name.

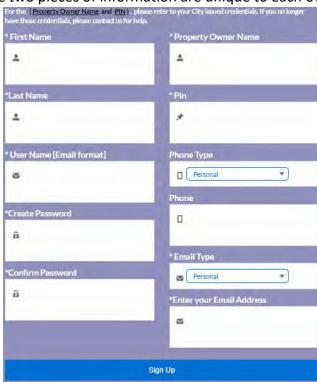
CREATING AN ACCOUNT

Step 3: You will be prompted to enter the following information to complete your enrollment:

- First and Last name
- User Name (Must be in an email format. Ex: John.Smith@cherryave.com (Duplicate User Name's will not be accepted)
- Create a Password (Must be at least 8 characters long & have a mix of letters and numbers. Ex: Housing25)
- Property Owner Name (Sent to you by mail)
- 6-digit PIN (Sent to you by mail)
- Phone Type
- Phone Number
- Email Type
- Email Address

Once you have entered the required information, click on "Sign Up" to complete the enrollment.

IMPORTANT: Refer to the Rent Registry letter mailed to you by the City of San José for your unique PIN # and Property Owner Name. These two pieces of information are unique to each owner.



*Required fields

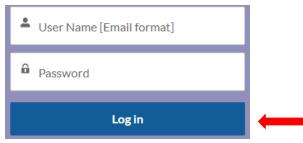
ACCOUNT LOGIN

Logging in to your account will give you access to the Rent Registry to register your apartments, track rent increases, and update apartment information.

Step 1: Go to http://sirentregistry.force.com and click on either the **Owner Login** icon located at the upper right side of the screen or the **OWNER PORTAL**.



Step 2: Enter your User Name and Password and then click on "Log in".

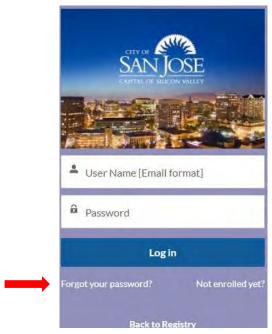


FORGOTTEN PASSWORD

If you forget your password, follow the steps below to reset it.

Step 1: To reset your password, click on the constant icon located at the top right of the screen.

Step 2: Click on "Forgot your password" located at the bottom left of the login screen.



Step 3: Enter your User Name (in email format) and click on "Send Password Reset Email". Instructions on how toreset your password will be sent to the email address on file.

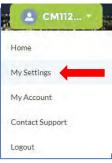


Note: You cannot reuse old password

UPDATING YOUR PASSWORD

Step 1: Log in to your account.

Step 2: Click on the green login icon located in the upper right-hand side of the screen to access the drop-down menu. From the drop-down menu, click on "My Settings".



Step 3: Under Account Details, click on "Change Password".



Step 4: Enter your current password and new password. The new password must be at least 8 characters long and have a mix of letters and numbers (example: Housing25). Click "Save" when done.



UPDATING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Updating your email address will change where email correspondence from the Rent Registry is sent. **Note: your email address is not the same as your User Name.**

Step 1: Log in to your account.

Step 2: Click on the green login icon located in the upper right-hand side of the screen. From the drop-down menu, click on "My Settings".

Home

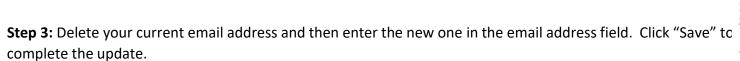
Logout

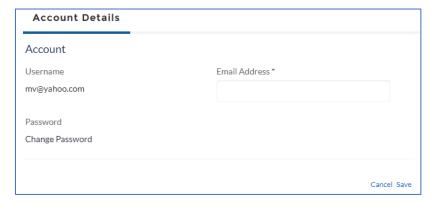
My Settings

My Account

Contact Support

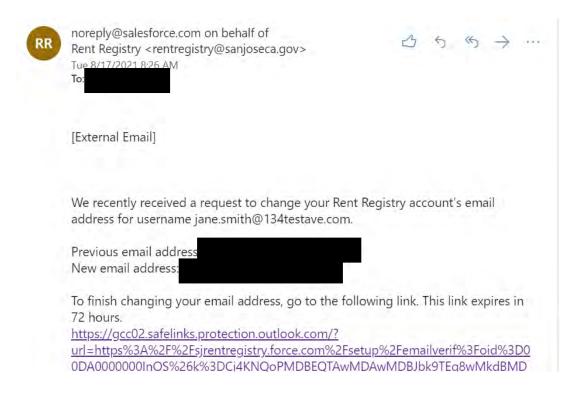
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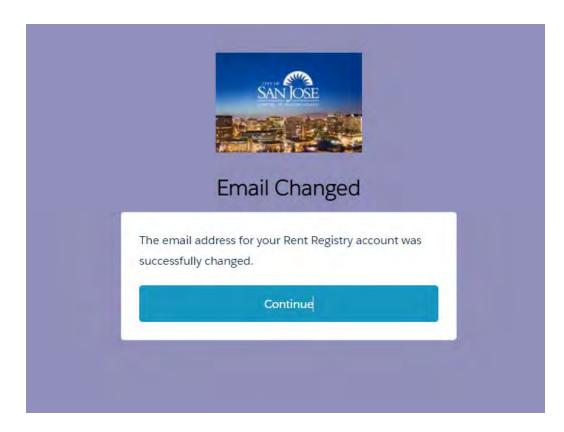


UPDATING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Step 4: Check your email to finish changing your email address.



Once you clicked the link that will conclude changing your email address.



DIRECT ENTRY

The Rent Registry offers two ways of registering your apartments: **Direct Entry** or **Excel Template**. The system will automatically default to Direct Entry mode. This section will show you how to register your apartments for the first time or how to make an update to your apartments by using Direct Entry.

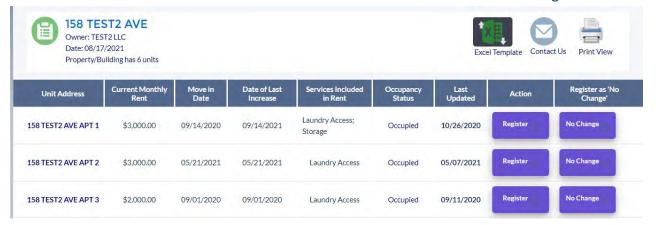
Step 1: Log in to the Rent Registry and then click on "OwnerPortal".



Step 2: If you own multiple properties, you will need to select a property address from the drop-down list. Otherwise, page will automatically display the list of units located within the property.



Step 3: Every registration period the buttons will reset to Register or No Change



DIRECT ENTRY

Step 4: After registration of a unit, the button will change to Update ______.

Click on Register or Update on the main screen in the row that corresponds to the unit you want to register. Throughout the year, you can register a unit as many times as there are changes in tenancy or rental information.

| Unit Address | Current Monthly Rent | Move in Date | Date of Last Increase | Services Included in Rent | Occupancy Status | Last Updated | Action | Register as 'No Change' |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|
| 122 Grahaam AVE APT 1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Vacant | 06/09/2021 | Update 👩 | |
| 122 Grahaam AVE APT 2 | \$2,500.50 | 06/19/2021 | 06/01/2021 | Laundry Access; Storage; Pool | Occupied | 06/09/2021 | Update / | |
| 122 Grahaam AVE APT 3 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Vacant | 06/09/2021 | Update 📋 | |
| 122 Grahaam AVE APT 4 | N/A | 06/01/2021 | N/A | N/A | Owner Occupied | 06/09/2021 | Update 🕦 | |
| 122 Grahaam AVE APT 5 | \$3,100.00 | 06/01/2021 | 06/01/2021 | Storage; Pool | Occupied | 06/15/2021 | Register 0 | No Change |
| 122 Grahaam AVE APT 6 | | | | | | | Register (| |

If your apartment has never been registered in the Rent Registry, this section will show you how

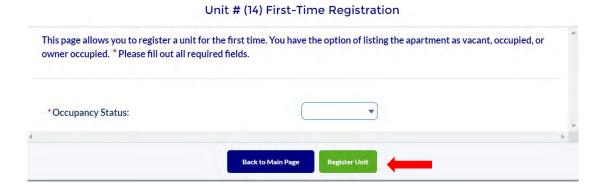
REGISTERING YOUR APARTMENTS FOR THE FIRST TIME

using the Direct Entry feature. By using Direct Entry, you register each unit one at a time.

Step 1: Navigate to the main screen to view your list of units. If you own multiple properties, select the property address from the drop down menu of which you would like to register. Click on the in the row that corresponds with the unit you want to register. Register button Register



- Step 2: Select the occupancy status from the drop down menu. You can select between Occupied, Vacant, or Owner Occupied.
- Step 3: The rental information you must enter will depend on the occupancy status selected. All required fields must be completed in order for the system to accept your registration. Once you are done filling in the information, click on Register Unit.



Step 4: After successful registration of a unit, a summary of the information entered will appear.



ENTERING A RENT INCREASE FOR AN EXISTING TENANT

An allowable rent increase is up to 5% once every 12 months. Follow the steps below to enter a rent increase for an existing tenant through the Direct Entry feature. Rent increases can only be entered after the unit has been registered in the Rent Registry.

Step 1: Log in to the Rent Registry.

Step 2: If you own multiple properties, select a property address from the drop-down list. Otherwise, page will automatically display the list of units located within the property.

Step 3: From the list of units displayed on the main page, select the unit you wish to register a rent increase for by clicking on the purple Register button. If this button is not displayed, it means the unit has already been registered for the annual registration period. (You can still register the rent increase by clicking on the green "Update" button.)



Step 4: Click on the green Rent Increase/Decrease button.



Step 5: Enter the new monthly rent amount and effective date of increase. Then click Submit.



ENTERING A RENT INCREASE FOR AN EXISTING TENANT

Step 6: Review the rent history for this unit, as well as the percentage of increase to make sure the rent increase is in compliance with the Apartment Rent Ordinance (ARO). Rent increases over 5% will show in red under column heading "% Increased".



160 TEST AVE APT 14 - Rent History

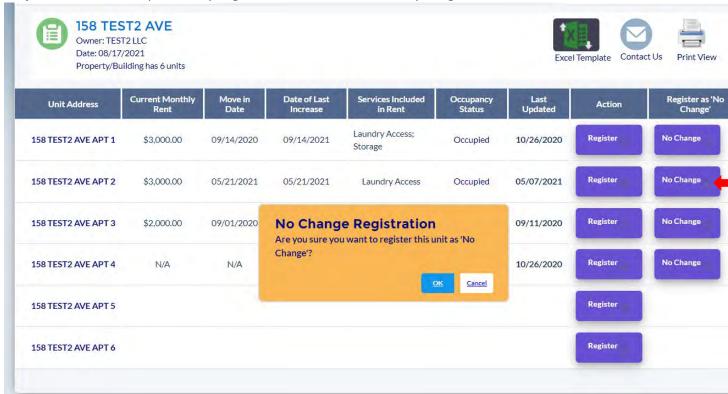
Note: If any of the rental information in your last registration is incorrect, click on the Correct an Error button to make corrections.

ENTERING A NO CHANGE

This section will guide you through the steps to register a no change by using Direct Entry when there has not been a rent increase or tenancy change since the last time information was entered. Please note that this feature is only available to use once each registration period.

- Step 1: Log in to the Rent Registry.
- **Step 2:** Navigate to your list of apartments.
- **Step 3:** If nothing has changed since the last registration period, click on "No Change" in the row that corresponds with the unit you are registering.

Step 4: Review all the previously registered information. If everything is correct, click "OK".



ENTERING A NEW TENANT (WHEN PREVIOUS TENANT HAS MOVED OUT)

This section will guide you through the steps to register a new tenant in Direct Entry when the previous tenant has moved out.

Step 1: Log in to the Rent Registry.

Step 2: Navigate to your list of apartments.

Step 3: From the list of units displayed, select the unit you wish to update the tenancy of by clicking on the **Register** or **Update** button.



Step 4: Click on New Tenant.



Step 5: Answer the questions related to the new tenancy, including the vacancy reason for last tenant and move-out date of last tenant. Click on submit to complete the update.

UPDATING A UNIT AS VACANT

When there is a change in occupancy such as a vacancy, you can update the apartment information in the Rent Registry to reflect the change. If the apartment became vacant for any reason other than a voluntary move-out, a copy of the notice issued to the tenant must be submitted to the Rent Stabilization Program.

- **Step 1:** Log in to the Rent Registry (refer to pg. 4 for login instructions).
- **Step 2:** Navigate to the unit and click on Register or Update.





Step 4: Select the vacancy reason for last tenant and enter the move-out date of last tenant. Clickon **Submit** to complete the registration.

UPDATING A UNIT AS OWNER OCCUPIED

When there is a change in occupancy such as an owner move-in, you can update the apartment information in the Rent Registry to reflect the change.

- **Step 1:** Log in to the Rent Registry.
- **Step 2:** Navigate to your list of apartments.
- **Step 3:** Click on Register or Update button.

| Click on the | or _{Register} | Update 📻 | button |
|--------------|------------------------|----------|--------|
| | | | |

- Step 4: Click on "Owner Occupied".
- **Step 5:** Select the vacancy reason for last tenant, enter the moveout date of last tenant, and the owner's move-indate. Click on **Save** to complete the update.



CORRECT AN ERROR

This feature allows you correct an error in your last entry of a registered unit. Please note this feature is only available in Direct Entry.

Step 1: Log in to the Rent Registry.

