



Government Affairs Action for the week of August 2, 2020

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Rent Assistance Programs Update

Alameda County is now offering rent assistance to tenants impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

The Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) provides grants (paid directly to the landlord) for tenants in Alameda County earning no more than 50% of the Area Median Income. Recipients will be selected via a lottery ending August 11. More information is available [here](#).

Several other cities in Alameda County have their own local rent assistance programs including.

- [Alameda](#)
- [Fremont](#)
- [Hayward](#)
- [Livermore](#)
- [Pleasanton](#)

How Are We Doing? Bay East Member Survey

This week, Bay East launched its annual member survey to gauge the use and effectiveness of its services and to learn how members are coping with the COVID-19 crisis.

Each Bay East member was emailed a link to the on-line survey from Tricia Thomas, Bay East CEO and a reminder email was sent August 7.

Responding to the survey helps Bay East provide services its members need to succeed. And, by completing the survey you will be automatically entered into a drawing for free 2020/2021 local Bay East dues. (A \$295 value.)

If you have any questions or any government-related real estate issues you want Bay East to research, please contact Bay East [staff](#).
