


Office of the City Manager

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Christine Daniel, Interim City Manager 

SUBJECT: Upcoming Workshop on Energy Efficiency in Existing Multifamily Buildings

The Office of Energy & Sustainable Development, in partnership with staff counterparts at the cities of Oakland and Emeryville, is hosting a workshop focused on increasing energy efficiency in existing multifamily buildings. The target audience for the workshop is organizations that work on behalf of tenants. The three cities have also held a series of workshops focused on gathering insights and input from multifamily building property owners and managers.

The main goals of the workshop are to:

- Gather specific feedback from organizations that represent tenant interests on potential policy and program approaches to removing barriers to energy efficiency in existing multifamily buildings
- Engage tenant-oriented stakeholders, energy efficiency policy experts, and others in the effort to develop policy solutions that remove barriers to energy efficiency in existing multifamily buildings

Workshop Details:

Workshop on Energy Efficiency in Multifamily Rental Housing

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2012

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Location: 1000 Broadway, Oakland (across from the Marriott, one block from SE entrance of 12th St BART), Room 310 A & B

The workshop is one component of a joint project between the cities of Berkeley, Oakland, and Emeryville aimed at developing effective strategies to increase energy efficiency in our communities' apartment buildings, cooperatives, and condominiums. The project, called Building Energy Efficiency Solutions (BEES), seeks to develop local solutions to the barriers tenants and building owners face when trying to lower their energy consumption, with particular emphasis on the problem of split financial incentives between tenants and building owners.

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The two-year BEES project is funded by California utility customers and administered by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

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