



Government Affairs Action for the week of October 17, 2021

Bay East Members Speak Up About Protecting Rental Housing Providers

On Monday, October 18, several members of the Bay East Local Government Relations (LGR) Committee educated the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) about the current realities of being a rental housing provider in the East Bay.

During the MAC meeting, County staff presented a set of tenant protection measures including Just-Cause evictions for *all* rental properties, a Rental Unit Registry and Eviction Notification Ordinance, a Fair Chance Ordinance that could limit criminal background checks, a Proactive Rental Inspection Program, a Rent Review Board, and a “Rent Stabilization” (i.e. Rent Control) Ordinance.

Leslie Faught, the 2021 LGR Committee chair, along with Committee members Dorothy Jackson, Mike Godfrey, Bill Espinola, Barbara Clemons, and Jerry Halligan explained that rental housing providers are struggling and need direct financial assistance rather than another layer of redundant regulations.

Based on the testimony from the LGR members, and other rental housing providers, the MAC asked County staff to reconsider their recommendations and consult directly with rental housing providers in developing policies to protect tenants and landlords.

County staff will be sharing their recommendations with the Fairview MAC on December 7 and the Eden Area MAC on December 14. These meetings are opportunities for more rental housing providers to share their experiences before the Alameda County Board of Supervisors makes a final decision on new tenant protection policies.

If you have any questions about these proposed new rules, or how to participate in the upcoming meetings, please contact [David Stark](#).

If you have any questions about Bay East advocacy activities or any government-related real estate issues you want Bay East to research, please contact [David Stark](#), Bay East Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer.
