December 20, 2016

Re: Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to City’s Smoking Ordinance

Dear Owners & Managers of Multi-unit Housing and Homeowners Associations:

In late November, you received a letter outlining a timeline and proposal for updating the City’s Smoking Ordinance. The City held a public meeting on Thursday, December 1 and two multi-unit housing owners attended to let us know about their support for the measures that are being proposed.

As a reminder, City staff is recommending the following:

- The current ordinance restricts smoking in 50% of existing apartment units and 75% of newly built apartment units; the new ordinance will propose 100% non-smoking in all apartment units, to be specified by lease.

- The current ordinance is not clear on the rules surrounding condominiums and smoking. The proposed ordinance will designate 75% of all condominiums, new and existing, as non-smoking.

We wanted to let you know that the timeline for updating the smoking ordinance in the original letter shifted to allow us to communicate with all of our constituents. The City Council will now consider the above changes to the Smoking Ordinance at a Public Hearing to be held during their regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

If you are unable to make the Public Hearing but would like to provide feedback to the City, please email jdeakyne@novato.org or call 415-899-8919 before the end of the day on January 4, 2017 so your feedback may be included in the information provided to our City Council. A website was also established to keep smoking ordinance documentation in one place. Please visit www.novato.org/smokingordinance for up to date information on the process.

Thank you,

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