



Government affairs action for the week of June 19, 2022

Alameda County Mask Mandate Lifted

Effective June 25 at 12:01am, the Alameda County Public Health Department is lifting its mask mandate. More information [here](#).

Supervisors and Staff Get Earful about Just-Cause Eviction Ordinance

Landlords and property managers spoke up, loudly, about a proposed just-cause eviction ordinance that would apply to all rental properties, including single-family homes, in unincorporated Alameda County.

On Wednesday, June 22 at 6pm, the Alameda County Unincorporated Services Committee, which includes Supervisors Nate Miley and Dave Brown, held a virtual public hearing about the just-cause ordinance. County staff explained the proposed ordinance goes beyond the current statewide tenant protections in several areas including:

- It would force landlords to accept subleasing requests
- Landlords would have to notify County housing staff and the County recorder when they are ending a lease.
- Leases could not be ended during the school year if there are school-aged children living in a unit or if the tenant is a teacher.
- Tenants will have the first right of return if a landlord puts a unit back on the market.

Almost a dozen housing providers testified in opposition of the ordinance during the hearing.

The testimony resonated with Supervisor Miley who questioned staff about some of the requirements and suggested delaying the ordinance until after the county-wide eviction moratorium ends. Supervisor Brown supported the ordinance as presented by County staff.

If you own or manage rental properties in Alameda, San Leandro, or San Lorenzo and want to communicate your concerns about the just-cause ordinance to Supervisor Brown, please contact [David Stark](#).

The ordinance will be presented to the Alameda County Planning and Transportation Committee on July 13.

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.
