


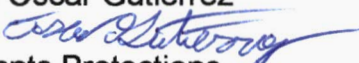


**City of Santa Barbara**  
Mayor and Council Office

**Memorandum**

**DATE:** November 15, 2021

**TO:** Rebecca Bjork, City Administrator

**FROM:** Mayor Cathy Murillo   
Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Gutierrez 

**SUBJECT:** Advancing Tenants Protections

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Pursuant to Council Resolution 18-088 regarding the Conduct of City Council Meetings, we request that an item be placed on the Santa Barbara City Council Agenda as soon as possible regarding various actions to support renters in the City of Santa Barbara and create housing security that will benefit employers and improve the overall quality of life or our residents.

- Summary of Information to Be Presented:

Information regarding the benefit of lowering the rent cap from 5% to 2%, refining the protections created by AB 1482 and codified by California Civil Code Section 1947.12. Information regarding the benefit of the City maintaining a rental housing registry. Information about the vacancy rate and rental rates for rental housing units in the City. Information regarding increased activity related to evictions from various sources, including the Rental Housing Mediation Program, Legal Aid Foundation, and the Santa Barbara Tenants Union.

- Statement of Specific Action:

Discuss the best ways to protect renters in the City, take action on various initiatives, direct staff to return with options, and commit to continuing to take action regarding the City's challenging housing market

- Statement of the Reasons Why it is Appropriate and Within the Jurisdiction of the Council to Consider this Subject Matter and to Take the Request Action:

Our City Council is responsible for the well-being and housing security of our residents, many of whom are renters. The General Plan's Housing Element defines goals related to protecting housing stock and residents who rent their homes.

cc: City Attorney's Office  
Community Development Department

