



**City of St. Helena
Special Joint City Council and Planning
Commission Meeting
Special Joint Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 @ 4:00 PM
Vintage Hall Board Room - Second Floor
465 Main Street, St. Helena**

PLEASE NOTE: Any person who wishes to speak regarding an item on the agenda or make a comment under the "Oral Communication" portion of the agenda may do so, but please observe the time limit of four minutes.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
Mayor: Geoff Ellsworth, Vice Mayor: Paul Dohring, City Council Members:
Anna Chouteau, David Knudsen and Mary Koberstein

Chairperson: Lester Hardy, Vice Chair: Vacant, Commissioners: Daniel Hale,
Bobbi Monnette and John Ponte

4. PUBLIC FORUM:
Under California law, public comments at special meetings are limited to subjects on the agenda only. Therefore public comment will take place during consideration of the item. Each person's comments shall be limited to 4 minutes.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1. Fair Housing Napa Valley presentation and an interactive discussion
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6. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular City Council meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Vintage Hall Board Room located at 465 Main Street.

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Cindy Tzaopoulos

Cindy Tzaopoulos, City Clerk

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CHALLENGING DECISIONS OF CITY ENTITIES

The time limit within which to commence any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-adjudicative decision made by the City of St. Helena is governed by Section 1094.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, unless a shorter limitation period is specified by any other provision, including without limitation Government Code section 65009 applicable to many land use and zoning decisions, Government Code section 66499.37 applicable to the Subdivision Map Act, and Public Resources Code section 21167 applicable to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Under Section 1094.6, any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-adjudicative decision made by the City must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which such decision becomes final. Any lawsuit or legal challenge, which is not filed within that 90-day period, will be barred. Government Code section 65009 and 66499.37, and Public Resources Code section 21167, impose shorter limitations periods and requirements, including timely service in addition to filing.

If a person wishes to challenge the above actions in court, they may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of St. Helena, at or prior to the meeting. In addition, judicial challenge may be limited or barred where the interested party has not sought and exhausted all available administrative remedies.

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St. Helena & Napa County Housing Updates & Trends

Fair Housing Napa Valley

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Fair Housing Napa Valley Programs

- Fair Housing
 - Assure equal housing opportunity for all
- Landlord/ Tenant Disputes
 - Provide information on rights and responsibilities
- Mobile Home Parks
 - Landlord/ Tenant and Fair Housing counseling

Fair Housing Napa Valley Services

Housing Providers

- Review of Policies and Practices
- Mediation and Conciliation of Disputes
- Training and Education Regarding Discrimination in Housing



Fair Housing Napa Valley Services

Victims of Discrimination

- Education of Rights and Responsibilities
- Review of Complaints to Establish Fully Jurisdictional Cases
- Investigation of Complaints Including Testing, Witness Statements and Surveys
- Complaint Preparation for Administrative Enforcement and/or Litigation
- Conciliation and Advocacy
- Complaint Monitoring

Protected Classes

Federal

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Ethnicity
- Sex (Orientation and Identity included)
- Disability
- Familial Status

State of California

(In Addition to Federal Statutes)

- Age
- Ancestry
- Medical Condition
- Marital Status
- Arbitrary Characteristics
- Genetic Information
- Source of Income

Housing Trends- Napa County

- Napa County population increased by roughly 3,300 people from 2012- 2017; St. Helena's increased by about 200 residents
- Roughly 800 housing units added during that time, across County
- Increase in renter households
 - Renter occupied housing in St Helena has decreased from 48% in 2012 to 38% in 2017 → changes in community dynamics
 - \$85,663 Med. Income; \$839,300 Med. Home Value; 2017
- Increased demand + limited rental housing stock/ available land
→ Increased rents & land costs
- Increase in rents/ housing demand has led to loss of equal housing opportunities; up-surge in no-cause evictions (60 Day Notices, non-renewal of leases), illegal and sub-standard housing

Housing Trends (Cont.)

- 2017 Napa Fire Complex put additional strains on tenants, property owners, and the rental housing market
 - Property loss(es) → Effects on rental housing stock
 - Loss of employment/ income → Problems paying rent, especially low-income households
 - Particularly impacts families with children, and other members of protected classes
 - Price Gouging ban (rent increases included) in place in Napa County through May 31, 2019
 - FHNV Napa Fire Relief Program, Long Term Recovery, COAD

Effects of Housing Trends

- Low, Very Low, and Extremely Low Income residents are limited in their access to equal housing opportunities in Napa County, many are “**priced out**” of the region
 - 78.1% of St. Helena employees live outside the City; 2015-23 Housing Element Update
 - 2017 Napa Fire Complex contributed to displacement of vulnerable households
 - Especially affects households with children and members of protected classes (including Latino, Disabled, & Senior households)
 - Aging populace in St. Helena (29% over 62) & County
 - Physical/ cultural barriers
 - Lack of multi-family housing (71% of St Helena housing units are single family structures)

Effects of Housing Trends (Cont.)