Step 2: Click on the Register or Update button next to the unit on the main page. Then click on Correct an Error button.



Step 3: After making corrections, click on **Update** to submit the changes.

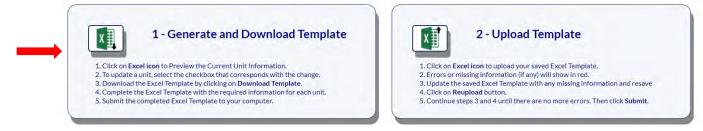
| This page allows you to: • Edit the last entry you made and correct your mis | rtakes: | |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| *Occupancy Status | ○ Cocupied ▼ | |
| *Move-in Date: 0 | 09/01/2018 | 苗 |
| * New Monthly Rent: | \$1,785.00 | |
| | Enter total monthly rent, including any portion paid i Section 8). | by a government subsidy (including |
| *Effective Date of this Increase: | 09/01/2019 | 黃 |
| *Tenant's Name: | Test Test | |
| Tenant2 Name: | | |
| Tenant3 Name: | | |
| *Rental Assistance Voucher? 0 | Na 🔻 | |
| Security Deposit: | \$1,000.00 | |
| *Services included in Rent: | Laundry Access | |
| "# of Parking Spaces Included in Rent: | 1 | |
| "# of Bedrooms: | 1 | |
| | | |

The Excel Template is a useful tool for registering several units at once when they are located within the same building. When registering your apartments, you will need to report general unit information such as rent amounts, occupancy information, and the services included in the rent.

- **Step 1:** Log in to the Rent Registry and go to your list of properties.
- Step 2: On the main page click the icon titled "Excel Template". Excel Template
- Step 3: Click the Excel icon 1-Generate and Download Template option.

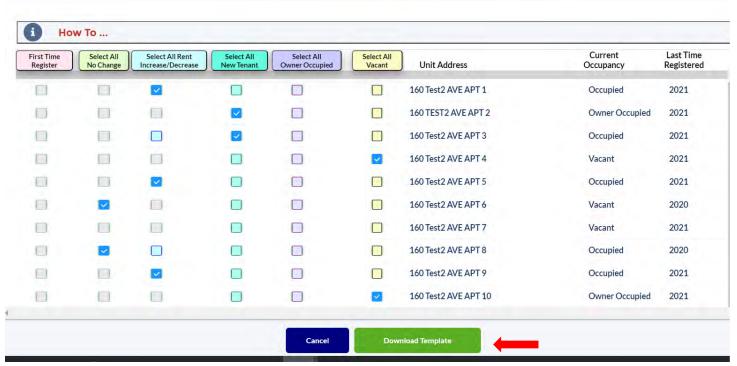


Excel Template Download / Upload

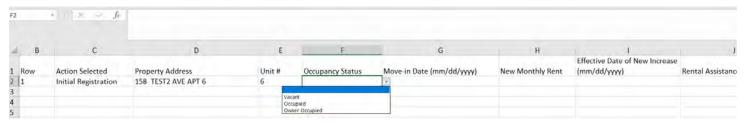


Step 4: Click on the box that corresponds with the action (e.g., No Change, Rent Increase/Decrease, New Tenant, etc.) that you want to apply to a unit. Once you have completed your selections, click on **Download Template** to generate an Excel sheet containing the units that had a check mark action applied to it.

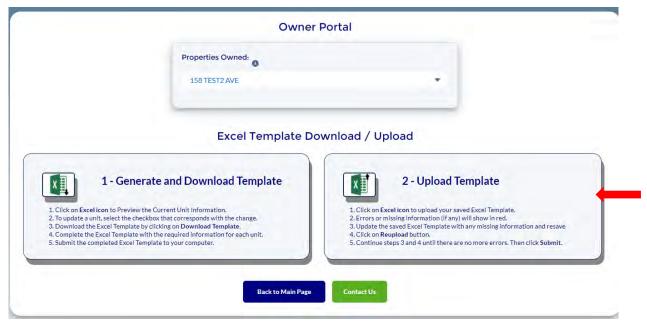
160 TEST2 AVE - Current Tenancy information As of: 08/22/2021



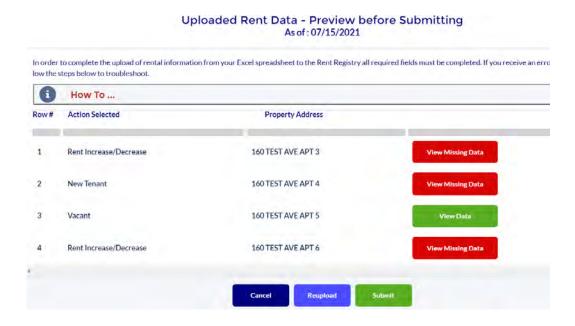
Step 5: Enter the new rental information into each corresponding row. Some fields require that you select from a drop-down list.



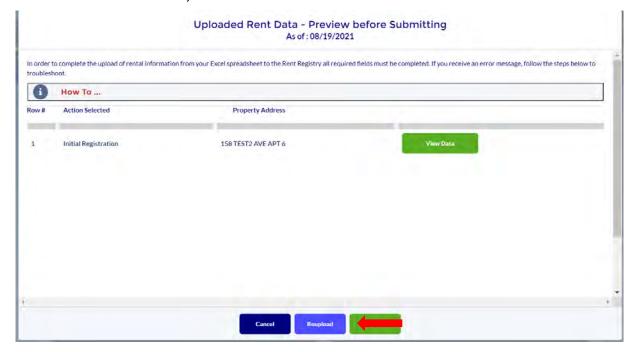
Step 6: Once you've completed entering the rental information into the spreadsheet, click save and return to the Rent Registry web page and click on **2** - **Upload Template**.



Step 7: Units with missing or incomplete rental information will have a red box next to it that says, **'View Missing Data**.' Units with complete data will have a green box labeled **'View Data'**. If there are errors, click on **View Missing Data** to identify the fields that require attention. Update the corresponding fields in the saved Excel template and then go back to the Rent Registry and click on **Reupload.** Continue this step until there are no more errors in your spreadsheet.



Step 8: Once there are no errors, click on Submit.



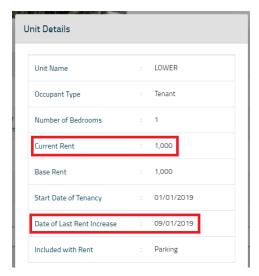
Update Current Rent

To update the current rent charged for a tenancy, follow the instructions below.

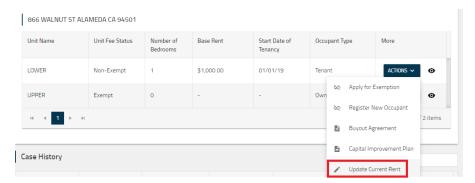
1. Click on the EYE icon to view your registration submission.



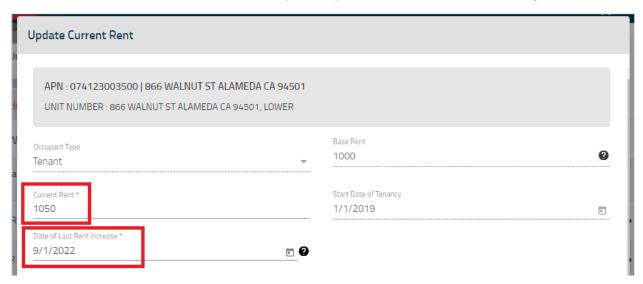
2. The Unit Details screen will appear. If the current rent and date of last rent increase need to be updated, follow the instructions below.



- 3. Click on the 'ACTIONS' button where the Current Rent needs to be updated. The Action Menu for the Unit will appear with a drop-down list of available actions.
- 4. Select 'Update Current Rent' from the drop-down menu.



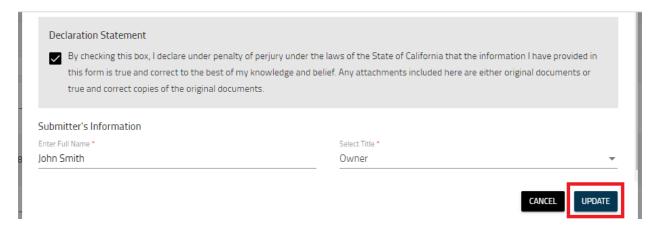
- 5. The Update Current Rent pop-up window will appear. Enter the updated Current Rent and the Date of the Last Rent Increase.
 - a. If the Base Rent needs to be updated, please contact Alameda Rent Program staff.



6. Check the Declaration Statement and enter your full name and title.

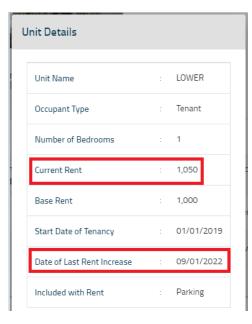


7. Click the 'UPDATE' button at the bottom right of the window to update the Current Rent.



8. Click on the EYE icon to verify the Current Rent and Date of Last Rent Increase is up to date.





Submit Unit Exemption Request

Certain units are exempt from the Rent Program Annual Fee. A landlord must submit a Unit Exemption request for any unit at the property that qualifies to be exempt from the Rent Program Annual Fee.

The Unit Exemption applies to the upcoming fiscal year.

The eligible grounds for a Unit Exemption:

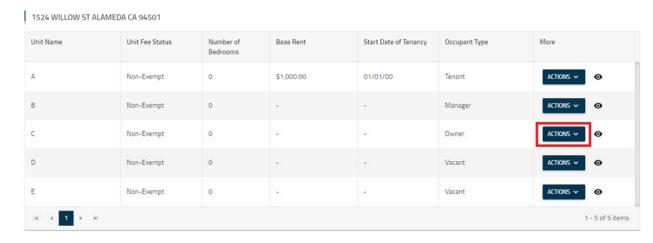
- Unit is owner-occupied.
- Unit is vacant and will remain vacant during the upcoming fiscal year.
- Unit is occupied by a 'temporary tenancy' defined in section 6-58.15.TT, Alameda Municipal Code.
- Unit occupant does not pay rent.
- Unit has a commercial use and is not used as a residential rental unit.
- Unit is occupied by a property manager and there is a written agreement with the landlord under which the property manager does not pay the full amount of rent that would otherwise be paid for a comparable rental unit on the property.
- The rent registry has an error in the number of units on this property. This unit does not exist on the property.

Please take note:

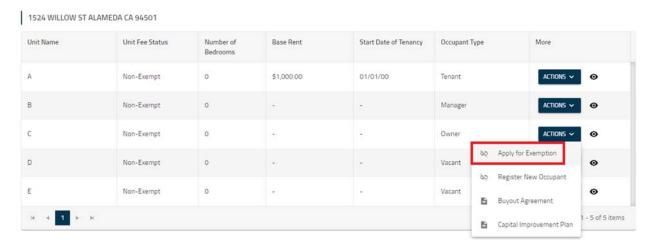
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- 2. The appropriate documentation must be submitted to substantiate the grounds for the exemption.
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- 4. A landlord may only apply for a Unit Exemption before registration is submitted when the property status is 'Registration Open' or 'Registration Denied'.

Process to apply for a Unit Exemption:

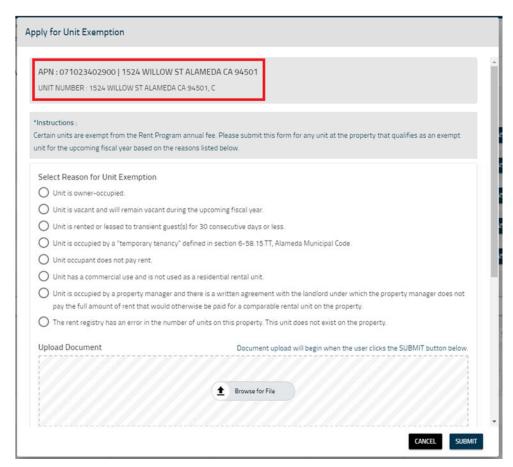
1. Navigate to the Address tab and click on the 'ACTIONS' button for the Unit for which an exemption needs to be submitted.



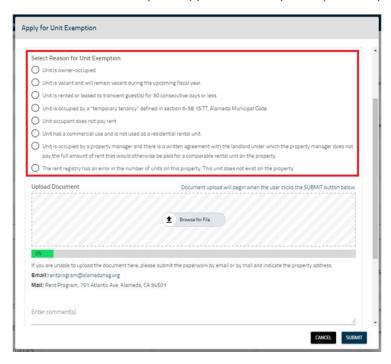
2. The Action Menu will display a drop-down list. Select 'Apply for Exemption'.



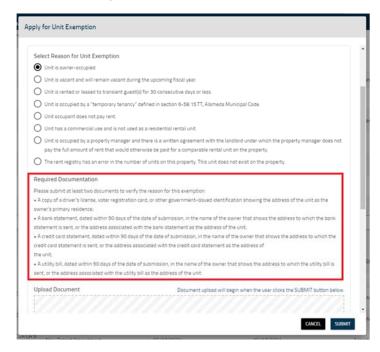
3. The Apply for Unit Exemption pop-up window will appear. At the top of the pop-up window, the APN, Primary Address, and Unit Address are displayed to verify that the correct Unit was selected for the Unit Exemption application.



