

LANDLORD AND TENANT ADVISORY GROUPS

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Landlord and Tenant Advisory Groups

- Started in the Commissioners' Office in 2023 to provide opportunities for both groups to share information and have input on the work of Housing Advocacy & Community Development.
- Followed requests from KY Tenants for more tenant representation on boards & commissions.
- Membership on many boards/commissions is time consuming, specific to a certain profession, or otherwise not appealing for all landlords and tenants because not specific to their issues.
- Provides an outlet for these groups to be heard and influence policy & programming.

Landlord and Tenant Advisory Groups

- Not a formally appointed LFUCG Board or Commission
- Goals
 - Review and Advise Office of Housing Advocacy and Community Development on its programs and services.
 - Provide data and feedback on issues affecting all types of tenants and housing providers in Lexington.
- Meeting frequency – quarterly
- Staffed by Commissioner’s Office with presenters from various LFUCG divisions as the agendas dictate

Landlord Advisory Group

- First meeting was in May of 2023
- Group has met six times
 - Last meeting was August 14, 2024
- 12 Lexington landlords with diverse stock of housing:
 - Corporate-owned multifamily units
 - Single-family rental housing
 - Landlords owning 10 or less units
 - Landlords owning over 400 units
 - Landlords who accept housing vouchers
 - Central Kentucky Apartment Association
 - Downtown Landlord Association
 - Attorney representing landlords

Landlord Advisory Group

- Presentations / Meeting Topics:
 - Code Enforcement
 - Division of Planning
 - Division of Building Inspection
 - District Court Mediation & Access to Counsel
 - Affordable Housing Fund
 - Neighborhood Safety w/LPD Neighborhood Resource Officers
 - Barriers to Affordable Housing
 - Evictions and Property Set-Outs
 - Source of Income Discrimination Legislation
 - OHPI Landlord Recruitment Program
 - Application Fee and Deposit Assistance Program
 - Urban Growth Management ZOTA

Tenant Advisory Group

- Initial meeting was September 6, 2023, at the Black & Williams Neighborhood Center.
- 11 members from various types of housing including:
 - KY Tenants rep
 - Families with children
 - Formerly unhoused tenant
 - Tenant with large corporate landlord
 - Tenants with market rate rent
 - Tenant with small, local landlord
 - Lexington Housing Authority tenant
 - Tenant in Affordable Housing Fund property
 - Tenant with criminal history barrier

Tenant Advisory Group

- At the first meeting, the group discussed:
 - Housing Stabilization Program
 - Increase in rental rates
 - Source of income discrimination legislation
 - Code Enforcement
 - The next two meetings were canceled due tenant attendance.
 - The group disbanded and HACD increased efforts to get new members.
 - HACD newsletter “call for tenants” for Tenant Advisory Group
 - Asked Councilmembers to advertise “call for tenants” as well
 - Received responses from 9 tenants. We issued a doodle poll to determine best day and time for meeting. Evenings meeting, with dinner, worked best for majority. Tenants are welcome to bring children if needed.
- Most recent meeting was September 11, 2024 at Lexington Senior Center. Excellent turnout and discussion – scheduled to meet again December 2024.**

QUESTIONS?



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