- Community substantially impacted
 - Increased commuter traffic; schools, neighborhoods affected
- Up-surge in Unlawful Detainer cases heard by court system
 - Lack of options leads some to stay past move-out date
- Overcrowding in occupied housing units
 - Napa Fire survivors
- Illegal housing units
 - Neglect/ failure to report needed repairs
 - Illegally constructed housing
 - Habitability issues
- Allocation of City/ County resources to address above/ related issues



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Affordable Housing Options

- Housing Authority of the City of Napa (HACN)
 - Home-Share (HACN)
 - Housing Choice Voucher Program
 - Waitlist (8,399 residents, approx. 6 years)
- Mobile Homes (approx. 270 units); Rent Stabilization Ordinance
- Napa Valley Community Housing
 - Waitlist (600 residents) for rental properties
- Local Affordable Housing Advocates/ Developers
 - Our Town St. Helena
 - Implementation of locally effective AH strategies

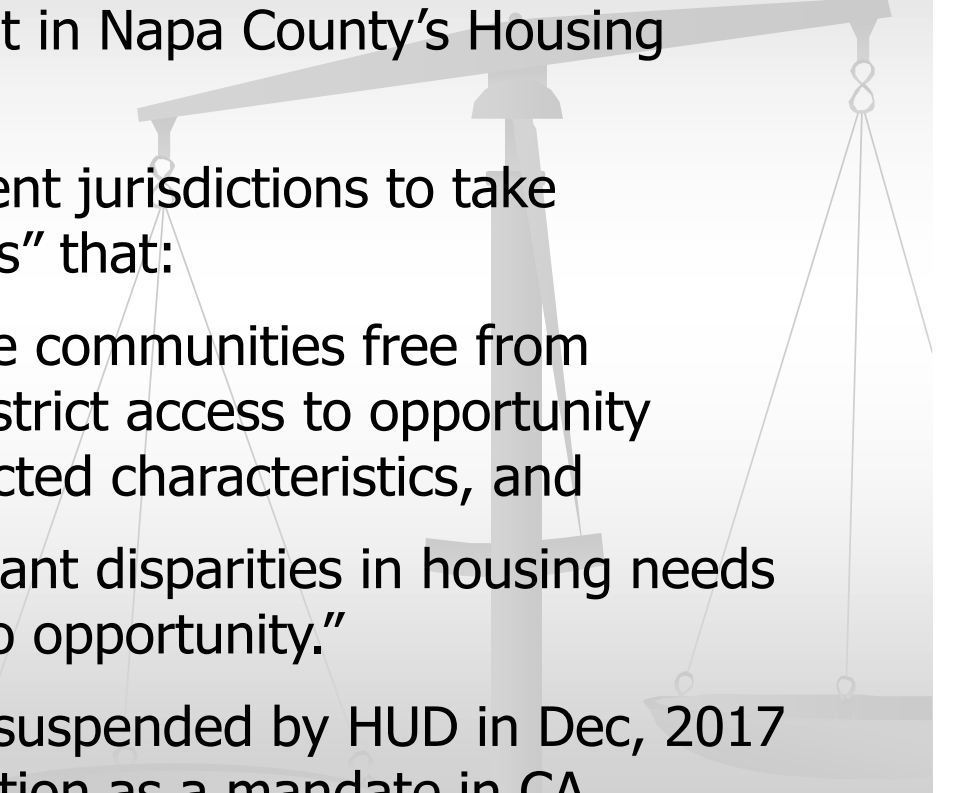
Possible Solutions & Remedies

- Continued Implementation of 2015-23 Housing Element goals
 - Address Governmental and Non-Gov. Impediments
 - Diversity of housing stock
 - Efficient Land Use and High Quality Neighborhoods
 - Assistance to Support Affordable Housing (AH)
- Continued construction and development of additional units for LMI households
 - 34% (26/76) of RHNA met between 2007-13 for LMI units, per Housing Element and Needs Assessment
 - County-wide effort; collaboration needed among all jurisdictions, CDC's, and community stakeholders

Additional Solutions

- City Council 3 Yr goals to Stabilize, Maintain, and Improve Access to Housing (Nov 2017- Nov 2018)
 - Strong enforcement of Code/ building ordinance
 - Streamlined processes for the development and construction of AH
- Spread awareness of existing AH programs/ agencies
 - Regular communication among housing advocates and AH agencies to ensure resident needs are met
- Examine new & existing housing programs for compatibility with Low-Income residents/ households
 - Home Sharing
 - Micro Homes
- Address additional policies which potentially affect current housing climate

AFFH and Affordable Housing



- HUD's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing requirement is relevant in Napa County's Housing Crisis
 - Obligates entitlement jurisdictions to take "meaningful actions" that:
 - "Foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics, and
 - Address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity."
- The requirement was suspended by HUD in Dec, 2017 but is under consideration as a mandate in CA

AFFH and Affordable Housing

- Napa's housing crisis especially affects members of protected classes (families with children, disabled community, seniors, Latino community, among others)
- Shortage of (affordable) housing stock is a barrier to a more inclusive St. Helena and Napa County
 - Equal housing opportunities made more difficult in aftermath of 2017 Napa Fire Complex
- Vital that vulnerable residents receive assistance to meet their housing needs
 - Resources for AH opportunities
 - Continued counseling to ensure needs are met

