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City of Alameda Demographics and Rental Market

31,408 Households:48% rent and 52% own

13,389 units subject to rent stabilization



45% of renters spend at least 30% of income on rent (2016)



2.2% rental vacancy rate (2016 data)

62% of units are owned by landlords with more than 5 units



56% of landlords are located in Alameda

5 Year Trends at Multi-Unit Properties



Asking Rents vs. Below Market Rents

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Asking rents

Effective rents of terminated units or units receiving a rent increase above 5%



RENT STABILIZATION PROGRAM FY 17-18 OVERVIEW



Reviewed 188 rent increase notices and provided mediation and hearing services to review and render decisions for rent increase requests

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Enforced the regulations for 140 termination of tenancy notices including compliance monitoring for unit restrictions



Served 1692 individuals by providing information and addressing questions through phone, mail, e-mail, and by appointment



Provided educational workshops to 299 attendees and presented at community events, shared information in local publications and distributed e-newsletters

RENT INCREASE STATS

188 rent increase notices submitted

- 85 (45%) reached agreement prior to RRAC
- 52 (28%) withdrawn for failure to comply
- 34 (18%) withdrawn, tenants moved or tenant did not attend
- 17 (9%) reviewed at RRAC hearing

I RRAC decision appealed and reviewed by a Hearing Officer, who upheld the RRAC decision

70% decrease

from FY16-17 to FY17-18 in the number of rent increases above 5% Average Rent Increase of All Active Notices \$295 noticed amount \$150 imposed amount

TERMINATION OF TENANCY STATS

140 termination of tenancy notices submitted

- 59 (42%) withdrawn
- 81 (58%) resulted in relocation payment averaging \$8,733
 - > 40 owner move-in
 - > 31 no cause
 - > 10 withdrawal from market

24% increase

in submissions from FY16-17 to FY17-18

40% of terminated tenancies occupied condos or single-family homes

22% of terminations were served to households that had lived in Alameda for more than 10 years

LOOKING FORWARD

FY 18-19 Program Goals

• Streamline administrative & compliance procedures

 Implement database to improve reporting functions & administrative efficiency

• Expand outreach, community collaboration, and website improvements • Require owners to record restrictions placed on the unit, following a no cause or no fault termination, on the title

- Draft regulations relating to the Ellis Act
- Develop additional data collection methods for the rental market
- IN PROGRESS: Amend the Sunshine Ordinance to increase privacy for RRAC participants