

MOBILEHOME COMMISSION 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

I. ROLE OF COMMISSION

The duties of the Commission are: (1) to study proposed state and federal legislation relating to mobilehome living; (2) assess the needs of persons living in mobilehomes; (3) submit an annual recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the reasonable rate of return on capital improvements allowable as an adjustment under the mobilehome rent adjustment code; and (4) accept public input on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors when appropriate.

II. MEETING DATES

The Commission meets eleven (11) times per year, on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Elena Baskin Live Oak Senior Center, 1777 Capitola Avenue, Santa Cruz, California. The Commission combines the November and December meeting and meets in early December. This year the Commission met ten (10) times; the May meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

III. COMMISSION STRUCTURE

The Commission consists of seven (7) persons: one (1) member nominated by the Golden State Mobilehome Owners League; one (1) member nominated by the Western Mobilehome Association; and five (5) members, each nominated by a County Supervisor.

IV. COMMISSION STAFF

The Commission is staffed by the County Counsel's Office.

V. ATTENDANCE

See attachment. One Commissioner resigned in 2006. Henry Cleveland was appointed to the Commission.

VI. GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- There were two resident petitions filed in 2006. Both were settled before the hearings.
- Mobilehome Commissioners participated in monthly meetings.
- Senior Citizens Legal Services (SCLS) contracts with the County to provide legal assistance to County mobilehome park residents regarding state mobilehome

law and general or special rent adjustment issues. In 2006, seven (7) referrals were made to SCLS. County Counsel staff responded to inquiries regarding the County mobilehome rent adjustment code.

- The Commission followed proposed and new legislation that affected mobilehome park residents and kept informed of lawsuits filed against local and state jurisdictions.
- The Commission wrote letters to the Board of Supervisors requesting support for AB 1469 (park manager training program) and SB 1231 (mobilehome park inspection program), and requesting opposition to Proposition 90 (government acquisition, regulation of private property)
- The Commission benefited from the attendance of three special guests. Capitola City Council Member Stephanie Harlan addressed the Commission regarding distribution of the Commission's brochure, "To Prospective Homeowners: Things You Should Know Before You Sign." Morgan Taylor of the District Attorney's Office gave a presentation on the types of mobilehome park issues that the District Attorney's Office handles, followed by a question and answer period. Melissa Thuringer, an escrow officer with Santa Cruz Title Company, gave a presentation which clarified the October 1, 2006, statewide change in sales tax calculations used for mobilehome home sales.

VII. FUTURE GOALS

The Commission's goals for 2007 are to:

1. Encourage public attendance and input by mobilehome park residents and park owners at monthly Commission meetings to assess the needs of the mobilehome park community.
2. Continue reviewing the County's mobilehome rent adjustment code.
3. Track the amount of public attendance at the monthly Mobilehome Commission meetings.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

None at this time.

Lee Ann Shenkman
Secretary to the Mobilehome Commission

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2006 ATTENDANCE ROSTER

2006	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY: Meeting Cancelled, No Quorum	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER
JEAN BROCKLEBANK** 1 st District	A	X	X	X	--	X	X	X	X	X	X
HENRY CLEVELAND Appt. 9/06 2 nd District	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	X	X
MARY LOUISE CROWTHER 4 th District	X	X	X	X	--	X	X	A	X	X	X
RICK HALTERMAN 5 th District	X	X	X	X	--	X	A	X	X	X	X
RUTH HUNTER 3 rd District	X	X	A	A	--	X	X	X	X	X	X
CAROL LERNO* GSMOL Rep.	X	X	X	A	--	X	X	X	X	X	X
BONNIE LUND WMHA Rep.	X	X	X	X	--	X	X	A	X	X	X
DOUG LAMB 2 nd District	X	X	X	R	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

* CHAIR

** VICE CHAIR

A = ABSENT

X = PRESENT

R = RESIGNED

T = TERM EXPIRED