

Renters Advisory Committee

Committee Priorities

- Priority 1 Support livability of rental housing
- Priority 2 Advocate for low- and moderate-income housing supports
- Priority 3 Provide input to Council and staff regarding policy and development initiatives

Top 3 2019/2020 Accomplishments

Issued press release advocating for housing rights during the COVID-19 pandemic, including housing unhoused folks, reinstating the eviction ban, and rent debt forgiveness.

Drafted two motions—on no pet policies and rent debt forgiveness—that went to a vote at Council meetings, which were both passed unanimously.

Provided feedback to staff on several policy initiatives, and supported community engagement efforts through attendance and in-person and online workshops.

Top 3 Future Goals

Continue to promote greater affordability of rental housing, including for local incomes and low-to-moderate incomes, families, single income earners, and deeper affordability than 'slightly below market.'

Advocate for rental housing choices for families that are not condos or single family homes (e.g., townhouses, coops).

Push for and support policies that work to promote development of rental housing in areas currently zoned for single family homes.