

## D1LG Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) Report for March 2019

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The Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) advises San Jose City Council on matters regarding housing and community development, including the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of every month at 5:45 PM, at San Jose City Hall in Wing Rooms 118–120. We hold an annual retreat in August, and special meetings as necessary.

The next HCDC meeting is a special meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 6:15 PM, at the usual place.<sup>1</sup> A regularly-scheduled meeting will also be held on Thursday, March 14 at the usual place and time.

### **January 17, 2019**

- It was announced that the commissioner for District 8 is resigning for personal health reasons. The District 7 seat is also vacant.
- City staff presented proposed amendments to the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan (a document that details how the City intends to spend federal Housing and Urban Development funding) that would allow unspent funds to be used for homelessness prevention programs. HCDC recommended that City Council approve the amendments.
- The Housing Department presented information from two Rent Stabilization Program reports for apartments and mobile homes, and HCDC formed an ad hoc committee to explore the tracking of mobile home evictions, and report recommendations back to the full commission.
- City Council has directed Housing Department staff to explore a potential ordinance that would help protect vulnerable tenant populations in San Jose from being displaced from the city. Staff proposed that said potential ordinance should apply to tenants who both: live in census tracts that are experiencing “Ongoing Gentrification/Displacement of Low-income Households,” as defined by University of California, Berkeley’s Urban Displacement Project; and, are also living in Horizon 1 Urban Villages, which the City will likely promote development in during the next five to 10 years. HCDC recommended that City Council approve that definition of who the policy would apply to.
- HCDC discussed a number possible solutions to reduce the length of our meetings, as meetings in the latter part of the calendar year often run as long as six hours.

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<sup>1</sup> Even though this meeting is before the D1LG meeting on March 9, I was unable to include it because of the Thursday deadline to submit reports. I will include both March meetings in my next report.

**February 14, 2019**

- Housing Department staff presented funding priorities for the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.