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24. (19-1078) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the City Attorney to draft an ordinance establishing rental increase protections for mobile home owners for rent increases of 10% or more by adding mobile home parks to our current tenant protection ordinance.	Michael Donelon	mikedonelon@aol.com						I am an 8 year resident of Belmont Shore Mobile Estates. I am not a member of the home owners association. However I have been active in the community for 30 years. I provided comments in support of the parks improvement project to the Coastal Commission. The improvements were required by the city when the park was developed and will not stop land movement or required periodic methane gas testing under our homes. During my term on the LB City Council I had an issue at Windward Village Mobile Home Park. It was frustrating due to the fact the city had no control over their issues. It is very sad to here my neighbors concerns, many on fixed incomes, over what to do or where to move. Unfortunately the owners have no empathy for our cities most vulnerable residents. I encourage your support of the item. Thank you.	7:42:00 AM