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Community meeting to provide update, gather input on Hayward rental-housing access, affordability and stability policy and strategy development

Spanish-language interpretation and childcare services to be provided—6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 26 at Matt Jimenez Center

HAYWARD, Calif., Feb. 21, 2018—Hayward city staff will lead a community meeting on Monday evening to provide an informational update and gather feedback on city rental-housing access, affordability and stability policy and strategy development.

The meeting will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at Matt Jimenez Center, 28200 Ruus Road, and is open to all community members and stakeholder groups. Spanishlanguage interpretation and childcare services will be provided.

The purpose is to inform and gather additional input from community members as city staff prepare to bring forward rental-housing policy and strategy recommendations for consideration by the Hayward City Council on March 20.

The meeting follows a pair of earlier community conversations hosted and facilitated by the City of Hayward—the first focusing on the experiences and perspectives of tenants and tenant advocacy groups and the second on those of rental-property builders, owners and managers.

Information gathered during the two community conversations was presented to the Council earlier this month, on Feb. 6. To read the report to the Council and related material, visit the Housing page on the City of Hayward website.

On Feb. 1, new affordable housing requirements for residential developers in Hayward took effect—including an increase in fees collected from builders whose projects don't include units to be rented or sold at below market rates.

For more information on increases to these in-lieu fees and other amendments to the Hayward Affordable Housing Ordinance, check out the <u>article</u> in the February edition of the monthly City of Hayward e-newsletter, *The Stack*.