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Subject: List of local government landlord tenant mediation programs

Hello Members of the Rental Housing Subcommittee -

This email is sent in response to part 1 of your motion yesterday, which was to provide a list of local government jurisdictions (in addition to Tallahassee) that run a landlord tenant mediation program. Below is a list along with links to their program information that identifies which city department administers the program and the scope of the program (who is it open to and what type of disputes it covers.) I'm sure if you run a simple internet search yourself, you will find other examples.

As discussed yesterday, if the City Commission is interested in creating a City run mediation program, the Commission will have to determine the scope of the program it wishes to create and based on that, City Management can advise you of the anticipated budget impacts (how much money will be needed to create and administer the program based on its scope), which City Department has the capacity and ability to administer the program, and whether they would contract with certified mediators or solicit volunteers to act as mediators. Based on this information, the Commission would then determine during the upcoming budget season whether this is a priority in relation to the other programs/projects the Commission wishes to spend City budget dollars on.

Santa Barbara, CA https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/services/home/rhm/default.asp
Berkley, CA https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Rent_Stabilization_Board/Home/Mediation_Services.aspx
Palo Alto, CA https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/hs/mediation.asp
Culver City, CA https://www.culvercity.org/live/home-property/housing-services/landlord-tenant-mediation-board

San Jose, CA http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=483
Boulder, CO https://bouldercolorado.gov/community-relations/mediation-program

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