



**Date:** July 24, 2007  
**To:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
**From:** Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Mayor *BL*  
**Subject:** **Condominium Conversion Relocation and Notification**

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**BACKGROUND:**

There has been significant activity in recent years related to conversion of existing apartment buildings to condominiums. One of the effects of conversion activity is displacement of existing tenants, including persons and families with limited incomes. The City's Subdivision and Zoning Regulations currently provide measures for tenant notification and payment of relocation benefits from the person requesting the conversion to displaced tenants who are within certain income levels.

The Planning Commission recently received an updated report on the status of condominium conversion activity. Issues were raised in the staff report, as well as by persons providing testimony, related to the effectiveness of the procedures for tenant notification and payment of relocation benefits.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In order to review these procedures and have a public discussion of this matter, I am requesting that the Planning Commission be directed to conduct a review of the current procedures related to tenant noticing and payment of relocation benefits and conduct a public meeting to receive public input on these issues. The Planning Commission would then forward their findings and recommendations to the City Council for consideration.