



SOCIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION

RENT REVIEW BOARD FEASIBILITY

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 7:30 pm

Location of Meeting: City Council Chambers, Albany City Hall
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94706

BACKGROUND:

As outlined in the Housing Element portion of the City's General Plan, the City will analyze the feasibility of a rent review board. The City's Social & Economic Justice Commission will begin discussing options for consideration by the City Council regarding the feasibility of creating a rent review board to mediate instances of rapid rent increases.

This will be the first of a series of public meetings regarding the feasibility of a rent review board. The primary objective of this initial meeting is to provide the public and the Commission with background information on existing City housing policies, state regulations related to rental housing, and rent review programs in other cities.

Rent review is different from rent control in that the focus is on mediation rather than administration of annual limits on rent increases. The program is based on the use of mediation and non-binding arbitration provided in a neutral setting to work jointly to respond to complaints.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are encouraged to attend and address the Social & Economic Justice Commission on this matter. The meeting will be subject to the Albany City Council Rules of Procedure and Order. The time period allowed for each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. The Presiding Officer may adjust the speaking time for individual speakers or the overall public comment time if necessary. Persons interested in submitting written correspondence on an item listed on the agenda are requested to submit the correspondence in advance of the meeting so that copies can be made for the Social & Economic Justice Commission and for public inspection.

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