

# TENANT FOCUS

## The Year Ahead

Each December the SRAB plans the major focus and activities for the next year. As 2017 approaches we once again have begun the process. The RAB and SHRA held their annual planning meeting where we agree on a few issues that we can work together for improvements. By the time this is printed and distributed much more will have been accomplished toward setting these goals.

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## The World is Going Digital

We looked briefly at autonomous vehicles in the last edition of the Tenant Focus and we will continue to look at advancing technology this year. As the world changes around us we must keep abreast with the changes whether we use them or just observe. Since the last issue we were told that driverless are a long way off, then the news hit.

- Uber had a fight with the DMV over driverless cars in San Francisco. The DMV has issued permits to other companies; however, for now Ubers' driverless cars have left California. The attorneys will sort out the legal definitions of the law and regulatory code before they return.
- The City of Sacramento has applied to U.S. Department of Transportation be a test city for driverless vehicles. The application

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## Notice of SRAB Quarterly Meeting

The next Sacramento Resident Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting has been set for 1:30 pm on January 13 2017 at:

All Seasons Café 1725 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

A light lunch will be served at 1:00 pm for all who arrive early



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### Special points of interest

- The SRAB Makes new years resolutions (plans) too
- Are we ready for the world with President Trump?
- Keeping up with technology

## Resident Committee Training

We have scheduled a Resident Committee board member training for January 28, 2017 from 11 am to 2 pm at Perko's Café' at 3rd & J Streets in Sacramento.. In addition to lunch, the attendees will have the opportunity to use Robert's Rules of Order and learn how to keep their meetings moving along and productive. (RSVP)

## The RAB and the Who, What, Where, and How

The Sacramento Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is the resident counsel for Conventional Housing in all of Sacramento County. We are a group of residents who have been elected by our peers to represent them before SHRA. The executive committee members are primarily members of the resident committees from their respective communities.

We are a federally mandated organization formed to work with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA). We also serve as an advisory board representing the residents to the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission, and the Housing Authorities of the City and the County in all areas of housing operations,

including but not limited to occupancy, general management, maintenance, security, resident training, resident employment, social services, and modernization priorities. We also address policy issues that we find to not be in the best interest of the tenants.



Sacramento Resident Advisory Board

Our goal is to ensure the ongoing resident participation in the planning and implementation of programs and services. To that end we send a representative to each of the resident committee meetings and resident community meetings. We

collect data for the 5 Year Capital Fund plan and present changes to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and/or the Admin plan for the HCV program. We also provide training for resident committee board members. See the announcement to the left of this article.

What we don't do is represent individual tenants in disputes with SHRA. We are not attorneys nor do we have the legal force of law behind us for such endeavors.

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## The World is Going Digital Continued ...

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asks to designate the downtown grid as one of the first urban areas in the U.S. to become a testing ground for fully autonomous vehicles. Testing is ongoing in rural Nevada for large trucks. The drivers take on other tasks on the highway; but, they control the truck on city roads.

Amid all this automation we are encouraging SHRA to catch up to current standards for payment transactions. We look forward to being able to log on and pay our rent online at 6:00 pm because we were busy during their open hours. After all, we can log on to Safeway and have our groceries delivered. Get dinner from most anywhere delivered by Food Jets. You can send your kids birthday gifts from Amazon and even pay with PayPal. So ...



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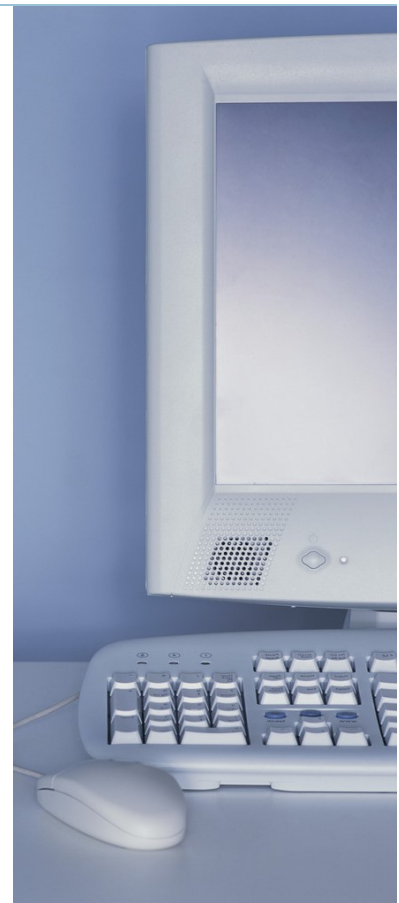
Some things are constant. We will be soliciting input for the 5 yr. Capitol fund plan in April, then there will be the presentations on the ACOP in July & August.. National Night out is in August, we would like to persuade each group to get involved and you need to start the planning process soon if you want a successful event. Each September we encourage community involvement, make a positive difference where you live! October is Fire Safety month and we always put emphasis on staying safe through out each of the holidays.

A new item scheduled is committee training. See the

article on the left side of page 2 for details. The goal being to make your resident committee more effective and providing a pathway to more events that can be enjoyed by all members of your group.

With a new president and cabinet we will be watching to see what effect they have on public housing. We are ready to undertake a letter writing campaign if need be.

There is, in hand, a policy recommendation that we may send to the new secretary of HUD; but, we will give him a chance first. As always, we remain poised to react appropriately to any situation that may arise in the future.



## Wal-Mart Grocery Bus

ACC Rides provides contracted grocery bus service for SRAB to Downtown and Midtown SHRA properties. The grocery bus provides service once a month to the WAL-MART in West Sacramento. For application or reservations contact Barbara at (916) 927-7446. These dates are scheduled:

January 5, 2017

February 6, 2017

March 6, 2017

April 4, 2017

May 4, 2017

June 6, 2017

July 6, 2017

Aug 3, 2017

Sept 5, 2017

### Sacramento Resident Advisory Board

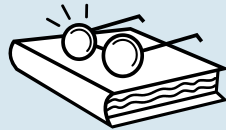
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**Glasses**

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## *Ask me for details!*

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### Notable Quotes

Better be wise by the misfortunes of others than by your own.  
– Aesop

A question that sometimes drives me hazy: am I or are the others crazy?  
– Albert Einstein

No matter how worthy the cause, it is robbery, theft, and injustice to confiscate the property of one person and give it to another to whom it does not belong.  
– Walter Williams

Confucius say...  
student who study history, will find there is no future in it.

The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance - it is the illusion of knowledge.  
– Daniel J. Boorstin

In wisdom gathered over time I have found that every experience is a form of exploration.  
– Ansel Adams

Animals, in their generation, are wiser than the sons of men; but their wisdom is confined to a few particulars, and lies in a very narrow compass.  
– Joseph Addison

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.  
– Mahatma Gandhi