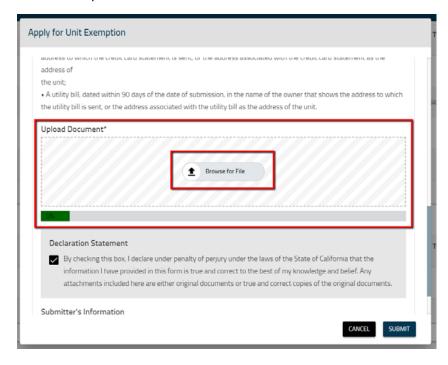
4. Select the Reason for the Unit Exemption application. Only one option may be selected.



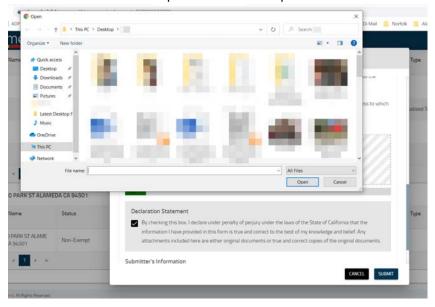
5. Once the Reason for the Unit Exemption is selected, instructions will appear above the 'Upload Document' section to explain the required documents that must be submitted to substantiate the grounds for the Unit Exemption.



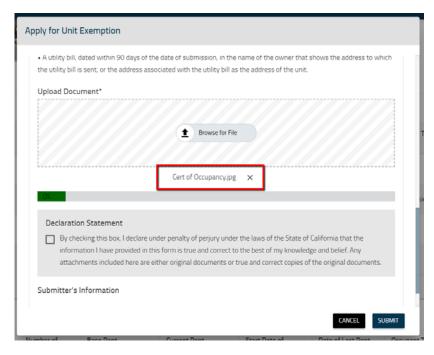
6. Upload the required documentation. Click on the 'Browse for File' area to select a document(s) from your device to upload.



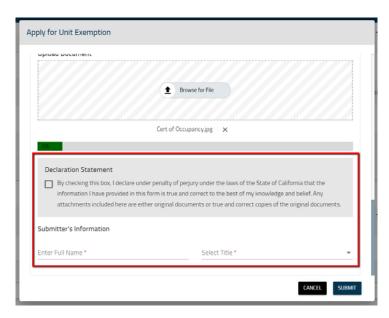
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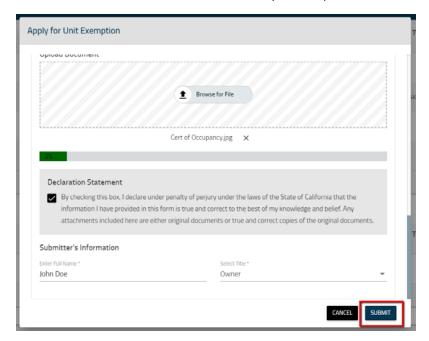
8. Once the appropriate document(s) have been selected and uploaded to the Unit Exemption pop-up window, the document names will be listed below the 'Browse for File' area. There is also an 'X' next to each document name, which allows the user to delete the document if it was uploaded by mistake.



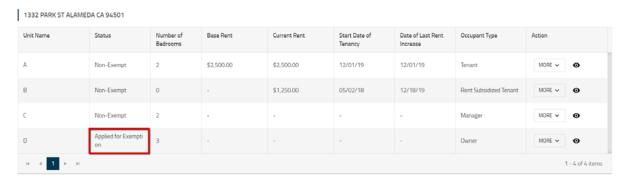
- 9. Enter comments if you would like to share more information. This is optional.
- 10. Review all information entered on the Unit Exemption pop-up window. If all data is accurate, complete the Declaration Statement and Submitter's Information sections. Click on the Declaration Statement check box, enter your Full Name, enter your Title from the drop-down list.



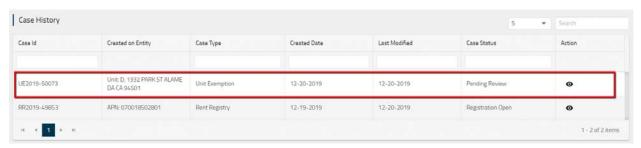
11. Click on the 'SUBMIT' button to submit the Unit Exemption request.



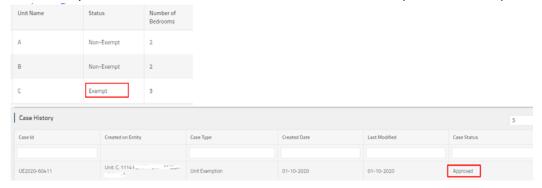
12. Once the Unit Exemption request is submitted, the Address tab will display an updated Unit Status titled, 'Applied for Exemption'.



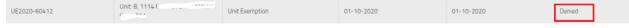
13. The Case History section on the Address tab will update to include the new Unit Exemption case that was submitted. The case status will display 'Pending Review'.



- 14. The Alameda Rent Program staff will review the Unit Exemption case submission.
- 15. If staff approves the Unit Exemption request, the case status will update to 'Approved' in the Case History section. The unit status in the section above will be updated to 'Exempt.'



16. If the Staff denies the Unit Exemption request, the case status will update to 'Denied' and the unit status will be updated back to 'Non-Exempt.' Staff will inform the Landlord of the reason the Unit Exemption case was denied.



Register Rental Units

This section will describe how to register each Unit at the property.

As a reminder, units will be treated differently based on their Regulation Type (see Regulation Type section for definitions):

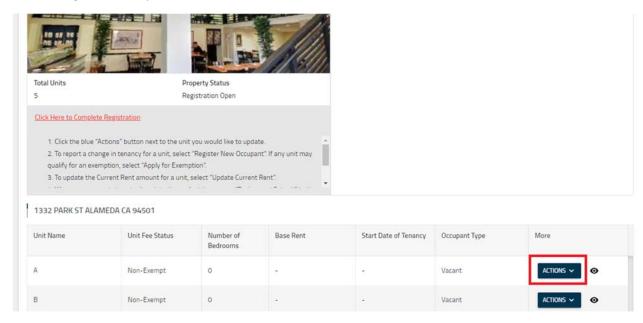
- Fully Regulated more fields are required when the Occupant Type is a tenant
- Partially Regulated fewer fields are required when the Occupant Type is a tenant

The instructions and screenshot images below describe the process for adding Unit Details to properties that are Fully Regulated. The process for adding Fully Regulated and Partially Regulated properties is the same; only the required fields will differ.

Registering an Occupant

1. Click on the 'ACTIONS' button for the Unit where a Tenant Occupant needs to be added. The Action Menu for the Unit will appear with a drop-down list of available actions. This action menu will have different menu options depending on property status. When the property status is 'Registration Open' or 'Registration Denied', the Action Menu will display two options: 1) Register New Occupant; 2) Apply for Exemption.

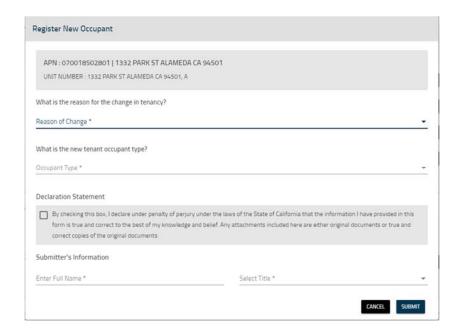
NOTE: The Unit Name cannot be edited. If there is an error in the Unit Name, please contact the Alameda Rent Program and explain the issue.



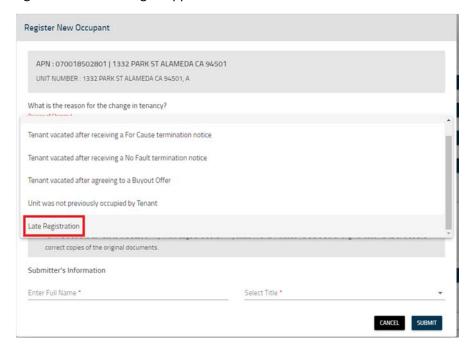
2. Select 'Register New Occupant' from the drop-down menu.



3. The Register New Occupant pop-up window will appear. There is a 'Reason of Change' drop-down list and a field for 'Occupant Type'. If the unit has not yet been registered, select "Late Registration" in the drop-down menu.

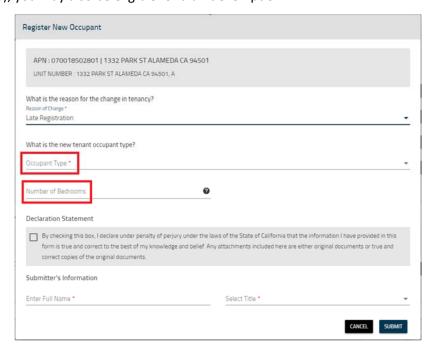


4. Next, choose the occupant type for the unit. There is an 'Occupant Type' drop-down list and a field for 'Number of Bedrooms'. The Number of Bedrooms will only need to be provided when you first register unless a change happens to the unit size over time.

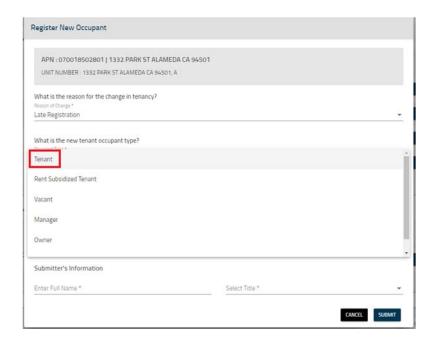


NOTE: If a tenant is a Rent Subsidized Tenant (such as a participant in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program), please select Rent Subsidized Tenant.

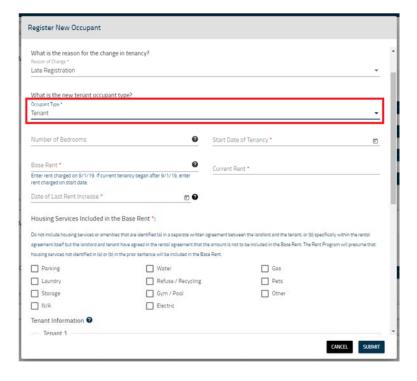
NOTE: If you select the occupant type of Owner, Manager, or Non-Residential Commercial, please submit a unit exemption request. If the unit is vacant and will remain vacant for the entire fiscal year (July 1 - June 30), you may also be eligible for a unit exemption.



5. In this example, we will submit registration information for a Tenant in a Fully Regulated unit. In the 'Occupant Type' field, select Tenant in the drop-down menu.

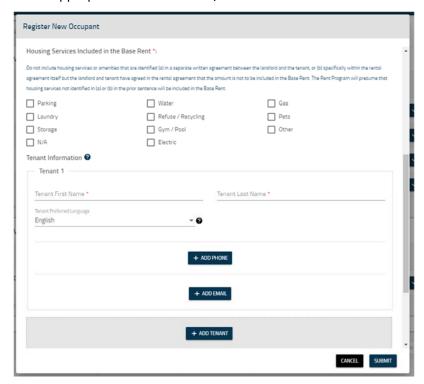


6. After selecting 'Tenant' in the drop-down menu, the Tenant fields will appear on screen. (Reminder: The image below is displaying the Tenant fields for a Fully Regulated unit)

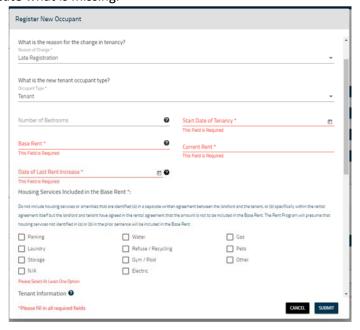


7. Enter all the required fields for the Occupant Type - Tenant.

8. To add Tenant Information, there are three buttons: 1) Add Phone; 2) Add Email; and 3) Add Tenant. Use the appropriate buttons to add/enter the Tenant Information.



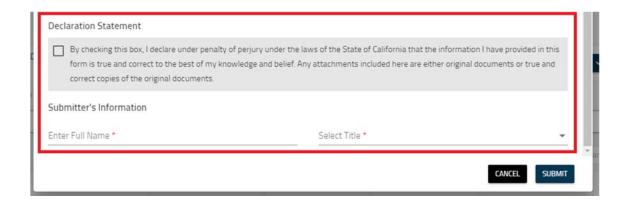
9. If there are any errors or missing fields, the system will display error messages in red on the screen to indicate what is missing.



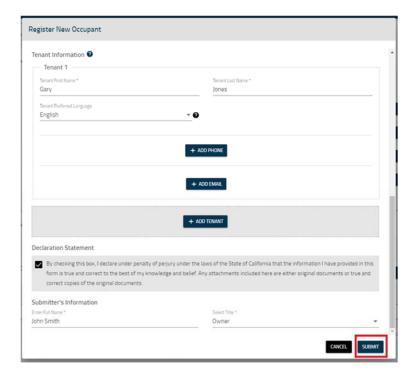
10. The following is a list of fields for the Occupant Type – Tenant with a description of the field and information as to whether the field is required.

| Field Name | Instructions | <u>Fully</u> <u>Regulated</u> <u>Unit</u> Requirement | Partially Regulated Unit Requirement |
|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Number of Bedrooms | If the Unit is a Studio, enter '0' | Required | Required |
| Start Date of Tenancy | Enter the date the current Tenancy established was established | Required | Required |
| Base Rent | Enter the amount of rent that was charged to the tenant on September 1, 2019. If the unit was not occupied by the current tenant at that time, enter the rent charged on the first date that rent was charged following September 1, 2019 | Required | Not Applicable |
| Current Rent | Enter the current monthly rent for the Tenant. | Required | Required |
| Date of Last Rent Increase | Enter the effective date of the last rent increase. If current tenant has never had a rent increase, enter the Start Date of the Tenancy. | Required | Required |
| Housing Services Included with Rent | Select all the Housing Services that are included with the Rent for the current tenant. | Required | Not Applicable |
| Tenant Name | Submit contact information for tenants who are aged 18 or older. | Required | Not Applicable |
| Tenant Preferred Language | Enter the Tenant Preferred Language, if known. | Optional | Not Applicable |
| Tenant Phone | Enter the Tenant Phone Number. | Optional | Not Applicable |
| Tenant Email | Enter the Tenant Email Address. | Optional | Not Applicable |

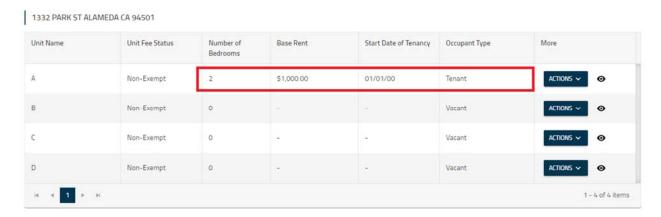
11. Once all required fields are accurate, complete the Declaration Statement and Submitter's Information sections. Click on the Declaration Statement check box, enter your Full Name, enter your Title from the drop-down list.



