AB 2561 Status of the City of Alameda Vacancies and Recruitment and Retention Efforts

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AB 2561 BACKGROUND

- AB 2651 added Government Code section 3502.3 to the Meyers-Milias Brown Act (MMBA) effective January 1, 2025,
- AB 2561 requires local government agencies to present information on the following during a public hearing before the governing board:
 - 1. Status of vacancies
 - 2. Recruitment and retention efforts; and
 - 3. Any necessary changes to policies, procedures, and recruitment activities that may lead to obstacles in the hiring process
- Entitles recognized employee units to make a presentation during public hearing
- If the vacancy rate is at least 20% in a bargaining unit, additional obligations may apply, including:
 - 1. The total number of job vacancies within the unit
 - 2. The total number of applicants for vacant positions within the unit
 - 3. The average number of days to complete the hiring process from when the position is posted
 - 4. Opportunities to improve compensation and other working conditions



WORKFORCE INFORMATION

- Total Budgeted/Authorized Full-Time Positions
 - January 1, 2024: 595
 - December 31, 2024: 601
- Services Rendered to Public by Budgeted/Authorized Workforce:
 - City Attorney
 - City Clerk
 - City Manager's Office
 - Base Reuse & Economic
 Development
 - Electric Utility
 - Finance
 - Fire

- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Library
- Planning, Building, & Transportation
- Police
- Public Affairs & Communications
- Public Works
- Recreation & Park



CITYWIDE VACANCY INFORMATION

2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
# of Vacancies Beginning of Month	70	62	59	60	61	63	63	67	62	59	57	54
# of Separations	2	3	6	6	10	7	8	8	4	7	3	10
# of New Hires	10	8	3	6	10	6	9	7	11	7	6	7
# of Promotions	3	1	5	1	1	5	2	4	4	0	5	0
# of Budgeted Positions	595	596	597	597	597	597	598	601	601	601	601	601
% of Vacancies	11.8%	10.2%	9.8%	10.1%	10.2%	10.6%	10.5%	11.2%	10.3%	9.8%	9.5%	9.0%

- Average % of Vacancies at the End of Each Month: 10.3%
- Highest % of Vacancies at the End of the Month: 11.8%
- Lowest % of Vacancies at the End of the Month: 9.0%



VACANCY INFORMATION BY LABOR GROUP

Represented Employees: 2024 Annual Average Vacancy Rate

LABOR GROUP	PERCENTAGE
Alameda City Employee Association/OE3 (ACEA)	9.5%
Alameda Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA)	2.8%
Alameda Police Management Association (APMA)	0%
Alameda Police Officers Association (APOA)	24.4%
Alameda Police Officers Association Non-Sworn (PANS)	4.6%
Electric Utility Professionals of Alameda (EUPA)	11.3%
International Association of Fire Freighters, Local 689 (IAFF)	3.4%
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245 (IBEW)	12.1%
Management & Confidential Employees Association (MCEA)	9.9%



VACANCY INFORMATION BY LABOR GROUP

Unrepresented Employees: 2024 Annual Average Vacancy Rate

UNREPRESENTED GROUP	PERCENTAGE
Alameda Municipal Unrepresented Employees (AMPU)	14.6%
Executive Management Employees (EXME)	7.8%
Police Auditor	0%
Rent Program Director	0%



RECRUITMENT PROCESS





RECRUITMENT INFORMATION

- Recruitment Statistics for 2024:
 - Total # of Vacancies Filled: 122
 - Average Number of Calendar Days to Fill Vacancies:
 - From Requisition to Eligible List: 84
 - From Eligible List to Conditional Offer: 28
 - Number of Vacancies Filled By:
 - Existing Eligible Lists: 43
 - Reinstatement: 2
 - New Recruitments Opened: 46
 - Promotional Only Recruitments: 31



HIRING ISSUES

- The City reviewed applicable policies, procedures, and recruitment activities to identify:
 - Potential Obstacles to Hiring
 - Opportunities for Improvement



2024 RETENTION STATISTICS

Total # of Vacancies Created During 2024: 98

- # of Vacancies created by Newly Budgeted Position (July 1, 2024): 3
 - % of Vacancies Resulting from Staffing Growth: 0.03%
- # Of Vacancies Created by Internal Promotions: 19
- # Of Vacancies Created by Internal Transfers: 2
 - % of Vacancies Resulting from Internal Opportunity: 22.8%



2024 RETENTION STATISTICS

Total # of Vacancies Created During 2024: 98

- # Of Vacancies Created by Retirement: 23
- # Of Vacancies Created by Involuntary Separation: 9
 - % of Vacancies Resulting from Attrition: 32.7%
- # Of Vacancies Created by Voluntary Separation: 42
 - % of Vacancies Resulting from Turnover: 42.9%
- Annual staffing Turnover Rate: 12.3%



ALAMEDA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (APOA)

APOA vacancy rate meets AB 2561 vacancy threshold of 20%

- # Of Vacancies in Unit: 22
- # Of Applicants for Vacant Positions:
 - 2024: 695
 - Recruits: 565; Graduates: 90; Laterals: 40
 - 2025: 160
 - Recruits: 125; Graduates: 24; Laterals: 11
- Avg # Of Calendar Days to Hire:
 - 2024: 147 Days
 - 2025: 125 Days
- Opportunities for Improvement in Compensation & Working Conditions
 - Retention
 - Labor Negotiations



Questions

