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From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 7:29 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER; Janet Kern; John Le
Cc: Jill Keimach; DEBBIE POTTER
Subject: Fwd: City of Alameda Rent Program fee

From: Michelle Morgan
Sent: Monday, December 4, 5:22 PM
Subject: City of Alameda Rent Program fee
To: Trish Spencer, Malia Vella, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Frank Matarrese, Jim Oddie

Council members, I am writing to express my disgust and fury over receiving a bill for the full amount of the rent program fee. This resolution #15271 was apparently put to a separate vote on June 6, 2017. In ALL of the discussions regarding a rent program fee the intent was for this fee to be shared equally between landlord and tenant. This program is for the benefit of tenants and therefore needs to be shared by the tenants. I have included verbatim below taken directly from the minutes of the council meeting on June 6, 2017. Please explain to me why the letter states that one half of this fee CANNOT be passed on to the tenant. I have been a small rental housing provider on this island for 23 years and I simply don't want to participate any more. Small property owners are being singled out and treated unjustly. I look forward to your reply.

The Community Development Director responded that the program fee of \$122.00 a unit is the obligation of the landlord to the City; stated one half of the cost can be passed on to the tenant at the landlord's discretion.

The City Attorney responded the landlord is required to pay the fee to the City, not the tenant; stated if the landlord wants to pass on half the fee to the tenant, they can do so.

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Regards,
Michelle