12. Click on the 'SUBMIT' button at the bottom right of the window to register the new occupant.



13. The new occupant's information will be updated.



14. Repeat for all units.

Submit Property Exemption Request

Certain properties are exempt from Rent Ordinance 3250 and the Rent Program Annual Fee. A landlord must submit a Property Exemption request for any property that qualifies to be exempt from the Rent Program Annual Fee.

The Property Exemption applies to registration and the upcoming fiscal year.

The eligible grounds for a Property Exemption:

- Commercial units, such as office condominiums, commercial storage units or units subject to Section 30-15 of the Alameda Municipal Code (Work Live Studios).
- Community cabins
- Dwelling Units in which the Landlord owns the Rental Unit, occupies the Rental Unit as the Landlord's Primary Residence and shares kitchen or bath facilities with one or more Tenants.
- Dwelling Units that are rented or leased to transient guests for 30 consecutive days or less.
- Dwelling Units, regardless of ownership, for which the Rents are subsidized or regulated by federal law or by regulatory agreements between a Landlord and (i) the City, (ii) the Housing Authority or (iii) any agency of the State of California or the Federal Government; provided, however, if the Dwelling Unit is in the Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 Program and is not owned by a public entity or a bonafide not for profit organization dedicated to the provision of affordable housing, as further defined by Regulations, the Dwelling Unit is exempt only as to the rent control provisions of the ordinance. If a Dwelling Unit no longer qualifies for the full or partial exemption under this subsection A, for example, the Landlord withdraws from a subsidy program or a regulatory agreement expires and/or is not renewed, the Dwelling Unit will immediately be subject to all provisions of the ordinance.
- Houseboats
- Mobile homes or mobile home lots
- Rooms in a building or Dwelling Unit that provides a structured living environment that has the
 primary purpose of helping formerly homeless persons obtain the skills necessary for
 independent living in permanent housing and where occupancy is limited to a specific period of
 time and where the occupant has been informed in writing of the temporary nature of the
 arrangement at the inception of the occupancy.
- Rooms in a building or Dwelling Unit where the primary use is providing short-term treatment, assistance or therapy for alcohol, drug or other substance abuse and the room is provided incident to the recovery program and where the occupant has been informed in writing of the temporary or transitional nature of the arrangement at the inception of the occupancy.
- Rooms in a convent, monastery, fraternity or sorority house or in a building owned, operated or managed by a bonafide education institution for occupancy by students.
- Rooms in a facility that provide a menu of services including, but not limited to, meals, continuing care, medication management, case management, counseling, transportation and/or a wellness clinic, and for which services an occupancy agreement is typically required, and regardless of whether the occupant must pay additionally for some services.
- Rooms in a facility that require, as part of a person's occupation and use of the room and the facility, some or all of the following: intake, case management, counseling and an occupancy agreement.

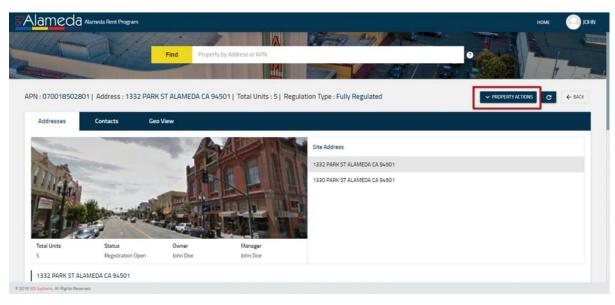
- Rooms in any hospital or in a facility for assisted living, skilled nursing, convalescence or extended care.
- Rooms in hotels, motels, inns, tourist homes, short-term rentals, rooming or boarding houses, provided that such rooms are not occupied by the same occupant or occupants for more than 30 consecutive days.

Please take note:

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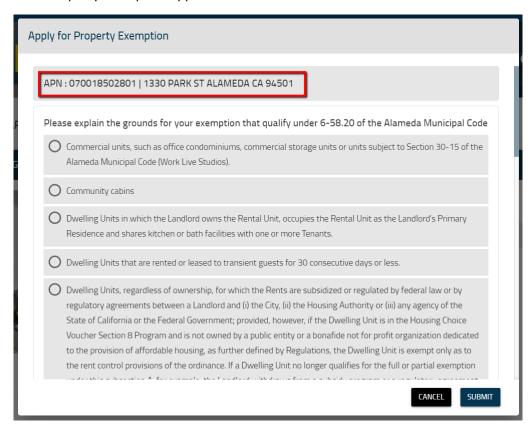
1. Navigate to the Address tab for the property that needs an exemption. Click on the 'PROPERTY ACTIONS' button on the top right of the page.



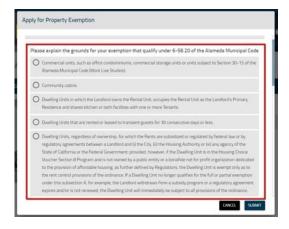
2. A drop-down menu will appear. Select 'Apply for Property Exemption.'



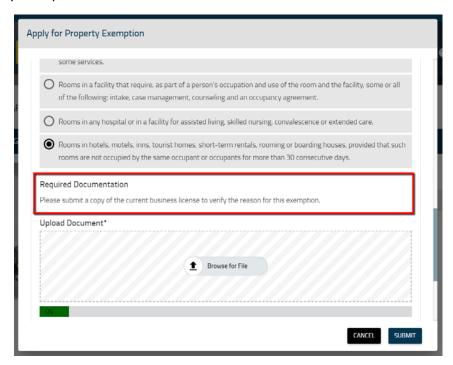
3. The Apply for Property Exemption pop-up window will appear. At the top of the pop-up window, the APN and Primary Address are displayed to verify that the correct APN was selected for the Property Exemption application.



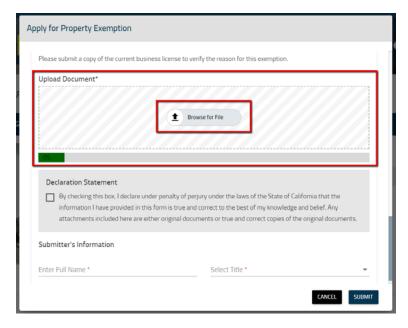
4. Select the applicable grounds for the Property Exemption. Only one option may be selected. Use the scroll bar to see the all eligible grounds for a Property Exemption.



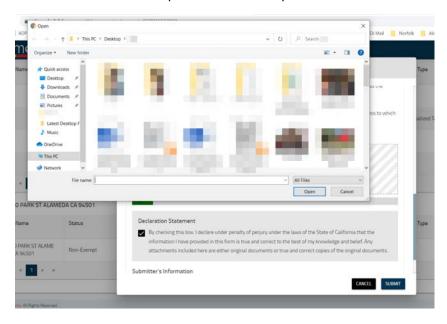
5. Once a selection is made, instructions will appear above the 'Upload Document' section to explain the required documents that must be submitted to substantiate the grounds for the Property Exemption.



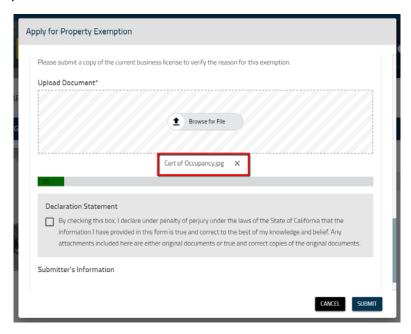
6. Upload the required documentation to the Property Exemption request. Click on the 'Browse for File' area to select a document(s) from your device to upload to the Property Exemption pop-up window.



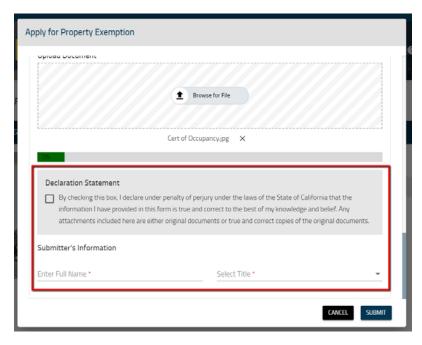
7. Select one or more documents to upload to the Unit Exemption case. Please ensure the uploaded documents meet the Required Documents qualifications



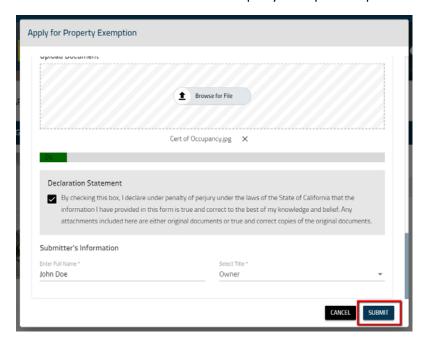
8. Once the appropriate document(s) have been selected and uploaded to the Property Exemption pop-up window, the document names will be listed below the 'Browse for File' area. There is also an 'X' next to each document name, which allows the user to delete the document if it was uploaded by mistake.



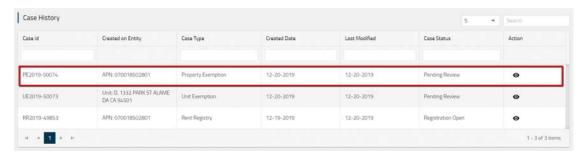
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accurate, complete the Declaration Statement and Submitter's Information sections. Click on
the Declaration Statement check box, enter your Full Name, enter your Title from the dropdown list.



10. Click on the 'SUBMIT' button to submit the Property Exemption request.



11. The Case History section on the Address tab will update to include the new Property Exemption case that was submitted. The cases status will display 'Pending Review.'



- 12. The Alameda Rent Program staff will review the Property Exemption case submission.
- 13. If staff approves the Property Exemption case, the case status will update to 'Approved' in the Case History section. The property status in the section above will be updated to 'Property Exempt.'



14. If the Staff denies the Property Exemption, the case status will update to 'Denied.' Staff will inform the Landlord of the reason the Property Exemption request was denied.





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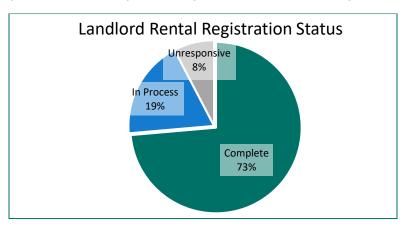
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| From: | City of Concord |
| Subject: | Landlord Rental Registration Activity- Update to December 13, 2021 Report |

Overview

The City of Concord established a Rent Registry Program on July 1, 2021. Since May, 2021, HdL Companies, on behalf of the City, has contacted Concord property owners to notify them of and assist them with the City's Rent Registry Program. Registration of units was due by July 31, 2021. As of the date of this report, 73 percent of landlords have completed their registration and 19 percent are in the process of registering their units.

The data below provides baseline information as of July 1, 2021, for those properties currently registered; subsequent annual reports will build upon this data. Attached is the raw data spreadsheet from which this report is derived. Identifying information has been redacted. The raw data spreadsheet and this report reflect information obtained from units that have completed their registration.

Please note, the City has continued to register units and update the data presented below since the December, 2021, report. As a result, the data presented in this report is an update to the December report and not a direct comparison.



Landlord Registration Analysis

Tables 1-3 illustrate the estimated inventory in the City and provide more detail about the status of the Rent Registry Program.

Table 1 - Inventory

| Inventory | Landlords | Property Units* |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Landlord and Unit Estimates | 379 | 9,281 |

^{*}Units are estimated as several owners have not registered.

Table 2 - Completion Status

| Status | Landlords | % of Total (L) | Property Units | % of Total (U) |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Completed | 279 | 73.6% | 6,730 | 72.5% |
| In-Process* | 71 | 18.7% | 2,293 | 24.7% |
| Unresponsive | 29 | 7.7% | 258 | 2.8% |
| Totals | 379 | 100% | 9,281 | 100% |

^{*}In-process of registering units in the City's Rent Registry database but not yet complete.

