



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TENANT PROTECTIONS TASK FORCE

Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Creekside Room
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This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

6:30 P.M. CONVENE SPECIAL MEETING Gina Bartlett, Senior Mediator, Consensus Building Institute (CBI) called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

- 1. ROLL CALL – Present:** Facilitator: Gina Bartlett, Senior Mediator, Consensus Building Institute (CBI); Members: Buddy Akacic, Isis Bastet, Richard Bell, George Gager, Norman LaForce, Peter Pan, Elizabeth “BJ” Thornses and Tyra Wright; Others: Aissia Ashoori, Housing Analyst and Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director.
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jeff Levine: 30-year resident and Policy Director at East Bay Housing Organization (EBHO). Looks forward to hashing out issues specific to El Cerrito. Mentioned August 21, 2018 City Council Study Session and would like to add the information from that meeting to the Task Force Agenda as contains an array of short and long term policies for the City in consideration with the *2017 Affordable Housing Strategy*.

Victor Wong: 43-year resident and 41-year housing provider. Attended all City Council meetings and hopeful that the Task Force comes to a reasonable conclusion. Some issues that were raised at the City Council meetings were referenced without data and believes data is needed to support policy. Feels that rent control laws confiscate property rights and suggesting changing the name of Task Force from Tenant Protections to Tenant and Housing Provider Protections.

Sherry Drobner: El Cerrito resident. Stated that she has been an active voice in the community and very involved in this subject. Hopeful that Task Force will think about both good and bad landlords. She acknowledged that there are good landlords, but bad apples too. Housing has changed in the last 40-years and mentioned corporate takeover in our community and believes there’s a place to build alliances. BJ commented that Sherry would know about tenants with problems given her community involvement and tremendous resource.
- 3. REVIEW TASK FORCE FRAMEWORK, PURPOSE, MEETING PLAN**

Gina presented draft Framework for Task Force to consider and formally adopt subject to refinements determined by the Task Force. Reminded members that the City Council set the guidelines for Task Force.

Members discussed the need to include the Rent Registry Program data in the Purpose section of the Framework to inform their decisions.

Framework will be revised and considered at the next meeting for approval.

4. PRESENTATION OF INTERVIEW ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Gina presented and summarized findings along with the range of stakeholder interests and suggestions.

5. IDENTIFY INTERESTS FOR TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER IN ITS DELIVERATIONS

Discussion opened up to Task Force members to hear El Cerrito specific issues, interests and concerns to factor into the Task Force development of recommendations.

6. STAFF PRESENTATION ON EXISTING HOUSING POLICIES

Aissia Ashoori presented about housing policies by providing background, current City policies, and State law (existing and proposed).

7. QUESTIONS, DISCUSSIONS, CONSIDERATIONS FOR EL CERRITO

8. NEXT STEPS, MEETING SCHEDULE AND WRAP UP

Next meeting will pick-up with AB 1482, revisit Framework and begin reviewing items of consideration designated by the City Council Resolution. Doodle poll will follow to determine next meeting date sometime late-October to early-November and will be posted on the City's website. Special meeting notice requirements are 24-hours in advance and will be posted sooner, if possible.

9. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.



Gina Bartlett, Facilitator/Mediator

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special Tenant Protections Task Force meeting of September 23, 2019 as approved by the Tenant Protections Task Force.



Aissia Ashoori, Staff Liaison