



URGENT - Support needed for renter protections in Palo Alto

Monday, November 8 at 9:30pm!

Zoom link: <https://cityofpaloalto.zoom.us/j/362027238>, Meeting ID: 362 027 238, (669)900-6833

The Palo Alto City Council will be considering [a package of tenant protection ordinances](#) on Monday. The proposals range from registering apartments and rents with the city to expanding who is protected by existing State rent gauging and eviction protection laws. They need to hear from the housing community that protections are a critical piece of Housing Crisis response.

Tell Council:

- 46% of Palo Alto residents are renters who are being deeply impacted by the high cost of housing in the area. Housing insecurity is the primary cause of displacement and central to increased homelessness.
- A rental registry ordinance has been on the books for decades. Enforcing it should be a top priority, and will be essential to tenant protection efforts.
- This council should support these solutions to protect tenants, and direct staff to bring back and implement ordinances in the recommended order of priority.
- Your action on these ordinances will be a model for other cities to follow and create their own set of protections in response to displacement in their communities.
- We do not support including exemptions in the ordinances - 30% of Palo Alto tenants rent single family homes, and they deserve support.

The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm, but it is estimated that the item will not come up until 9:30 pm. <https://cityofpaloalto.zoom.us/j/362027238>, Meeting ID: 362 027 238, (669)900-6833

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