



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 6, 2018

TO: Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

FROM: Charles S. Bryant, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: **Housing Committee's Annual Report On Committee Goals, Principles And Accomplishments For Year 2017; And Proposed Committee Priorities For Year 2018**

RECOMMENDATION

Accept this report on the Housing Committee's accomplishments in 2017 and proposed priorities for 2018.

COMMITTEE GOALS AND PRINCIPLES

The Housing Committee provides input and recommendations regarding policies and priorities related to the City's housing development and homeless activities, policies and strategies.

The Housing Committee furthers the following City Policies and Plans:

- City of Emeryville General Plan Housing Element
- City of Emeryville Homeless Strategy
- City of Emeryville Operating Budget Economic Development and Housing Goals
- City of Emeryville Economic Development Strategy

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR YEAR 2017

- Reviewed and provided recommendations to City Council on the proposed Eviction and Harassment Protection Ordinance
- Recommended that the City Council approve the 2016 and 2017 Housing Affordability Table for Sales Prices, Rent, and Income Limits
- Reviewed and commented on Draft Family Friendly Design Guidelines
- Reviewed and commented on Short Term Rental Ordinance
- Reviewed and commented on Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance
- Commented on Smoking Control Issues
- Reviewed Shared Equity Homeownership Models

- Reviewed State Housing Legislation
- Reviewed and approved 2017 annual calendar year report on Housing Element progress
- Reviewed and approved FY 2017 annual report on Housing Successor Activities

TOP PRIORITIES FOR YEAR 2018

At their December 6, 2017 and February 7, 2018 meetings, the Housing Committee discussed the following policy goals and proposed initiatives for 2018.

First Highlighted Priority

Affordable Housing: Increase access to affordable housing through the development of additional deed restricted affordable housing units. This includes issuing a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for development of a senior housing project at 4300 San Pablo Avenue and locating a site for permanent supportive housing. The Housing Committee continues to be interested in progress on developing housing on sites owned by the Housing Successor. Increasing access to housing might also include changes to the City's housing policies, such as reviewing the possibility of adopting a new inclusionary zoning ordinance.

Second Highlighted Priority

Homeless Policy: Update the City of Emeryville Homeless Strategy to include working within the new Alameda County Homeless Resource Center policy, improving access to supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness in Emeryville, and clarifying policies related to engaging with people experiencing homelessness in Emeryville.

Other Priorities

Other priority items highlighted in the Housing Committee's 2018 goals are to increase efficiency and transparency of asset management of existing low income housing in both the Rental and Homebuyer programs, to review annual housing reports and affordability tables, and to review and recommend to the City Council housing policy changes as needed.

CONCLUSION

Calendar Year 2017 was highlighted by the effort to close the loan and start construction at Estrella Vista, a project that the Housing Committee has been working on for six years. The Housing Committee has been essential to providing input on quality of life issues related to housing such as short-term rentals, accessory dwelling units and smoking controls. The Housing Committee is a place for the community to address issues and concerns related to housing and homelessness, which are topics of high priority in the current economic environment.

The coming year will include working to create more access to housing for low income and homeless people in our community and to bring efficiency and transparency to the existing homeownership and rental programs. The committee will focus on the issues facing people experiencing homelessness in the City while balancing the needs of residents and visitors to our City.

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REVIEWED BY: Chadrick Smalley, Economic Development and Housing Manager

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Carolyn Lehr, City Manager