#### City of San José Department of Housing



# Ellis Act Ordinance

City Council – April 18, 2017













#### **Public Process**

DATE	LOCATION
First Round of Public Meetings	
November 7, 2016	Cypress Community Center
November 14, 2016	San José City Hall
November 16, 2016	Bascom Community Center
December 5, 2016	Housing & Community Development Commission
Stakeholder Meetings	
November 7, 2016	Tenant Stakeholders
November 7, 2016	Small Owner Stakeholders
November 9, 2016	Large Owner Stakeholders
November 15, 2016	Small Owner Stakeholders
November 16, 2016	Large Owner Stakeholders
November 17, 2016	Tenant Stakeholders
November 30, 2016	Santee Tenants
December 4, 2016	BAHN Property Owners
December 13, 2016	Sacred Heart Community Service
December 19, 2016	Reserve Apartment Tenants
Second Round of Public Meetings	
February 8, 2017	San José City Hall
February 15, 2017	Bascom Community Center
February 17, 2017	San José City Hall
February 27, 2017	Cypress Community Center
March 2, 2017	Housing & Community Development Commission
April 13, 2017	Housing & Community Development Commission



# 10 Public Meetings10 Stakeholder Meetings

# Public Comment Cards

Proposed Ordinance was available for a 45-day public comment period.

### Why does the Ellis Act Exist at the State Level?

Landlords have a right to remove rental housing from the market





#### What is the Ellis Act Ordinance? Overview

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Create a standardized & formal process for issuing notices



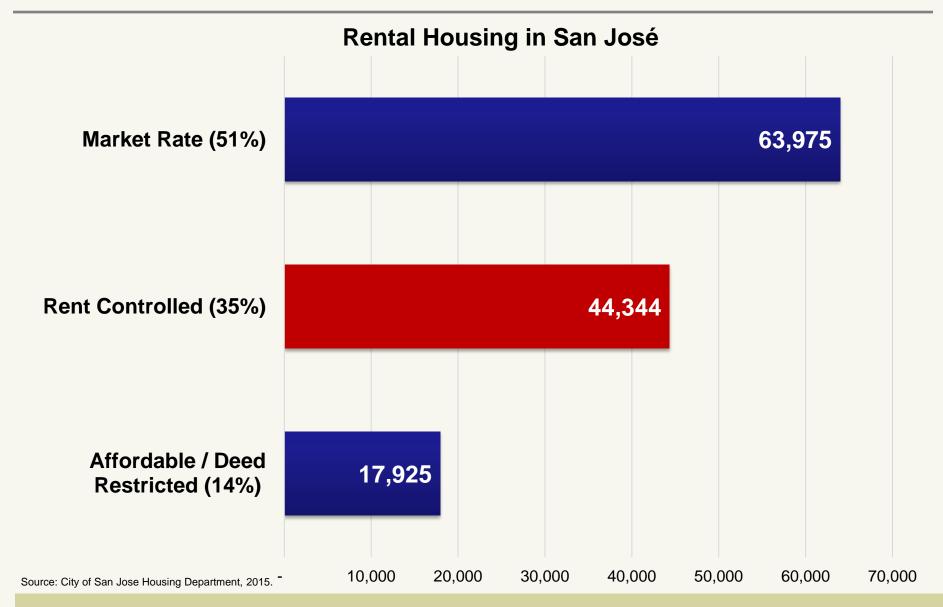


Provide relocation benefits to tenants



Establish rent stabilization for future tenants

#### What does the Ellis Act Ordinance Include?



# Rent Controlled Apartment Buildings in San José

ARO Apts by Building Size	3 Apt Bldgs.	4 Apt Bldgs.	5 to 9 Apt Bldgs.	10 to 19 Apt Bldgs.	20 to 49 Apt Bldgs.	50+ Apt Bldgs.	City Total
Percent	3%	19%	19%	23%	26%	9%	100%

Source: Economic Roundtable 2016

- Number of apartments covered – four or more: 43,287
- Triplex apartments not covered: 1,057



## **Summary Process: Notice of Withdrawal**

# **Timeframe for Noticing**

120 Days

from delivery of Notice to the City

All tenant households

#### 1 Year

from delivery of Notice to the City

# **Extension for vulnerable populations:**

- Senior citizens (62+)
- Disabled
- Terminally/catastrophically ill
- School aged children
   120 days or 60 days beyond the school year

#### Relocation Assistance: Base Assistance

All tenants are eligible to

receive:

- First & last month's rent
- New security deposit
- Moving expenses
- Application fees
- Relocation assistance to help find a new home



#### **Relocation Assistance: Qualified Assistance**







Low income families

**Senior Citizens** 

School aged children



**Disabled** 



Terminally/catastrophically ill

## **Summary Process: Right to Return**

#### Within 5 Years

- Right to return
- New rent is set at prior rent (plus annual increase)

#### Within 10 Years

Right to return

## **Summary Process: Re-Control**

# Within 5 Years of Withdrawal

 All apartments subject to Apartment Rent Ordinance

# Within 10 Years of Withdrawal

Apartments **not** subject to Apartment
 Rent Ordinance

#### **Additional Research**

Conduct a Developer Stakeholder Meeting

Map the location of ARO units

Examine Turnover Rates

Complete Research on Other Communities

## **Pipeline Projects**





**Building # 1** 4094 Hamilton Ave, San Jose

Existing Rent Controlled Apartments to be Demolished	Proposed Market Rate Apartments
4	20

**Building # 2: Metro Apartments** 439 and 451 4<sup>th</sup> Street, San Jose

Existing Rent Controlled Apartments to be Demolished	Proposed Market Rate Apartments
30	101

#### Recommendations

- 1) Approve an ordinance adding Part 11 to Chapter 17.23 of the San José Municipal Code to provide procedures for an owner's withdrawal of rent stabilized apartments from the rental market including requirements for noticing, relocation benefits, the tenant rights to return, and control of rents for apartments constructed or returned to rental market within five years of withdrawal.
- 2) Adopt a resolution establishing a schedule for Relocation Assistance and establish the Filing Fee and other fees pursuant to the Ordinance.

#### If Full Just Cause is Passed

 Strike section 17.23.1155 – Withdrawal of a Building Containing a Vacant Covered Unit









