



**SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers – 1000 San Pablo Avenue

December 5, 2017 – 7:30 PM

AGENDA

****WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE SOCIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE
COMMISSION****

Persons interested in submitting written correspondence on an item listed on the agenda are requested to submit the correspondence and any related materials no later than 12:00 PM on the date of the meeting. If correspondence is received after the deadline, the Social & Economic Justice Commission may not have time to review its content.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES: November 7, 2017

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

For persons desiring to address the Commission/Committee/Board on an item that is not on the agenda. Please note that each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. The Chair may reduce the time limit per speaker depending on the number of speakers. The Brown Act limits the Commission's ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items are normally referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.

All persons wishing to speak on an item on the agenda are to fill out speaker cards and provide to the staff liaison. Comments related to items appearing on the agenda are taken up at the time the Commission deliberates each action item. The Chair will announce when the period for public comment is open on each agenda item.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF

6. PRESENTATION

6-1 Community Resource Center – Alison Mertz, Resource Center Director

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7-1 Update on Rent Review Ordinance: Staff will provide information on next steps and a draft timeline.

Staff recommendation: For information only.

7-2 Work Plan 2017-2019

Staff Recommendation: Review current work plan, identify priorities and next steps.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8-1 Social and Economic Justice Commission 2018 Meeting Schedule

Staff Recommendation: Review the meeting calendar and decide on whether to have a meeting January 2, 2018.

8-2 Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Staff Recommendation: Consider selecting a Member to serve as Chair and Member to serve as Vice Chair for 2018.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Commission/Committee/Board Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items). **Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 7:30pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Thursday, November 7, 2017, 7:30 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue

ACTION MINUTES

1. Call to Order: 7:30 PM. Members Present: Chair Grossman, Members Baer, Beall, Diehl and Marks. Absent: None. Staff Present: Isabelle Leduc

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from October 3, 2017 was made by Member Marks, and seconded by Member Beall.

AYES: Members Baer, Beall, Diehl and Marks.

NOES: None

Abstain: Grossman

Motion carried and so ordered.

3. Public Comments

4. Announcements from Commission Members

5. Announcement from Staff

6. Presentation

7. Unfinished Business

7-1 Rent Review Ordinance: The Commission discussed the status of the rent review ordinance.

7-2 Update on the Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax: The subcommittee provided an update on the November 6 workshop.

7-3 Update on the Diversity Action Plan Proposal: The subcommittee provided an update on a proposal to Council.

7-4 Report on the Community Resource Center: The Commission reviewed the September 2017 Community Resource Center monthly report.

7-5 Report on Albany Project HOPE: The Commission reviewed the 1st quarter report.

7-6 Update on Alameda County Measure A1 Funding for Affordable Housing: The Commission reviewed staff report provided at the Council meeting on October 16, 2017.

7-7 ECHO Housing: The Commission reviewed the first quarter report provided.

8. New Business

8-1 Shower Program at the Albany Aquatic Center: Member Marks provided information on the program.

9. Future Agenda Items: Community Resource Center, Senior Center, Rent Review Ordinance, Inclusivity

10. Adjournment: 8:43 PM



**CITY OF ALBANY
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION**

2017 - 2019 Work Plan

Approved by the Social and Economic Justice Commission: April 4, 2017

Approved by the City Council:

Background

The following work plan identifies recent accomplishments, and priority work items for the upcoming work plan period. The work plan includes items identified as priority projects within the City Council's Strategic Plan. The Social and Economic Justice Commission shall review the work plan each year in January to identify accomplishments and ensure continued focus on completing work plan items. Work plans are presented to the Council every two years, and if a change is needed to the work plan outside of that schedule, the Social and Economic Justice Commission shall submit a "Request for Amendment to Advisory Body Work Plan" Form for review by the City Council.

Social and Economic Justice Commission Purpose

The charge of this Commission is to research, analyze, discuss and evaluate a broad range of data and opinions on social and environmental issues affecting the welfare of the residents of Albany as inhabitants of both a local and a global community, and make recommendations to the City Council on positions and/or actions to take to address these issues.

Recommendations to the City Council shall state the relevance, important and/or particular impact that the issue has on the welfare of the residents of Albany.

Recent Initiatives and Accomplishments

- Analyzed the "soda tax" and made a presentation to the City Council
- Provided a report on Minimum Wage to the City Council
- Researched the feasibility of a Rent Review Program and made a presentation to Council
- Presentation to the City Council for a one-year Community Resource Center Pilot Program
- Increase to monthly meetings resulted in great increase in productivity including moving projects forward that had been on the work plan such as the community resource center and rent review

2017-2019 Policy Review and Initiatives

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 1 - Foster a Healthy and Sustainable Urban Village

Objective 1.2 Promote Housing Availability

B. Conduct housing outreach and referrals for people experiencing homelessness

- 1) Review and evaluate Albany Project HOPE based on performance measures included in quarterly reports provided by BFHP and the annual presentation by BFHP staff/Project HOPE Case Manager.
- 2) Review of progress towards Housing Element policies with Community Development Staff once per year

C. Develop rent review ordinance

- 1) Review Rent Review program draft ordinance when requested by Community Development staff

Objective 1.5 Promote Health and Wellness

B. Create health and wellness programs in coordination with community input regarding use of Soda Tax revenues

- 1) Provide a recommendation to the Council on health and wellness programs to be developed with soda tax revenue where the matter will be discussed (Council meeting/Community workshop)

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2 - Engage Our Diverse Community

Objective 2.1 Connect With and Engage the Community

A. Conduct outreach and service referrals to low-income residents, seniors and people experiencing homelessness

- 1) Provide input on outreach efforts regarding information on low income/senior tax exemptions
- 2) Implement and evaluate Resource Center Pilot Program

Objective 2.2 Continue to Promote Communitywide Inclusivity

- 1) Identify outreach strategies and programs to support inclusivity such as ESL, antiracism programs
- 2) Identification and outreach to unserved and underserved communities
- 3) Investigate service gaps for seniors to age in place

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 5 - Facilitate Government Accountability

Objective 5.3 Identify Funding Mechanism to Ensure Stable and Effective Budget

- 1) Provide feedback on future draft policy to include evaluation of options for low income exemptions as part of future tax measures and franchise agreements for review by the Council

SEJC Meeting Dates 2018 – First Tuesday of every month unless noted otherwise

January 2

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July 17 (Third Tuesday)

August – No City Board meetings

September 7 (first Wednesday)

October 2

November 7 (first Wednesday)

December 4