

RESOLUTION 2019-33

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO CREATING THE TENANT PROTECTIONS TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the City of El Cerrito, with direction from the City Council, has developed goals, objectives, policies, and action programs that directly address the City's housing needs; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the El Cerrito Affordable Housing Strategy, City staff convened two Technical Advisory Group meetings, that included affordable housing and displacement representatives and other subject matter experts to collect input and develop policies, strategies, and recommendations most appropriate to El Cerrito; and

WHEREAS, the El Cerrito Affordable Housing Strategy, adopted August 17, 2017, identifies four policy pillars for implementation over the next five years to produce, protect and preserve affordable housing for El Cerrito residents; and

WHEREAS, "Pillar B. Reduce the Risk of Displacement and Help Stabilize At-Risk Populations," recommends exploring tenant protection policies for tenants at risk of displacement; and

WHEREAS, among Pillar B's strategies included two to be advanced in the "immediate" term, including: Strategy 4-2: *Consider enacting an ordinance to regulate the demolition of existing housing units, including requiring tenant relocation assistance* and Strategy 6-1: *Continue to study potential tenant protection options and evaluate the success of existing programs in peer cities*; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to bring together landlords and tenants in order to find common ground.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Cerrito hereby establishes a Tenant Protections Task Force, with the necessary staff liaison assigned by the City Manager, with the following duties and responsibilities:

- 1) To serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council with regard to Tenant Protection policies within the City of El Cerrito.
- 2) To review, analyze, and make recommendations to the City Council on the following items:
 - a. Rent Review programs
 - b. Tenant Relocation Assistance due to Demolition policy
 - c. Tenant Relocation Assistance due to Rent Increase policy
 - d. Other recommendations considered by the Task Force with respect to Tenant Protections

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Task Force shall be open to only El Cerrito residents, to be divided equally between Tenants and Landlords, with an emphasis on owners of residential rental properties of diverse types; and that the City Council's intention is to appoint an initial group of eight individuals to serve as members of the Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the meetings of this Task Force will be public and shall comply with the Brown Act.

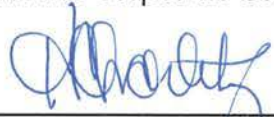
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Task Force shall convene at least five times, with a limited duration of six months from appointment of its members, to complete its work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on May 21, 2019 the City Council of the City of El Cerrito passed this Resolution by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, Quinto, and Mayor Pardue-Okimoto
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on May 22, 2019.



Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto, Mayor