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UPDATED MEMO

Date: July 14, 2016
To: City Council
From: Councilmember At-Large Rebecca Kaplan

Re: Adopt a Resolution on the City Council's own motion submitting to the voters at the November 8, 2016 general election proposed Measure to strengthen protections for Oakland renters, and improve the powers and functions of the Rent Board and Program.

~~Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,~~

As you know, Oakland is struggling with a housing crisis, including displacement and rising rents, which are undermining our community. Many have been asking for action to strengthen protection for Oakland renters.

I have worked to help bring forward this proposed Measure for submission to the November ballot to address these issues. This includes specifically:

- Requiring landlords to petition for rent increases in excess of the allowable annual amount based on inflation.
- Adjusting the year from which buildings are exempt from Just Cause for Eviction to 1995, to increase the number of covered buildings.
- Expanding the duties and powers of the Rent Board and the Rent Adjustment Program to increase accountability and effectiveness.
- Providing for relocation assistance when a tenant is required to relocate through no fault of their own
- Require staff to send out annual notices stating allowable rent increases and related laws.
- Keep the exemption for owner-occupied duplexes and triplexes.

Please find attached a request to adopt a Resolution on the City Council's own motion submitting to the voters at the November 8, 2016 Statewide General Election the proposed Measure, as revised by the City Attorney's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Rebecca Kaplan in cursive.

Councilmember At-Large Rebecca Kaplan

P.S. In addition to the version included in the full Measure revised by the City Attorney's office, I am attaching another more detailed option for the "Rent Adjustment" section.