Table 3-- Unresponsive (Please see Appendix A for more details on the Unresponsive Landlords)

| Current Status | Landlords | % of Total (L) | Property Units | % of Total (U) |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Returned to Sender | 16 | 55.2% | 176 | 68.22% |
| Unresponsive | 13 | 44.8% | 82 | 31.78% |
| Totals | 29 | 100% | 258 | 100% |

Registration of units was due by July 31, 2021. As of March 15, 2022, HdL has sent four notices to property owners by standard mail to offer assistance with the registration process and to ensure compliance. Several attempts were also made to contact property owners directly by phone and/or email when that information was available; however, the return from these efforts was minimal. To further drive compliance, three assessment notices were sent via certified mail and follow-up calls/emails were made to urge the remaining non-compliant property owners to register. Despite these efforts, 71 owners are still in the process of completing the registration of their properties and 29 owners have not responded (Appendix A). The HdL team and City staff are continuing to work with the in-process owners to complete their registration. HdL is currently undertaking collection actions on those accounts that are not fully registered.

Citywide Rental Property Analysis

Table 4a – Summary

| Attribute | Avg. Value |
|------------------|------------|
| Rent | \$1,716.90 |
| Square ft. | 776.4 |
| Rent per Sq. ft. | \$2.25 |
| Occupancy Rate | 96.7% |
| Bedrooms | 1.63 |
| Bathrooms | 1.17 |

As noted below, there were 702 tenant-initiated and 103 owner-initiated changes in occupancy. Included within those 103 owner-initiated changes in occupancy are four unlawful detainers.* Please note that a countywide eviction moratorium was in place during the reporting period that offered protections for those tenants whose inability to pay rent was a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic; if a tenant's ability to pay was not a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, owner-initiated terminations were still permissible per California State law

^{*}An unlawful detainer is a legal way for a landlord to evict a tenant who maintains possession of real property without legal rights to do so. An unlawful detainer lawsuit is the step before eviction measures can be taken.

Table 4b – Change of Occupancy

| Change in | | % of completed | % of Est. Total Units |
|-------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Occupancy | Count | units | in Concord* |
| Total | 805 | 12% | 9% |
| Tenant Initiated | 702 | 10% | 8% |
| Owner Initiated | 103 | 2% | 1% |
| 3-day notice | 2 | | |
| 15-day notice | 96 | | |
| 30-day notice | 1 | | |
| 60-day notice | 0 | | |
| Unlawful Detainer | 4 | | |

^{*} Units are estimated as several owners have not registered. See Table 1.

Table 4c – Owner-Initiated Termination Cause

| Termination Cause | Count |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Non-Payment of Rent | 98 |
| Lease violation other than | 1 |
| non-payment of rent | |
| Unlawful Detainer | 4 |
| Compliance with a | |
| Government or Court Order | 0 |
| Demolition or Substantial | |
| Remodel | 0 |
| Owner or Relative Move-In | 0 |
| Unit Removed from the | |
| Market/Ellis Act | 0 |

Table 3d – Occupany and Vacancy



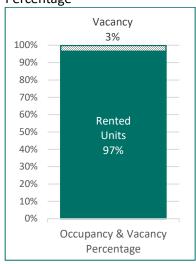


Table 3e - New Leases

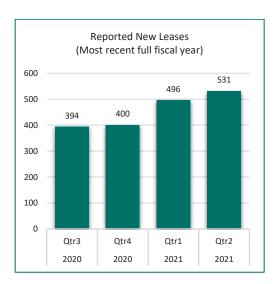


Table 5 – Apartment Complex Size (Based on Completed Registrations)

| Size | Count |
|--------------|-------|
| 4 Units | 89 |
| 5-12 Units | 70 |
| 13-24 Units | 36 |
| 25-60 Units | 47 |
| More than 60 | 28 |

^{*&}quot;Properties" are represented by the number of account numbers and not by parcels or apartment names

Table 6 – Analysis of Average Monthly Rent + Non-Optional Charges

By Number of Units

| Unit Ranges | Average Rent & Fees |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 4 Units | \$1,594.75 |
| 5-12 Units | \$1,639.57 |
| 13-24 Units | \$1,649.59 |
| 25-60 Units | \$1,646.39 |
| More than 60 | \$1,829.73 |

By Avg. Cost Per Sq. Foot

| Room Size | Avg. Rent & Fees Per SqFt |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| One Bedroom | \$2.50 |
| Two Bedroom | \$2.12 |
| Three Bedroom | \$2.00 |
| Four Bedroom | \$1.63 |

By Geo-Area

| Area Name | Average Rent & Fees |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Clayton Road | \$1,640.84 |
| Downtown | \$1,994.60 |
| Monument | \$1,719.03 |
| North Concord | \$1,676.38 |

By Number of Bedrooms

| Room Size | Average Rent & Fees |
|---------------|------------------------|
| One Bedroom | \$1,547.62 |
| Two Bedroom | \$1,843.29 |
| Three Bedroom | \$2,250.92 |
| Four Bedroom | \$2,258.25 |

Appendix A:

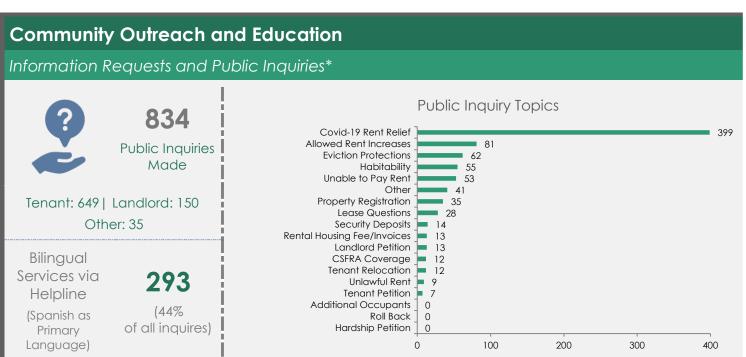
Table of Unresponsive Landlords

| DBA | Business Street Address | Business City and Zip | # of Units (Est) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| BALHAN APTS | 5319 BALHAN CT | CONCORD, CA 94521-3729 | 4 |
| BALHAN COURT APTS | 5281 BALHAN CT | CONCORD, CA 94521-3724 | 4 |
| BERNAL APTS | 1651 DETROIT AVE | CONCORD, CA 94520-3356 | 27 |
| BRISENO HALLER APTS | 1661 HALLER CT | CONCORD, CA 94520-4178 | 6 |
| CASA DEL SOL | 2061 GRANT ST | CONCORD, CA 94520-2376 | 17 |
| CLAYTON SIERRA APTS | 2023 SIERRA RD E | CONCORD, CA | 4 |
| COTTON HILLSBOROUGH APTS | 2248 HILLSBOROUGH CT | CONCORD, CA 94520-1646 | 4 |
| DETROIT APTS | 1201 DETROIT AVE | CONCORD, CA 94520-5983 | 6 |
| DIABLO GLEN APTS | 4462 CLAYTON RD | CONCORD, CA 94521-2837 | 4 |
| FIFTH ST APTS | 1737 FIFTH ST | CONCORD, CA | 6 |
| FOURPLEX APTS | 2300 PACHECO ST | CONCORD, CA 94520-2018 | 4 |
| GUZMAN BALHAN APTS | 5305 BALHAN CT | CONCORD, CA 94521-3727 | 4 |
| LARRABEE QUEENS APTS | 1906 QUEENS RD | CONCORD, CA 94519-1702 | 10 |
| LI MARCLAIR APTS | 1462 MARCLAIR DR | CONCORD, CA 94521-5369 | 4 |
| MAJOR LACEY APTS | 1132 LACEY LN | CONCORD, CA 94520-4235 | 4 |
| MARTIN CHESTNUT APTS | 3550 CHESTNUT AVE | CONCORD, CA 94519-2443 | 8 |
| MASTER DETROIT APTS | 1151 DETROIT AVE | CONCORD, CA 94520-3140 | 5 |
| MEADOW LN APTS | 1145 MEADOW LN | CONCORD, CA 94520-3795 | 8 |
| MORSE CARLETON APTS | 1472 CARLETON DR | CONCORD, CA 94518-1117 | 4 |
| NEW DETROIT APTS | 1650 DETROIT AVE | CONCORD, CA 94520-3392 | 12 |
| NORD FRISBIE APTS | 1590 FRISBIE CT | CONCORD, CA 94520-4281 | 6 |
| NORD HILLSBOROUGH APTS | 2237 HILLSBOROUGH CT | CONCORD, CA 94520-1655 | 4 |
| OAKVIEW APTS | 2055 FOX WAY | CONCORD, CA 94518-2973 | 35 |
| SABIN OLIVERA APTS | 2415 OLIVERA RD | CONCORD, CA 94520-1678 | 20 |
| SHERBOURNE CAMARA APTS | 2543 CAMARA CIR | CONCORD, CA 94520-3160 | 4 |
| SHIELD WALTERS APTS | 2499 WALTERS WAY | CONCORD, CA 94520-3674 | 4 |
| SUN TERRACE APTS | 3401 HILLSBOROUGH DR | CONCORD, CA 94520-1567 | 30 |
| TROLAN CONCORD APTS | 1930 CONCORD LN | CONCORD, CA | 6 |
| VLAHAKOS MARCLAIR APTS | 1468 MARCLAIR DR | CONCORD, CA 94521-7679 | 4 |



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FY 2021-22 (as of November 2021)



Community Workshops and Trainings, Office Hours, Events and Outreach

| Workshops and Trainings, Office Hours, Events | | Outreach | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|---|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 14 Workshops | 22 Office Hours | 23 Eviction Help Center Clinics and Pop-ups | = | 4 mass mailings 307 targeted letters | | 12 |
| | | | | | Mailings | MV Voic | ce Ads |
| | 143 | 141 1:1 Support | 403 | | 11 | <u> </u> | 733 |
| | Attendees | Provided | Attendees | Em | ail Undates | Email Sub | ccrihers |

Mediations and Conciliations

The Mountain View Rental Housing Helpline and the Mountain View Mediation Program assist the Rent Stabilization Program by providing free mediation and conciliation services to landlords and tenants in Mountain View. These services help people come together to talk about and potentially solve their disputes in a controlled environment with the help of trained volunteer mediators. They help to resolve issues for rental properties in Mountain View, reducing the number of petitions filed with the City.



66

Mediations and Conciliations

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Resolved (21 Pending, 1 Unresolved)

Required Noticing

Required Noticing



165
Banked
Rent
Increase
Notices



432Termination Notices

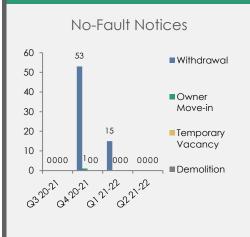


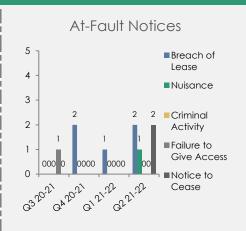
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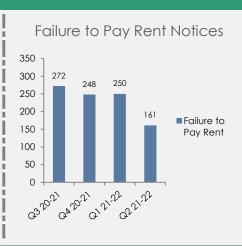
Additional
Occupant
Notices

Just Cause Eviction Submittals (as Received by the City)





Units Affected



Tenant Relocation Assistance (Calendar Year)

Properties in Redevelopment

7 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0

2019

2020

0 2021

339 126

297 4 0 2019 2020 2021 Households that Received Assistance

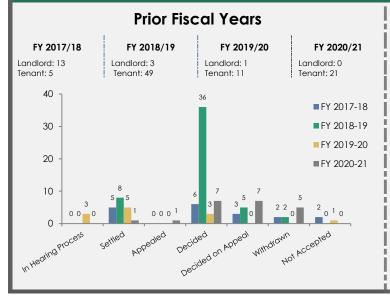
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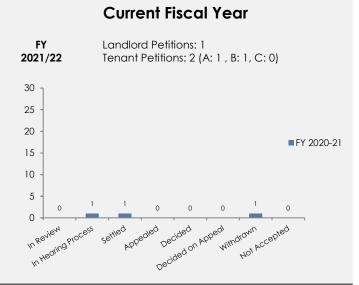
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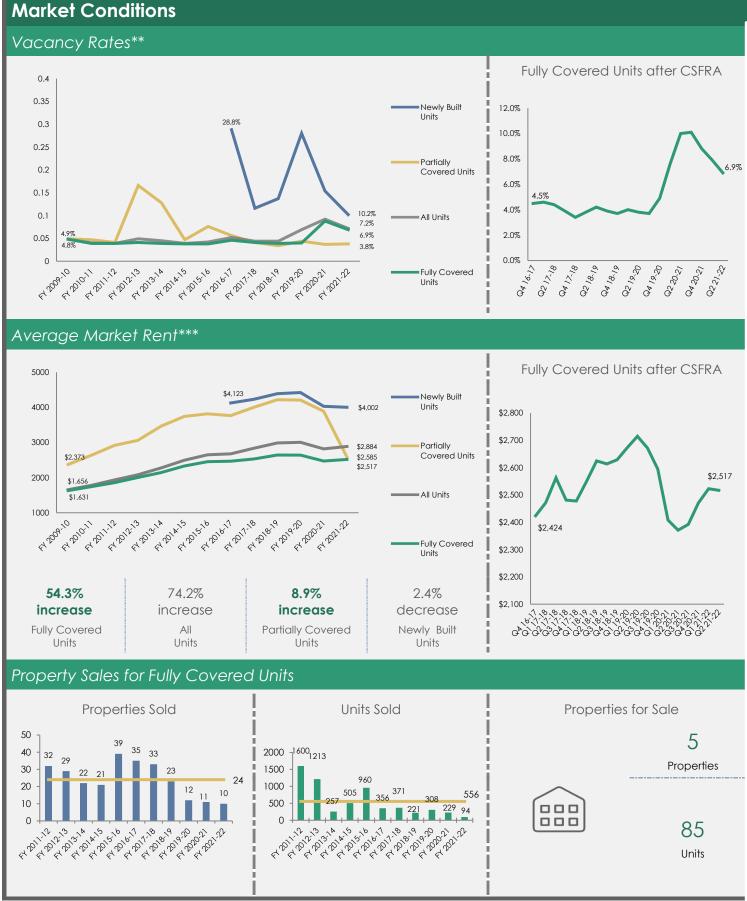
Rent Adjustment Petitions

2017

2018







*Mountain View Rental Housing Helpline, November 2021; ** CoStar, November 2021; Disclaimer: Vacancy Rate data is for informational purposes only and not intended to be used as a benchmark for suspension of the CSFRA. See Section 1718 of the CSFRA for details; *** CoStar, November 2021 Average Asking Rent (market rent rate).

