

# **MOBILEHOME COMMISSION 2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

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## **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 late November or early December.

## **III. COMMISSION STRUCTURE**

The Commission consists of seven (7) persons appointed by the Board of Supervisors: 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.

## **VI. GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- There were seven resident petitions filed in 2008. Three were settled prior to the hearings, four are still pending.
- 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, general or special rent adjustment issues, and issues related to park conversions. In 2008, eleven (11) referrals were made to SCLS, which included rent control and park conversion issues.
- County Counsel staff responded to inquiries from the public regarding the County mobilehome rent adjustment regulations.
- 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 maintained and regularly updated a comprehensive website (<http://sccounty01.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/mhc/index.html>) which includes a description of the Commission and links to the County's mobilehome rent adjustment code, hearing petition, frequently asked questions, mobilehome park listings in the County, and links to numerous state and local agencies and associations to help and inform mobilehome park residents and park owners.
- The Commission wrote a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending the reasonable rate of return for qualified mobilehome park capital improvements remain at 12%.
- The Commission wrote a letter of gratitude to Assemblymember John for his support of mobilehome park residents during his tenure in the State Assembly.
- The Commission wrote a letter of gratitude to County Supervisor Janet K. Beautz for her support of mobilehome park residents during her tenure on the County Board of Supervisors.

## **VII. FUTURE GOALS**

The Commission's goals for 2009 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. Study, discuss, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding state and local legislative and mobilehome issues.

3. Continue reviewing the County's mobilehome rent adjustment code.
4. Track the public attendance at the monthly Mobilehome Commission meetings.

## **VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- The Mobilehome Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors support legislation which upholds rent control in mobilehome parks.

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Lee Ann Shenkman  
Secretary to the Mobilehome Commission

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## 2008 ATTENDANCE ROSTER

2008	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER
JEAN BROCKLEBANK 1 <sup>st</sup> District	X	X	X	X	A	X	A	A	X	X	X
HENRY CLEVELAND* 2 <sup>nd</sup> District	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MARY LOUISE CROWTHER 4th District	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RICK HALTERMAN** 5th District	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
MARY HANLEY 3rd District	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X
CAROL LERNO GSMOL Rep.	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X
BONNIE LUND WMHA Rep.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE	8	12	10	7	7	9	8	11	8	10	10

\* CHAIR

\*\* VICE CHAIR

A = ABSENT  
 X = PRESENT  
 R = RESIGNED  
 T = TERM EXPIRED