

#### City of San José Department of Housing

#### **Shaping the Future of Housing**

San Jose City Hall Wing Room June 26, 2017













# Agenda

- 1. Introductions & handouts review
- 2. Review of the Tenant Protection Ordinance
- 3. Review of the policies for the Fully Modified Apartment Rent Ordinance
- 4. Questions & answers

# Tenant Protection Ordinance



# Who is currently covered?









Guesthouses



Apartment Rent Ordinance apartments

All other properties Multiple Housing Dwelling All apartments built without a permit, or operating illegally Apartments with a condo map

# Who is not covered?



# Single family homes & second units



**Duplexes** 



#### Condos for sale



#### Townhouses

# **List of Just Cause Terminations**

- 1. Nonpayment of rent
- 2. Material or habitual lease violation
- 3. Damage to the apartment
- 4. Refusal to sign a new agreement
- 5. Nuisance behavior
- 6. Refusing access to the apartment
- 7. Unapproved holdover subtenant
- 8. Substantial rehabilitation
- 9. Ellis Act removal
- 10. Owner move-in
- 11. Order to vacate
- 12. Vacation of unpermitted apartment

# **TPO Policy Consideration #1**

#### "Roommate Clause" or Just Cause #2 Material and Habitual Lease Violation

More details could be provided in the regulations. For example, requiring notification to landlord prior to additional occupants



# **Group discussion (5 min)**

What can be added to the Regulations to strengthen family verification for additional occupants?

How many occupants should be allowed in a one or two bedroom apartment?

# **TPO Policy Consideration #2**

#### **Criminal Activity**

Explore language to include criminal activity as a "just cause"



How should criminal activity be defined?

# **TPO Policy Consideration #3**

#### **Immigration Status**

Explore options to prevent retaliation based on immigration status



#### **Group discussion (5 min)**

How can retaliation based on immigration status be prevented?

# Fully Modified Apartment Rent Ordinance



#### **Consumer Price Index (CPI)**

Annual rent increase may be limited by CPI, rather than a flat percentage



#### **Group discussion (5 min)**

Should the annual allowed rent increase for rent controlled units be tied to CPI?

Should banking be allowed with a CPI limit?

#### **Capital Improvements**

Create a capital improvement program allowing the pass through of costs to tenants



### **Group discussion (5 min)**

What percentage of the costs should be passed on?

What should be the cap?

#### **Duplexes**

Consideration of the inclusion of duplexes under the Apartment Rent Ordinance



## **Group discussion (5 min)**

There are approximately 11,000 duplexes in City of San José. What are the advantages and disadvantages of including duplexes in the Apartment Rent Ordinance?

#### **Hearing Process**

Potential changes to the current hearing process structure



## **Group discussion (5 min)**

What are the advantages and disadvantages of a voluntary mediation versus an administrative hearing decision?

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