METHODOLOGY

Data unrelated to the CoStar databases or the MNOI CPI Indices was obtained by staff through use of internal record keeping and in partnership with external consultants and vendors, including Associated Right of Way Services (ARWS) and the Mountain View Rental Housing Helpline. Data gathered from CoStar utilizes as regimented and consistent search terms within the database as possible in an effort to adhere to the specifics of the CSFRA.

The data provided by CoStar and used in the CSFRA Monthly Report was obtained as follows:

- Vacancy Rate Data and Average Asking Rent Data (Average Market Rent): The search criteria included multi-family properties with three or more units built from 1995 through 2015; multi-family properties with three or more units built after 2016; and all multi-family properties with three or more units using the *Properties* database. These four data points illustrate the average vacancy rate and average asking rent trends of vacant units for the total market, including units fully covered by the CSFRA (first occupancy before 1995), units partially covered by the CSFRA (first occupancy from 1995 through 2015), newly built units not covered by the CSFRA (first occupancy after December 23, 2016) and all units within Mountain View.
- Multi-Family Property Sales for Units Built Before 1995: The search criteria for Multi-Family Property Sales for Units Built Before 1995 included multi-family apartment properties with three or more units that sold from 2011 through 2021 within Mountain View using the *Sales Comp* database. Non-Arm's Length Sales, in which there is a relationship between the buyer and the seller of the property, were excluded.
- **Properties Currently for Sale:** The search criteria for Properties Currently for Sale included multifamily apartment properties built before 1995 with three or more units currently for sale within Mountain View using the For Sale database.



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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSING DIRECTOR

While the past year challenged our City in unprecedented ways, it also illuminated the sense of community, togetherness and compassion that make San José such as special place. Nowhere was this spirit more apparent than in the work of the Rent Stabilization Program (RSP).

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued, the Rent Stabilization Program (RSP) shifted its long-term priorities to focus on the recovery and continuation of housing stability for thousands of San José residents facing financial hardships due to the pandemic.

The RSP team continued implementing the eviction moratorium and moratorium on rent increases to protect tenants.

This urgent work was done while the RSP team continued to carry out its responsibilities to oversee the City's ordinances that govern rental housing, implement the next phase of the San José Rent Registry, research and analyze housing trends, and educate property owner and tenants about their rights and obligations.



ABOUT THE RENT STABILIZATION PROGRAM (RSP)

The Rent Stabilization Program provides services to tenants in the City of San José who live in apartments and mobilehomes, property owners, and managers. The services include:

- Responding to general inquiries and meeting with property owners and tenants to address issues, develop solutions, and answer questions;
- Policy development and implementation,
- Managing notices of tenancy termination, including reviewing notices to examine accuracy and analyze trends,
- Managing tenant and property owner petitions, as well as scheduling mediations and administrative hearings,
- Engaging and educating community members and communitybased organizations through printed and digital medias, community presentations, site visits to both apartment complexes and mobilehome communities, and multilingual workshops.

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WORKLOAD OUTPUT SUMMARY



PETITIONS PROCESSED





COMMUNITY EVENTS

20 for Landlords & Tenants4 for Landlords14 for Tenants



WEBINAR VIEWS

INQUIRIES ADDRESSED

6,135 English **709** Spanish **162** Vietnamese **2** Others







16,78

16,00

HOUSING DATA—RENT REGISTRY

The Rent Stabilization Program collects data for rent stabilized properties, which are apartment buildings with three or more apartments, built before September 7, 1979. The Rent Registry allows Program staff to monitor compliance and analyze trends for rent stabilized properties subject to the Apartment Rent Ordinance.

The Rent Registry is an online portal where property owners or managers register their rent stabilized apartments. San José's Rent Registry collects information relating to rent increases, security deposits, vacancies, and vacancy reasons, and helps ensure San José tenants' rights are protected.

RENT REGISTRY GOALS

- Utilize Rent Registry to track rent stabilized rents and annual rent increases. In addition, analyze the length of tenancy and turnover rates in rent stabilized apartments to measure effects of rent stabilization and compare to market rate turnover rates.
- Leverage database as an enforcement mechanism of rent increases to ensure rent stabilization by informing landlords of improper rent increases beyond allowable 5% in the Rent Registry and allowing tenants to verify rent levels through the future Tenant Portal.

8,000

3,019

4,000

1-BED

STUDIO

Rent Stabilized Apartments

APARTMENTS TOTALS

Total Rent Stabilized: 38,421

Total Registered: **33,770**

Apartments withdrawn through

Ellis Act Ordinance: 12

88% Registered

PROPERTY OWNERS

Unique Property Owners: 3,091

Total Registered Property

Owners: 2,760

89% Registered





Apartments with Services

12,000



31,774 (86%) Parking 26,080 (75%) Laundry 12,409 (37%) Pool 9,358 (27%) Storage 6,626 (20%) None of the four

Rent Stabilizat

HOUSING DATA—PROGRAMS



ELLIS ACT ORDINANCE WITHDRAWALS

The City of San José's Ellis Act Ordinance provides the legal process for owners who want to withdraw a Rent Stabilized apartment building from the rental market.

During Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the Program received one notice of an intention to withdraw a 12-unit rent stabilized building under the Ellis Act Ordinance. This withdrawal impacts one tenant housed who is currently still housed in the building. The tenant is receiving relocation assistance and benefits consistent with the Ellis Act. The former tenants located negotiated tenant buyout agreements with the owner consistent with the Apartment Rent Ordinance requirements. The reason for the withdrawal was for demolishing for redevelopment to build new units.

TOTAL RENT STABILIZED APARTMENT UNITS WITHDRAWN FROM MARKET

| | # OF UNITS | DETAILS |
|-------------|------------|--|
| 2020 2024 | 42 | 1 apartment with tenants receiving Ellis Act Ordinance notice and relocation benefits |
| 2020–2021 | 12 | 9 tenants accepted tenant buyout |
| | | 2 apartments were vacant at time of withdrawal |
| 2019–2020 | 10 | 8 apartments with tenants receiving Ellis Act Ordinance notice and relocation benefits |
| | | 2 apartments were vacant at time of withdrawal |
| 2018–2019 | 4 | |
| TOTAL UNITS | 26 | |

TOTAL MARKET RATE APARTMENT UNITS WITHDRAWN FROM MARKET

| | # OF UNITS |
|-------------|------------|
| 2020–2021 | 0 |
| 2019–2020 | 0 |
| 2018–2019 | 5 |
| TOTAL UNITS | 5 |

ELLIS ACT PROGRAM GOALS

- Evaluate the impacts of the Ellis Act Ordinance by monitoring withdrawn properties that have been developed or have not been redeveloped, as well as evaluate impacts on tenants displaced by the economics of redevelopment
- Monitor coordination of project management with the Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement for compliance with SB 330

HOUSING DATA—TENANT BUYOUTS

A tenant buy-out occurs when a property owner of a rent stabilized property enters into a mutual agreement with the tenant to terminate the tenancy through a voluntary agreement. Typically, the property owner offers the tenant money to voluntary agree to vacate the apartment on an agreed-upon date. The City regulates voluntary agreements under the Apartment Rent Ordinance Regulations ("Regulations"). They contain disclosure requirements to the tenants and noticing to the City whenever they are executed so that the City can review them for consistency with the Regulations. The tenant has 45 days after signing the agreement to change their mind.

15

Complete Buyouts

\$7,256

Average tenant buyout per household



BUYOUT BY DISTRICT



POLICY CHANGES & COVID-19



IMPACT ON PROGRAMS

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of San José enacted an Eviction Moratorium and Moratorium on Rent Increases to ensure that residents that were still facing impacts of the pandemic were protected. These Moratoriums were extended several times as the pandemic progressed into 2021.

POLICY PROGRAM GOALS:

- Understand the effectiveness of policies intended to promote city-wide housing stability during COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts.
- Educate and inform the rental community of rights and responsibilities with targeted outreach to renters with limited English proficiency, and renters with special needs such as seniors and people with disabilities.

REDUCTION IN RENT STABILIZATION PROGRAM PER UNIT FEES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

To help reduce the financial burden on property owners during the pandemic, Rent Stabilization Program fees were temporarily reduced 35% in FY 20-21 for the Apartment Rent Ordinance Fee, 37% for the Tenant Protection Ordinance Fee, 20% for the Tenant Protection Ordinance, and 17% for the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance.

| | ARO FEE | TPO FEE | EAO FEE | MHRO FEE |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2019–2020 Fee Levels | \$85.04 | \$8.76 | \$2,469 | \$24.24 |
| 2020–2021 Fee Levels | \$55.00 (-35%) | \$5.45 (-37%) | \$2,464 (-20%) | \$20.00 (-17%) |

EVICTION MORATORIUM

Since March 2020, local and statewide eviction moratoria have served as critical tools to keep San José residents safe and housed during the pandemic. The public health measures put in place to control the spread of disease resulted in significant economic hardship for many business owners and their employees, leading to business closures and loss of jobs and work hours. Additionally, the transition to remote learning led to many workers being unable to return to the workplace due to childcare needs. To address the mounting financial impacts and the risk that residents would not be able to cover their rent, federal, state, and local governments enacted targeted eviction moratoria and dedicated billions of dollars in funding to rental assistance, aimed at mitigating the harmful effects of COVID-19 on housing stability. Now, federal rental assistance is available for tenants, property owners, and managers through the State of California and the local program, providing a resource to pay rental arrears before property owners pursue an eviction.

The Moratoriums were intended to protect all residential tenants impacted by COVID-19 from evictions for nonpayment of rent. As the pandemic persisted for months, concerns were raised over the ability of tenants to pay their rental arrears.

Compared to last year in 2019-2020, the Program received 608 unlawful detainers. This year, the program received 121 unlawful detainers.

COVID-19 DATA



8

E-blasts related to the moratorium



3,418

Views of moratorium videos on social platforms



38,429

Informational postcards mailed to landlords and residents



1,324

Moratorium-related calls handled by the Rent Stabilization team

POLICY CHANGES & COVID-19

AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN JOSÉ EVICTION MORATORIUM FROM AUGUST 2020 TO JUNE 2021

To prevent a pending "eviction cliff", the San José City Council extended protections for renters. The following events describe the actions taken by the City Council and Program staff:

August 25, 2020

The City reviewed the RSP staff recommendation to extend the Eviction Moratorium until September 30, 2020, and a staff report detailing the economic indicators that informed this recommendation. The memorandum also provides information on moratoria actions taken by government entities, impacts to property owners, and resources available to both property owners and tenants.

• September 29, 2020

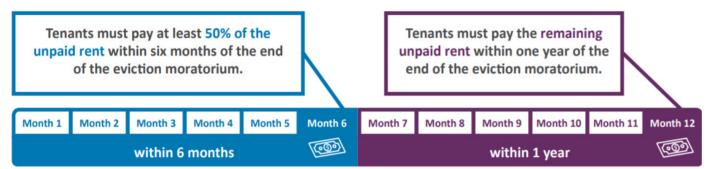
Staff provided to City Council a summary of the key differences between the components of the City of San José Eviction Moratorium, Santa Clara County Eviction Moratorium, and State Executive Order N-37-20. The following were analyzed in the summary: 1) Coverage, term and expiration, and nonpayment of rent protection 2) How to qualify as an affected tenant, notification by tenant to property owner, rent repayment period, and late fees 3) Eviction procedures.

• January 26, 2021

The City passed the 2021 Eviction Moratorium as a stopgap measure in the event that the State did not extend its eviction protection measures following a sharp increase in COVID-19 cases and deaths during the winter.

• June 22, 2021

The City passed the 2021 Eviction Moratorium extension on residential evictions until August 31, 2021 as a measure to protect tenants who continue to struggle to pay rent due to COVID-19 related financial hardship and ensure rental assistance can be disbursed to pay the outstanding rent debt. California Assembly Bill 832 was also passed in late June, replacing San José's residential eviction moratorium. AB 832 applies to San José residential properties and similarly required tenants to pay at least 25% of rent due in July and August and provide their property owners with a signed declaration of continuing COVID-19 related financial distress to receive the eviction protections.



