

Hello everyone,

I wanted to share an update on where things stand with the tenant protection ordinances currently moving through the City of Ventura. Over the past two weeks, we've received important new information from city staff and the Housing & Homelessness Subcommittee that shifts both the process and the timeline. Here is a quick recap:

### **1. Subcommittee Recap – August 20**

The Housing & Homelessness Subcommittee heard initial discussion on the Anti-Harassment Ordinance and Relocation Assistance Ordinance.

VCCAR (Ventura County Coastal Association of Realtors) members attended, primarily advocating for landlord protections, though staff clarified that the Housing Element directs the city to adopt tenant protections only.

After public comment, the Subcommittee did not advance these items. Instead, Councilmember Duran made a motion directing staff to convene a stakeholder working group including VCCAR, CAUSE, tenant advocates, legal aid, property managers, and insurers, etc. This mirrors a different but similar process in Oxnard, which ultimately produced a strong anti-harassment ordinance.

Relocation Assistance was not discussed due to time limits; Councilmember Halter recused himself because of a potential conflict of interest.

### **2. Planning Commission – August 27**

The Planning Commission agenda has now been posted, and here's what it means for tenant protections:

Relocation Assistance Ordinance (Public Hearing, Item 8): The Commission will hear and deliberate on this ordinance, which requires two months' rent in relocation assistance for qualifying households (62+, disabled, terminally ill, or with minor dependent children).

Anti-Harassment Ordinance: Appears on the agenda only to be continued to a future date, with no substantive discussion or action on August 27.

Other related housing items include: an Affordable Housing Regulations initiation, an update on the Point-in-Time Count & Homelessness Plan, and an Inclusionary Housing in-lieu fee update.

### **3. New Timeline from Staff**

Based on the latest updates, here's how the process will unfold moving forward:

**September 10, 2025 (6–8 PM):** Stakeholder Meeting (Spanish-speaking participation will be available). This is expected to be a major turnout moment, especially for the Anti-Harassment Ordinance.

**September 23, 2025:** City Council will consider the Housing Rights Center (HRC) expansion. If passed, it will go into effect retroactive to September 1, 2025.

**September 25, 2025:** (Special Planning Commission): Focused discussion on Anti-Harassment and Relocation Assistance Ordinances.

**September 30, 2025:** (Housing & Homelessness Subcommittee): Continued discussion and refinement of Anti-Harassment and Relocation Assistance.

**November 4, 2025:** (City Council): Final vote anticipated on Anti-Harassment and Relocation Assistance Ordinances.

These updates were confirmed by city staff earlier this afternoon. Unless we hear otherwise, this is the timeline staff is working with to complete the tenant protection package.