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# AGENDA REPORT

TO: Oakland City Council

FROM: Claudia Cappio  
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SUBJECT: Unpermitted Residences in  
Commercial Spaces

DATE: January 31, 2017

City Administrator Approval

*Christina DeLeon*  
SBL

Date:

2/10/17

## RECOMMENDATION

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Accept An Informational Report From The City Administrator Examining The Issue Of Residents Living In Unpermitted Commercial Or Industrial Spaces Which Includes Information On Health And Safety Risks, A Review Of Potential Policy Responses, And An Analysis Of Options To Create A Pathway To Legal Occupancy That Reduces The Risk Of Displacing Current Residents.**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Please refer to the following agenda report on this same agenda for a comprehensive response to this item scheduled by the Rules and Legislation Committee:

An Informational Report Pertaining to the Follow Up Actions from the Ghost Ship Fire, Including Options For Budgetary And Policy Actions On The Following: 1) Examination Of Best Practices From Other Jurisdictions That Prevent Resident Displacement While Addressing Building Safety; 2) Examination Of The Challenges Facing Oakland-Based Artists Vis-À-Vis Living Workspaces And Ways That The City Can Provide Assistance And Prevent Displacement; 3) Volume Of Work And Staffing Needs Relating To The Fire Department and the Responsibilities Of The Fire Marshal, Commercial Fire Inspection Requirements, And Fire Prevention; 4) Options for Creating a Pathway to Legal Live-Work Occupancy of Commercial and Industrial Buildings that Reduces Displacement of Current Occupants; 5) Status of Identification and Inspections for Unpermitted Commercial or Industrial Spaces and How Risks are Being Mitigated and Managed; and 6) Volume Of Work And Staffing Needs For Code Enforcement Relating To Habitability And Fire/Life Safety.

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**PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

This item is of particular interest to the public, thus this informational report has been shared through the City's public noticing process. City staff has met with the Oakland Warehouse Coalition on a number of occasions to review and discuss various options and other measures that could be instituted as part of the fire and life/safety efforts to preserve commercial and industrial mixed residential occupancies.

**ACTION REQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL**

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Claudia Cappio, at (510) 238-3301.

Respectfully submitted,



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