CITY OF SAN JOSÉ MORATORIUM ON RENT INCREASES

- On April 28, 2020, the San José City Council enacted a temporary moratorium on rent increases for rent-stabilized apartments and rent-controlled mobilehomes. The moratorium expired on December 31, 2020.
- On February 2, 2021, City Council enacted an additional temporary 2021 Moratorium on Rent Increases that prohibited rent increases from being charged between February 2, 2021 and June 30, 2021. Only apartments subject to the Apartment Rent Ordinance or Mobilehome Rent Ordinance are covered under this Moratorium on Rent Increases. This moratorium expired on June 30, 2021. As staff reviewed measures put in place over the last 14 months to protect the most vulnerable residents from housing instability and mounting debt, significant outreach in the community resulted in the recommendation that the 2021 Moratorium on Rent Increases end on its expiration date June 30, 2021.
- On June 22, 2021, City Council approved sunsetting the 2021 Moratorium on Rent Increases. The 2021 Moratorium on Rent Increases fulfilled its purpose to promote housing stability during the COVID-19 pandemic by mitigating against increases to rent debt that could lead to increased homelessness. While the temporary 2021 Moratorium was necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety, staff's recommendation to the Commission is to sunset the 2021 Moratorium on Rent Increases on its current expiration date of June 30, 2021, based upon research and public outreach with property owners, property managers, tenants from the rent stabilized apartments, and mobilehome community.

POLICY CHANGES & COVID-19



The City's Rent Increase

Moratorium Postcard mailer

STATE OF CALIFORNIA EXTENSIONS OF EVICTION MORATORIUM

Effective August 31, 2020, the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act
 ("CTRA") enacted temporary protections from eviction for
 residents unable to pay rent and other charges due on or after
 March 2020. CTRA was extended in January 2021 by SB 91, and
 again by AB 832, effective June 28, 2021. CTRA's protections
 now apply to rent due between March 1, 2020 through
 September 30, 2021 and extend additional requirements
 through March 2022. AB 832 effectively replaced the City's
 residential eviction moratorium with a statewide eviction
 moratorium.

THE COVID-19 TENANT RELIEF ACT UNDER CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 3088 AND SENATE BILL 91

 The COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 ("CTRA"), commonly referred to as AB 3088, took effect on August 31, 2020. CTRA provides protections from eviction for residents unable to pay their full rent and other charges due between March 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021 due to circumstances directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. It also extends "just cause" protections (as defined by the Tenant Protection Act, AB 1482), to all residential properties and tenancies through January 31, 2021. CTRA has been extended twice (under SB 91 and AB 832). The moratorium expired September 30, 2021.

THE COVID-19 RENTAL HOUSING RECOVERY ACT UNDER AB 832

- Assembly Bill 832 (AB 832) and its predecessor bills created a robust rental assistance program for tenants who make less than 80% of the "area median income." This program will pay 100% of a tenant's back rent owed since April 1, 2020. Either a property owner or a tenant can begin the application process. If the property is the first to apply, the tenant must be sure to complete their application within 15 days. If a property owner refuses to participate, the tenant can receive the rent assistance money directly. AB 832 also extended protections through September 30, 2021 that were originally established under AB 3088, and further extended under SB 91. Under AB 832 tenants cannot be evicted for COVID-19 rent debt (rent due between March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021) so long as they:
 - Pay at least 25% of rent due by September 30, 2021 for the period of September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Tenants may do this by paying at least 25% each month, or by paying a lump sum equaling 25% of their cumulative rent owed during the time period, or by some other means; and
 - Submit to their property owner a signed Declaration of COVID-19Related Financial Distress within 15 days of receiving a notice for nonpayment of rent.
- These protections end September 30, 2021. AB 832 contains further provisions preventing local jurisdictions from adopting eviction protection measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic until April 1, 2022.



RENT REGISTRY

The Rent Registry website went live for the second registration period on October 1, 2020. Property owners and managers were provided 60 days to register their apartments in the portal.

As of June 30, 2021, there were 33,770 apartments registered out of the total 38,421 apartments subject to the Apartment Rent Ordinance. That is a compliance rate of 88%.



33,770REGISTERED APARTMENTS 2020–2021

The steps taken by the Rent Stabilization Program to ensure a successful launch of the Rent Registry are depicted below.

RENT REGISTRY KEY INITIATIVES



6 Rent Registry workshops



26 video tutorials



1 mailer to property owners and managers



1,257 phone, email, and in-person interactions to provide support



5 email blasts sent to email subscribers







User guide produced in **three** languages

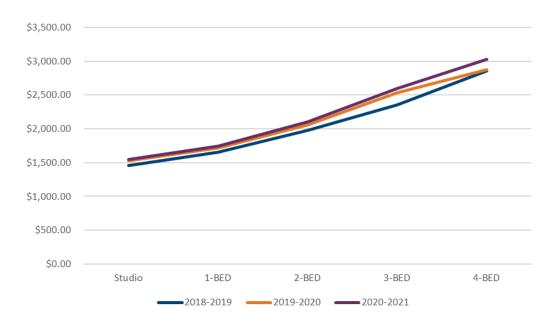


243 paper registration forms provided to landlords who prefer not to submit information electronically

The Rent Registry has enabled staff to better understand what is occurring in the rent-stabilized community, help promote and sustain compliance with the Apartment Rent Ordinance ("ARO"), as well as provide an invaluable tool for policymaking to support the rent stabilization community and carry out the purpose of the ARO.

Data entered in the Rent Registry since the first registration period began in 2018 shows that rents for rent stabilized apartments have been increasing year over year. This data shows the importance of having a 5% allowable rent increase every 12 months is crucial to having affordable housing for San José residents. Without the Apartment Rent Ordinance, rent increases would not be regulated and tenants could potentially receive extremely high rent increases.

RENT INCREASES IN RENT REGISTRY SINCE 2018



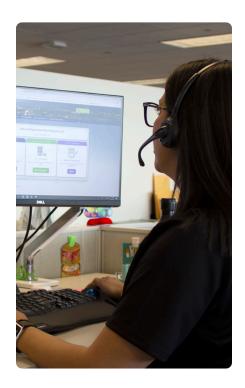
The focus for staff during Fiscal Year 2020–2021 was informing property owners about the Rent Registry, educating them about their obligations, and providing technical assistance throughout the registration process. The majority of properties were registered through the online portal. 243 properties were registered via the paper form for the second registration period.

Due to the closure of City Hall, staff provided webinars and video tutorials to help property owners and managers register for the second registration period. These webinars and videos were done in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

RENT REGISTRY

The Rent Registry has also proven to be an essential tool in monitoring compliance with the City's Ordinance. The 2020 Moratorium on Rent Increases prohibited rent increases to be issued to rent stabilized properties from April 28, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Staff contacted property owners and managers who identified in the Rent Registry that they increased their tenants' rent during the time the 2020 Moratorium on Rent Increases was in effect. In response, staff has contacted property owners who indicated that they increased to determine whether the increase occurred and to educate the property owners on the moratorium and correct any improper rent increases. The education outreach campaign is ongoing. Thus far, the common outcomes of the campaign reported to staff were:

- Owners made an error on the date of the rent increase such that the increase occurred outside of the moratorium
- Owners actually negotiated rent decreases with their tenants
- Owners, who improperly increased the rent, issued rent credits to their tenants

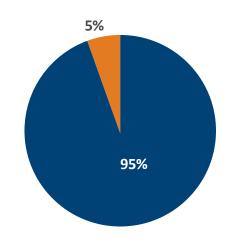


HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

Housing Choice (Section 8) vouchers provide financial assistance to very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to help them afford housing in the private market. Voucher holders can live in rent stabilized apartments and are protected under the Apartment Rent Ordinance, however, voucher holders are exempt from the rent increase limits under the ARO. In Fiscal Year 2020-2021, 2,025 ARO apartments had tenants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Pie Chart: Registered Apartments participating in Housing Choice Voucher Program

36,396 (95%): Apartments not receiving voucher assistance **2,025 (5%)**: Apartments with voucher assistance



PETITIONS

The Rent Stabilization Program oversees tenant and property owner-initiated petitions. Through the Programs hearing officers, mediations and administrative hearings are conducted to assist in resolving rental issues under the Apartment Rent Ordinance.

Mediations are held to settle disputes without the need for a more formal hearing. Participation in a mediation is voluntary. Hearings are held for cases not resolved through mediation. At these hearings, the hearing officer reviews evidence and hears testimony from the parties. After the hearing process, the hearing officer issues a detailed written decision. Most petitions are resolved through mutual agreement.

PETITION PROGRAM GOALS

- Ensure tenants and landlords who participate in the Petitions or Housing Mediation Programs follow through with the process, are accountable with the outcomes, and are satisfied or above satisfied with the process when completing Program survey.
- Continue outreach and multilingual engagement to vulnerable communities to provide petition and mediation services to resolve tenant and landlord conflicts.

PETITIONS DATA



63

Total Petitions



23

Zoom Mediations/Hearings resulting in Voluntary Agreement



ZOOM MEDIATIONS

As part of the COVID-19 pandemic response, the RSP team transitionec its mediation and hearings processes to the online Zoom platform for the entire 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. Prior to the end of the Fiscal Year, the team successfully closed all outstanding petition cases that were placed on hold at the beginning of the pandemic. While certain petitioners and respondents preferred to wait until in-person meetings were permitted as per Santa Clara County Health Orders, with the continued extension of stay-at-home orders due to the pandemic, the parties elected to hold the mediations over zoom.

SUMMARY OF PETITIONS

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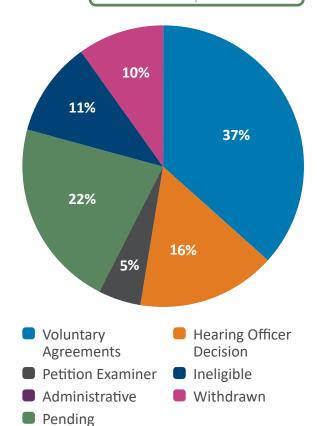
| YEAR | TOTAL PETITIONS |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 2014–2015 (Base Year) | 300 |
| 2015–2016 | 415 |
| 2016–2017 | 375 |
| 2017–2018 | 162 |
| 2018–2019 | 263 |
| 2019–2020 | 113 |
| 2020–2021 | 63 |

| Tenant F | Petitions |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Service Reduction | 56 |
| Joint | 4 |
| Rent Increases | 3 |
| Total | 63 |

| Landlord Petitions | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Capitol Improvements | 0 | | | |
| Fair Returns | 0 | | | |
| | - | | | |
| Total | 0 | | | |

RESOLUTIONS OF PETITIONS SUBMITTED FROM 2020-2021

| Resolutions | Petition | % of Total |
|---|----------|------------|
| Voluntary Agreement Arranged by Hearing Officer/ Mediator | 23 | 37% |
| Voluntary Agreement Arranged by Staff | 0 | 0% |
| Hearing Officer Decision | 10 | 16% |
| Staff Decision | 3 | 5% |
| Pending | 14 | 22% |
| Ineligible | 7 | 11% |
| Withdrawn | 6 | 10% |
| TOTAL | 63 | 100% |



MEDIATIONS

MEDIATION PROGRAM GOAL

 Continue incorporating options to provide referrals and conduct online mediations and hearings to increase participation and flexibility for participants to complete process.

HOUSING MEDIATION PROGRAM

The Housing Mediation Program is a partnership between the Rent Stabilization Program and the Santa Clara County Office of Mediation and Ombuds Services (OMOS) and is designed to provide mediation services to property owner and tenant participants.

Mediation offers a neutral platform for tenants and property owners to resolve housing related issues. The mediation is offered via electronic communication technology. Mediation offers tenants and property owners the opportunity to work with a mediator whose role is to help parties have difficult conversations, generate options, and reach voluntary resolution of their conflicts. It does not provide legal advice. Participants may also elect to receive coaching from the mediator, wherein the participant receives helpful communication tools.

RSP staff are responsible for fielding inquiries and submitting referral paperwork to OMOS to get the mediation process started. The Program submitted 33 referrals to OMOS in the 2020-2021 year. Of these cases, the outcomes were: 20 cases mediated or conciliated with 3 reaching no agreement; 12 cases were coached, with 3 deciding mediation was not needed and 3 in which no response from one party resulted in no mediation; and 1 case seeking information only.

JUST CAUSE NOTICES

All apartment buildings with three or more units in the City of San José are subject to the Tenant Protection Ordinance. The Tenant Protection Ordinance requires all notices of termination provided to a tenant living in an apartment must receive one of the 13 "just cause" reasons.

Property owners must submit copies of any notices provided to their tenants to the City of San José Rent Stabilization Program.

TPO PROGRAM GOAL

 Monitor notice compliance to reduce avoidable displacement by providing access to resources, and analyze data compiled to understand trends among just cause terminations.

TERMINATION OF TENANCY NOTICES WITH JUST CAUSE REASONS FROM 1–13

| Quarter | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 2,521 | 2,537 | 2,339 | 1,479 |
| 2 | 2,076 | 2,393 | 2,183 | 2,688 |
| 3 | 2,050 | 2,475 | 2,375 | 2,754 |
| 4 | 2,160 | 2,311 | 1,724 | 2,796 |
| Total | 8,807 | 9,716 | 8,621 | 9,717 |

From July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the City received 9,717 Just Cause Notices Under the Tenant Protection Ordinance, there are 13 Just Causes. Certain causes require the property owner to provide relocation assistance to the tenant. The table below illustrates the number of each type of termination of tenancy notice filed with the Rent Stabilization Program during this time period.

