

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON RENTS (ACR)

ACTION MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT 5:42 PM

JANUARY 21, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:	James Bojorquez Michael Fitzgerald Naidu Ashok Robert Bailey	Commissioner (Chair) Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner
STAFF:	Aaron Quigley Office Staff Jacky Morales-Ferrand Shasta Greene Wayne Chen Ramo Pinjic Vilcia Rodriguez	Councilmember Rose Herrera's Assistant Director of Housing Deputy City Attorney Housing Staff Housing Staff Office of the City Manager
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Dan Wagner	Commissioner (Vice Chair)
GUESTS:	Landee Lopez Alma Veronica Nadia Aziz Sandy Adams John Adams Izaak Singh	Santa Clara County Office Bay Area Legal Aid Bay Area Legal Aid Property Manager Property Manager Property Manager

LOCATION: CITY OF SAN JOSÉ 12TH FLOOR, ROOM T-1254

AGENDA ITEM

(a) Call to Order/Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m. Commissioners, City staff and guests introduced themselves.

(b) Orders of the Day

City Attorney, Shasta Greene, suggested that if anyone wanted to identify items that needed discussion should do so now because one of the Board Members would leave in 45 minutes, thus there would be no quorum.

(c) Approval of the November 19, 2009 Minutes

Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ashok seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0).

(d) Reports

- (1) **Litigation and Legal Report** - City Attorney, Shasta Greene, stated that there was nothing new to report.
- (2) **Quarterly Report** - Pinjic provided a summary of the staff reports (database, notice to vacate, case log, public outreach report, and foreclosure report) for the second quarter FY 09/10.
- (3) **ACR Annual Report** - Pinjic provided Rental Rights and Referrals Program (RRRP) analysis from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

(e) Action / Discussion Items

- (1) **2010 Census** - Representative from the City Manager's Office, Vilcia Rodriguez and Landee Lopez from Santa Clara County gave a presentation about "Census 2010". Both representatives stated that it is a count of everyone in the United States and it happens every 10 years. Every person living in the United States must be counted including people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens. Being counted is completely confidential, and extremely important to our local communities. Census figures determine the allocations of billions of dollars in federal funding to critical services like medical care, housing, transportation, community development block grants, public safety, and more.
- (2) **Bay Area Legal Aid** - Veronica and Aziz from Bay Area Legal Aid gave a presentation about free legal assistance to eligible clients in Santa Clara County. Representatives informed Commission about the following areas:
 - a) Economic Security, Public Benefits/Health
 - b) Domestic Violence
 - c) Landlords/Tenants Rights in Foreclosure
 - d) Eviction Process
 - e) Housing Discrimination and Fair Housing
 - f) Security Deposits
 - g) Habitability
- (3) **Budget Update** - Deferred
- (4) **Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update** - Deferred
- (5) **ACR Work Plan for 2010** - Deferred

The Commission adjourns the meeting. Commissioner Bailey was unable to stay to the end of the agenda. Bailey left the meeting at 6:40p.m.

(f) Open Forum
None.

(g) Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.