CITY OF ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: 01/18/05 Date Prepared: 01/10/05 Reviewed by: ____

SUBJECT: Resignation of City's representative to the Alameda County

Housing Commission and Appointment of Replacement

FROM: Jacqueline L. Bucholz, City Clerk

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Accept resignation and discuss the following options: 1) Appoint a Council Member to Authority; or 2) Schedule interviews for a replacement.

BACKGROUND

The Alameda County Housing Commission serves the cities located in Alameda County and each City has one (1) representative on the Commission.

Initially a Council Member represented Albany and when that Council Member left office the City Council appointed a Planning Commissioner to represent Albany. After the Planning Commissioner was replaced on the Commission, the City Council appointed Jean Safir, who had a planning background, to represent the City.

Ms. Safir has submitted her resignation and recommends that a Council Member be selected to represent Albany. Ms. Safir believes that with the newly adopted Zoning Ordinance, which contains housing measures it is an appropriate time for a Council Member to represent the City on the Commission. Also, Ms. Safir notes that the majority of members on the Commission are elected Council Members.

Ms. Safir's term began January 1, 2002 and will end on December 31, 2005. The Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at 22941 Atherton Street, Hayward.

If the Council decides to open up the vacancy to the public, the City Clerk should be directed to notice the vacancy pursuant to State law.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None