

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Department: Rent Program

Department Head: Nicolas Traylor

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Meeting Date: January 15, 2020

Final Decision Date Deadline: January 15, 2020

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE: Members of the community have sent letters to the Rent Board and Rent Program staff members. Staff members recommend letters that do not pertain to a specific item on the Rent Board agenda be included as consent items for consideration by the Rent Board.

INDICATE APPROPRIATE BODY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> City Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Surplus Property Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Powers Financing Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Standing Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Public Services Standing Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Reuse Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Rent Board</u> | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation/Proclamation/Commendation (3-Minute Time Limit) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract/Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent Board As Whole | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Application/Acceptance | <input type="checkbox"/> Claims Filed Against City of Richmond | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Video/PowerPoint Presentation (contact KCRT @ 620.6759) | |

RECOMMENDED ACTION: RECEIVE letters from community members regarding the Fair Rent, Just Cause for Eviction, and Homeowner Protection Ordinance, RMC 11.100 – Rent Program (Cynthia Shaw 620-5552).

AGENDA ITEM NO:
F-2.

Cynthia Shaw

Subject: FW: Attention: Rent Program Staff and Boardmembers

From: Doss & Felix [mailto:doss_felix@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 11:57 AM

To: Tom Butt - external; Nat Bates; Melvin Willis; Jael Myrick; Demnlus Johnson; Ben Choi; Eduardo Martinez; Rent Control

Cc: AURHP

Subject: Attention: Rent Program Staff and Boardmembers

To: Richmond Rent Program Staff and Board

From: Jerrilee Doss

CC: AURHP and City Council

Re: Your recent communication - Dates and topics for all 2020 Community Workshops are listed in the table below.

Space is limited – RSVP today: <https://rentprogram.eventbrite.com>

2020 Rent Program Community Workshop Calendar

City Council Chambers
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Dear Rent Program Staff and Board,

I would like to speak in support of Ilona Clark's comment at the last RRBoard meeting, Dec 18, about the separation of tenants and landlords for these community workshops. See your schedule below. I too believe that this is another wedge polarizing the rental community. My husband and I have attended both tenant and landlord sessions for the habitability responsibilities. The tenant meeting was full of landlords. I believed there were only two tenants at the tenant meeting. Now I believe there were none from Richmond. One of the participants who may have been a tenant was from Pinole and was Section 8. She was in the wrong place. The other I thought was a tenant was also at the Landlord meeting the week later and then he spoke as if he were a landlord.

Not only is this separation polarizing, it is a waste of resources. The facts should be the facts. There should not be bias when delivering the facts. Having one meeting for each topic should be sufficient.

There is also the question of whether the tenants will even attend. Are they disinterested? Are they content? Or do they not know about the resource? Perhaps there is a better way to advertise to

the tenants. We have a good working relationship with our tenants. We are frequently at the property, taking care of the building, grounds and any needs that arise. I believe in most cases, with the other mom- and - pop landlords I have met, that this is the case for them as well. I believe the tenants are mostly content. You will see them only when they have a problem that does not get resolved through this personal interaction.

By Staff's own reports, most issues between tenants and landlords are easily resolved by parties communicating. If you want to build the community, remove the walls.....put us in the same room at the same time. Remember separate but equal was abolished a loooooooong time ago . It should apply in all things.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jerrilee Doss

<u>WORKSHOP</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>(Saturday)</u>
Understanding the Statewide Anti-gouging and Eviction Protection Law (AB 1482) in Richmond	January 18 th
Rights and Responsibilities for Richmond Tenants	February 1 st
Rights and Responsibilities for Richmond Landlords and Property Managers	February 29 th
Navigating the Eviction Process in Richmond	March 28 th
Security Deposits – Rights and Responsibilities for Richmond Landlords and Tenants	April 18 th
Understanding the Richmond Rent Ordinance for Realtors	May 30 th
How to Raise Rents in Richmond	June 27 th
Rights and Responsibilities for Richmond Tenants	July 18 th
Navigating the Eviction Process in Richmond	August 29 th
How to File a Rent Decrease Petition	September 26 th
Handling Habitability Problems (Tenant Oriented)	October 17 th
Handling Habitability Problems (Landlord Oriented)	November 14 th