



CITY COUNCIL  
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CONSENT CALENDAR  
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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmembers Linda Maio and Sophie Hahn, and Mayor Jesse Arreguin

SUBJECT: City Maintained Below Market Rate Units (BMR) Online Resource

RECOMMENDATION:

Establish a City maintained online resource that would provide a brief overview of the history and purpose of Below Market Rate (BMR) units, a current list of all buildings that contain BMR units and the characteristics of the units, the % of median income qualification levels for the units, the HUD published income guidelines for % of median and family size, the property owner, rental agent, and/or management company contact information, and other relevant information that would be helpful to potential renters of BMR units. The City shall update the information as more units become available, and quarterly, to ensure that information is current.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Berkeley has required BMR units in a variety of buildings and it would be useful to have a comprehensive listing of properties that have been approved with BMR units that could be consulted by our service providers and residents in need of housing. While we are thinking of how best we can use these units to address issues such as displacement of Berkeley residents and homelessness, one step would be to set up an online resource that offers a comprehensive profile of the BMR units the City has approved, with the relevant information associated with each unit.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No environmental sustainability impact.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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