



Renters Advisory Committee

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## MEMORANDUM

September 14, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

CC Paul Mochrie, City Manager  
Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk  
Tina Penney, Director, Legislative Operations  
Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies

FROM: Renters Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Renters Advisory Committee Report of Activities, 2021–2022

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### PURPOSE

To provide Vancouver City Council with a report on the activities of the Renters Advisory Committee for the period of May 18, 2021 to November 6, 2022.

### BACKGROUND

The Renters Advisory Committee was established by Council to advise Council on strategic City priorities relating to renters, to monitor and respond to the impacts of provincial and federal legislation affecting tenants, and to advise Council on enhancing access inclusion for renters in developing City policy and civic life.

### DISCUSSION

#### 1. Significant Activities

- Passed motions in support of renters' rights and interests, including, but not limited to:
  - Broadway Plan
  - Vancouver Plan
  - Secured Rental Policy

## 2. Future Directions

- Endorse Policy Changes in National Occupancy Standards to Promote Equal Opportunities for Everyone
- Continue to Identify Opportunities to Amend Vancouver Building By-law (VBBL 2019) to Improve Livability for Renters in New and Existing Units
- Encourage Adoption and Enforcement of Rent Control
- Encourage Adoption and Enforcement of Vacancy Control
- Increase Community and Media Engagement
- Strengthen Tenant Rights and Protections to Discourage Relocations / Renovictions
- Affordable Housing Models / Housing Typologies
- Encourage Council and Staff to Re-Evaluate Benchmarks for Affordability
- Removing Barriers to Entitlements for New Rental Housing Supplies
  - Create More Inclusive Zoning and Development Entitlements
  - Eliminate Single-Family Zoning and Land Use Designations
- Promote More Inclusive and Equitable Public Input and Engagement Opportunities for Rezoning and New Developments
- Improve Permit Processing Timelines
  - Encourage Staff-Delegated Permit Approval Responsibilities for Low-Friction Proposals
- Improve Correspondence with Staff to Facilitate More Productive Use of Meeting Time

## CONCLUSION

The foregoing information is presented to Vancouver City Council for information.

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