

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Department: Rent Program

Department Head: Nicolas Traylor

Phone: 620-6564

Meeting Date: January 15, 2025

Final Decision Date Deadline: January 15, 2025

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).

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From: Rosmarie Levy [REDACTED]
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Subject: article in todays paper

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- **California home-repair costs skyrocket:** Data from the Verisk Remodel Index shows that the price of repairs has jumped 40% over the past five years, but [the Golden State isn't alone.](#)

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Hi Nicolas,

I am sending you enclosed an article which appeared in today's paper. As you know, the historically low rents that we are able to collect in Richmond, will not even cover a fraction of the increased costs of repairs.

You are in charge of the office, that our fees pay for, and need to bring this issue up to the board, because it has to be addressed. You can not cap historically low rents (less than \$1,000 for a 2 bedroom one bath apt. with covered parking and a storage unit), when you implement rent control and also implement an AGA that is 3% or 60% of inflation when all other costs are increasing at an alarming rate and our historically low rents do not keep pace.

All this will do is Richmond small property owners will not be able to keep up with repairs and that will impact the city big time.

Concerned property owners,

Rosmarie and Ephraim Levy

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