JUST CAUSE SUBMISSIONS 2020-2021

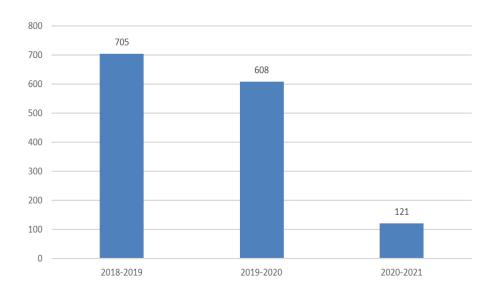
| # | Just Cause Submissions | Total | % |
|----|--|--------|-------|
| 1 | Nonpayment of Rent | 9,055 | 93.19 |
| 2 | Material or Habitual Violation of Tenancy | 378 | 3.89 |
| 3 | Substantial Damage to the Rental Agreement | 18 | 0.19 |
| 4 | Refusal to Agree to a Like or New Rental Agreement | 2 | 0.02 |
| 5 | Nuisance Behavior | 204 | 2.10 |
| 6 | Refusing Access to the Apartment | 3 | 0.03 |
| 7 | Unapproved Holdover Subtenant | 28 | 0.29 |
| 8 | Criminal Activity | 22 | 0.23 |
| 9 | Substantial Rehabilitation of the Apartment | 0 | 0.00 |
| 10 | Ellis Act Removal | 1 | 0.01 |
| 11 | Landlord Move In | 4 | 0.04 |
| 12 | Order to Vacate | 1 | 0.01 |
| 13 | Vacation of Unpermitted Apartment | 1 | 0.01 |
| | Subtotal with Just Causes 1–13 | 9,717 | - |
| | TPO Exemptions | 670 | - |
| | Total with Just Causes 1–13 + Exemptions | 10,387 | |

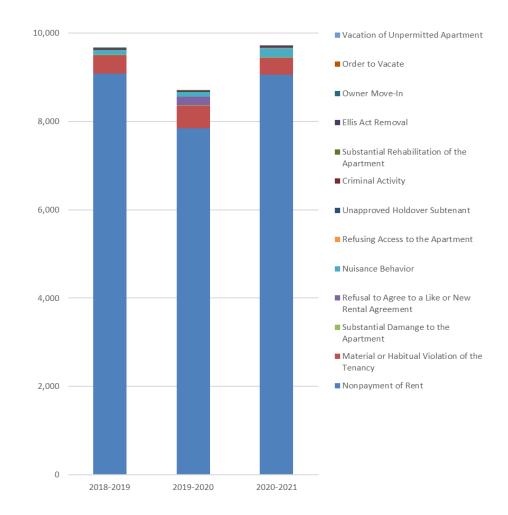
JUST CAUSE NOTICES

There were approximately 121 unlawful detainer notices submitted. An Unlawful Detainer is filed with the Santa Clara County Court to initiate the eviction process. In 2020-2021, the number of Unlawful Detainers submitted to the program decreased by 80%. The decrease in Unlawful Detainers was due to the **Eviction Moratorium which** placed eviction protections for all residents who were unable to pay their rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

JUST CAUSE SUBMISSIONS WITH JUST CAUSES 1–13

UNLAWFUL DETAILNERS SUBMITTED





ADMINISTRATIVE WARNING & CITATIONS

On December 3, 2019, the City established an administrative citation process and schedule of fines for violations of the Apartment Rent Ordinance, Tenant Protection Ordinance, and Ellis Act Ordinance.

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION PROGRAM GOALS

- Foster compliance with the Ordinances through educating the rental community on their rights and responsibilities, correcting curable violation, and citing instances of violations when necessary.
- Identify instances of potential non-compliance and investigate and enforce such instances, and have a targeted approach to inform residents and landlords of their rights and responsibilities.
- Strengthen enforcement with follow up on key requirements of the Ordinances, including landlords' filing of tenancy termination notice to identify potential non-compliance

After completing the first and second Rent Registry registration periods, Program staff conducted a review of non-registered ARO property owners and identified 157 property owners in violation. Program staff also found that of those property owners in violation, 37 have had a recent address change. Following the analysis of the Rent Registry data, 2,564 Notice of Violation and Corrective Action letters were mailed in December 2020 and 108 in January 2021. Since the initial 2,564 letters were issued in December 2020, an additional 1,713 properties have registered completely. As a result, the number of registered apartments increased from 49% to 87%. The Program will continue to provide these Notices and opportunities for property owners to comply with the requirements of the Rent Registry before issuing Administrative Citations. Program staff is currently working with the Finance Department to issue citations for property owners who remain out of compliance with Rent Registry requirements following the issuance of notices of violation and corrective action.

LEGAL SERVICES: EDUCATION & REFERRALS



San José Housing Consortium (comprised of Law Foundation, Bay Area Legal Aid, Senior Adults Legal Assistance, Asian Law Alliance, and Project Sentinel), was awarded a \$500,000 contract to provide legal education and services to tenants and property owners beginning Fall 2018.

The goal of the program is to increase housing stability by providing free property owner /tenant counseling, education, referrals, and legal assistance to low-income tenants and property owners. These services also include outreach and education to low-income tenants and property owners citywide. This year, the San José Housing Consortium held a total of 22 outreach and educational meetings.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

22

Outreach events to property owners & tenants

1,092

Phone Calls to Legal Services Hotline

86

Legal Consultations

19

Legal Representation for Eviction Proceedings and Administrative Hearings

LEGAL SERVICES CLIENT DATA BY INCOME

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | % |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| Extremely Low At or below 30% of Median Family Income | 171 | 126 | 161 | 163 | 621 | 55.30% |
| Very Low Exceeds 30%, but does not exceed 50% | 25 | 23 | 20 | 29 | 97 | 8.64% |
| Low/Moderate Exceeds 50%, but does not exceed 80% | 91 | 85 | 132 | 97 | 405 | 36.06% |
| Totals | 287 | 234 | 313 | 289 | 1,123 | 100% |

LEGAL SERVICES CLIENT DATA BY INCOME BY YEAR

| | 2019–2020 | 2020–2021 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Extremely Low At or below 30% of Median Family Income | 1,017 | 621 |
| Very Low Exceeds 30%, but does not exceed 50% | 195 | 97 |
| Low/Moderate Exceeds 50%, but does not exceed 80% | 414 | 405 |
| Totals | 1,626 | 1,123 |

RACE AND ETHNICITY

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | % |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| White | 105 | 71 | 121 | 90 | 387 | 28.29% |
| Hispanic | 57 | 34 | 56 | 64 | 211 | 15.42% |
| African American or Black | 15 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 51 | 3.73% |
| Asian | 64 | 58 | 52 | 46 | 220 | 16.08% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native, Other Pacific Islander | 15 | 11 | 2 | 10 | 38 | 2.78% |
| Other | 117 | 80 | 131 | 133 | 461 | 33.70% |
| Totals | 373 | 268 | 374 | 353 | 1,368 | 100% |

RACE AND ETHNICITY BY YEAR

| | 2019–2020 | 2020–2021 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| White | 751 | 387 |
| Hispanic | 455 | 211 |
| African American or Black | 118 | 51 |
| Asian | 224 | 220 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native, Other Pacific Islander | 16 | 38 |
| Other | 517 | 461 |
| Totals | 2,081 | 1,368 |

MOBILEHOMES



The Rent Stabilization Program provides services to mobilehome owners, park owners, park managers, and park residents. There are 59 mobile home parks in San José that are home to approximately 35,000 residents. The City is home to the largest number of mobilehome households in California.

The Mobilehome Rent Ordinance covers 59 mobilehome parks and approximately 10,840 mobilehome spaces. 12 mobilehome parks are age-restricted communities, serving individuals fifty-five years and older, many of whom live on fixed incomes. The Mobilehome Rent Ordinance allows annual mobilehome space rent increases equal to 75% of the regional Consumer Price Index increase, with a minimum increase of 3% and a maximum of 7%.

The Mobilehome Rent Ordinance permits annual rent increases calculated based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Under the Ordinance, a property owner has the right to file a fair return petition for a rent increase beyond the maximum allowable rent increase, filing the petition with the Rent Stabilization Program (RSP). Service reduction claims may be heard by the Mobilehome Law Residency Program by submitting a complaint with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). A mobilehome owner or tenant may pursue their own civil action for a service reduction through a court of competent jurisdiction as well. Beginning July 1, 2020, the Mobilehome Residency Law Protection Program, as established by HCD, began taking Mobilehome Residency Law-related complaints and coordinating assistance to help resolve the most severe alleged violations that the Department receives.





59 Mobilehome Parks



10,840 Mobilehome Spaces



12 Age-Restricted Parks (Ages 55+)



47 Family Parks

MOBILEHOME PROGRAM GOALS

- Preservation of mobilehomes and mobilehome parks as a source of affordable housing for senior citizens, residents on limited or fixed incomes, and other vulnerable residents.
- Facilitate coordination and communications between mobilehome residents, park managers, and parl owners as needed to streamline information.
- Provide efficient and effective customer service to process petitions submitted by park owners covered by the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance and provide referrals to resolve conflicts to ensure continuation of tenancy for mobilehome residents.

SUMMARY OF MOBILEHOME ISSUES

The Rent Stabilization Program received 169 inquiries from the mobilehome community during 2020–2021. The types of inquiries are explained below. Due to restrictions in State law, the Rent Stabilization Program has limited authority to respond to many mobilehome issues. However, the Program provides the mobilehome community with education and information through outreach to protect the rights of residents and park owners as well as assisting in maintaining positive relationships. Program staff has continued to also provide remote services to the mobilehome community via phone, email and the online platform, Zoom. Program staff has also conducted site visits to help resolve issues or provide referrals to legal or social services information as needed.

| Type of Inquiry | 2019–2020 | 2020–2021 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Rent Increases | 52 | 33 |
| Code Issues, maintenance, service | 47 | 25 |
| COVID-19 | 64 | 0 |
| Evictions, Eviction Information | 28 | 5 |
| Fees, lease disputes, harassment, & deposits | 23 | 13 |
| Ordinances | 42 | 0 |
| Referrals | 0 | 15 |
| Miscellaneous, Requests for information | 64 | 71 |
| Site Visits | 0 | 7 |
| Total | 317 | 169 |



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City of Palo Alto

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Policy and Services Committee Staff Report

Meeting Date: 9/13/2022 Report Type: Action Items

Title: Discussion and Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the City Council Values Statement (Follow up to City Council Referral from February 2022)

From: City Manager

Lead Department: City Manager

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Policy and Services Committee Discuss and Make a Recommendation to the City Council to Consider Adopting a City Council Values Statement.

Background

At the April 12, 2022 Policy and Services Committee CMR #14243, the Committee discussed and reviewed the February 5th City Council retreat referral to recommend a set of values that would continue over successive years. The Committee voted to create an Ad Hoc committee consisting of Councilmember Cormack and staff. The motion stated the following:

Direct staff to work with Council Member Cormack as an ad hoc to draft a set of values for the City to include Fiscal Sustainability, Environmental Sustainability, Social Justice, Healthy City Healthy Community, Innovation, Accountability/Transparency, Diversity and Equity, and consider describing City services such as Public Safety. (Minutes)

The Ad Hoc met and developed a draft set of values and factored in mind existing missions and values statements that currently exist. These statements include the City's Mission Statement, the Equity Mission Statement, and the Annual Budget Values Statement. Those statements are included here as reference material.

<u>City Mission Statement (Shown in the "Our City at Work" Document):</u>

The government of the City of Palo Alto exists to promote and sustain a superior quality of life in Palo Alto. In partnership with our community, our goal is to deliver cost-effective services in a personal, responsive and innovative manner.

Equity Mission Statement:

The City of Palo Alto is committed to creating a respectful, fair, and professional workplace and city. We will identify prejudices, eliminate inequities, welcome many

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perspectives, and use a collaborative approach to create an environment that works for everyone. The City's commitment to achieve equity in Palo Alto is the shared responsibility of our residents, organizations, governments, and other institutions. (link: www.cityofpaloalto.org/raceandequity)

Values Statement in the Annual City Budget:

- Quality: Superior delivery of services
- Courtesy: providing service with respect and concern
- Efficiency: Productive, effective use of resources
- Integrity: straightforward, honest, and fair relations
- Innovation: excellence in creative thought and implementation

Discussion

City of Palo Alto Values

Values are organizational characteristics that are both stated explicitly and regularly reinforced. When defining values, there is a trade-off between being specific and covering all aspects of an organization. The effort to define a set of values can ideally both reinforce current practice and recommit to organizational focus. While the City Council is engaged in this effort to define the City Council Values Statement that responds to community priorities, it is also important that staff engage in a parallel effort to refresh the workforce organizational values. This effort will take place this Fall.

For the City Council Values Statement, based on the topics the Committee asked the Ad Hoc Committee to explore for a values statement, as well as the existing mission statements, the Ad Hoc recommends the following statement for Committee review and feedback.

Draft City Council Values Statement:

The Palo Alto City Council has universally shared values that help guide our decisions and the work we do. These values include:

- 1. We will make decisions that balance revenues and expenses, now and in the future.
- 2. We will make decisions that respect the environment, now and in the future.
- 3. We will integrate equity into our decisions, considering how decisions affect people differently based on their identity or circumstances.
- 4. We are a learning environment that believes in trying new things and leading the way.
- 5. We will build a healthy, safe, and welcoming environment for all in our community.
- 6. We follow through on our commitments and believe in open communication with all members of our community.

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Timeline and Resource Impact

The next step after the Committee review is to take the recommendation to the full City Council for consideration this calendar year. The goal would be to have the values statement adopted prior to the 2023 City Council retreat. There is no resource impact for the City Council Values Statement process.

Stakeholder Engagement

Annually at the City Council retreat and in the weeks preceding the retreat, the City Council solicits information from the public about the priorities the City Council should consider for annual priorities. The topic areas included in the draft City Council Values Statement above are based on topics that regularly come up as priority areas for the City Council.

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