

# CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

## HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ron Leone, Chair  
Dan Helix, Committee Member

5:30 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2014

Building A, Garden Conference Room  
1950 Parkside Drive, Concord

### - ANNOTATED AGENDA -

**ROLL CALL:** All present

**STAFF PRESENT:** Guy Swanger, Chief of Police; Scott Johnson, Assistant City Manager; Joshua Clendenin, Assistant City Attorney; Lt. Ivan Menchaca, Police Dept.; Sgt. Russ Norris, Police Dept.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE:** Nati Flores from the Michael Chavez Center; Guillermo Elenes from Tenants Together; Joseph A. Lawton from the California Apartment Association/Castle Property Management

**COMMENT PERIOD:** Nati Flores requested that a packet regarding bed bug abatement be sent to property owners and property management. Sgt Norris explained that when a bedbug complaint is received by the City, property owners and/or property managers will be given educational information regarding the bed bug removal process and prevention of future infestation.

Guillermo Elenes voiced support for the Bed Bug Response Pilot Program. He provided a copy of a Tenants Together letter requesting minor changes to the process.

Joseph A. Lawton disputed the claim that only heat or extreme cold is effective for removal of bed bugs. He also asked if the City will require a specific method of treatment. Sgt Norris stated the City will not make treatment requirements, only that the infestation be abated. Chief Swanger and Sgt. Norris stressed that final responsibility for bedbug abatement rested with the property owner.

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1. **CONSIDERATION** – City of Concord Philosophy and Strategy – Bed Bug Response Pilot Program. Report by Russ Norris, Police Sergeant.

**ACTION:** Sgt. Norris gave a presentation outlining bedbug history, treatment, and proposed abatement procedures by the City. The Committee directed that the Bed Bug Response Pilot Program begin immediately, subject to re-evaluation on September 24, 2014. Mr. Leone directed Sgt. Norris make an informational bedbug presentation to City Council in April, 2014. Mr. Helix also directed Asst. City Attorney Joshua Clendenin to research the inspection fee to be charged to the City of Concord by Contra Costa County Public Health. Mr. Helix suggested this fee be waived.

2. **CORRESPONDENCE** –Council Committee correspondence not selectively included in the following list is available for inspection during normal business hours by contacting the City Clerk at 671-3495.

- a. Letter dated March 4, 2014 from Tenants Together’s Executive Director, Dean Preston, suggesting modifications to the City’s proposed Bed Bug Response Pilot Program (BENCHED).

3. **ADJOURNMENT** at 6:08 p.m.



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