



# City of Sunnyvale

## Excerpt Meeting Minutes - Final Housing and Human Services Commission

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Wednesday, September 21, 2022

7:00 PM

Teleconference Meeting: City Web  
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### Special Meeting

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Riviere called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Vice Chair Leesa Riviere  
Commissioner Jim Davis  
Commissioner Scott Duncan  
Commissioner Sue Harrison  
Commissioner Ken Hiremath

**Absent:** 1 - Chair Elinor Stetson

**Commissioner Ken Hiremath arrived at 7:12 p.m.**  
**Council Liaison Russ Melton (present)**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2**      [22-0952](#)      Consider Requirements for a Tenant Protections and Right to Lease Ordinance (Study Issue)

Affordable Housing Manager Ernie Defrenchi gave the staff presentation.

After clarifying questions of staff, Vice Chair Riviere opened the public at 7:44 p.m.

Emily Ann Ramos, Preservation and Protection Associate at SV@Home spoke in support of staff's recommendation for tenant relocation assistance and one-year leases as overall concepts. She note that 55% of Sunnyvale's residents are renters, approximately 30,000 rental units. Lastly she shared that the cities of Mountain View and Palo Alto provide extra protections.

Janet Murdock, owner of a 50-year-old fourplex in Sunnyvale, opposed staff's recommendation. She shared that she lives in one of the units and rents the other three. She expressed concern about the impact of staff proposal to "small" landlords

such as herself which are only aggravated by the age of her property and the impending repairs and upgrades that it will need.

Vice Chair Riviere closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

During questions and discussion, multiple commissioners expressed concern with two-month relocation benefit and did not support it citing potential unintended consequences for some landlords.

Vice Chair Riviere asked for any further discussion or a motion.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Harrison moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to Alternative 2. Approve the requirements listed in Attachment 5 to the report and return to the Commission with an ordinance to add Chapter 19.71 (Residential Tenant Protections Ordinance) to Title 19 ("Zoning") of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to create enhanced tenant protections, with the modification to reduce the relocation amount to one month's rent.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Vice Chair Riviere  
Commissioner Davis  
Commissioner Duncan  
Commissioner Harrison  
Commissioner Hiremath

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Chair Stetson