



Memorandum

**TO: Rules and Open
Government Committee**

FROM: Councilmember Rose Herrera

**SUBJECT: Appointments to the
Advisory Commission on Rents**

DATE: May 20, 2010

Approved

Date:

5/20/2010

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend Carlos Padilla and Elaine Coombs to fill vacancies on the Advisory Commission on Rents.

BACKGROUND:

The commission advises the City Council and the Administration on the Rental Dispute and Mediation hearing process and recommends changes or amendments to improve the administration of this hearing process. This commission is composed of two tenant representatives that must live in rent controlled apartments, two landlord representatives, and three neutral positions.

As a property owner, Mr. Padilla brings experience as a small business owner to his role as a landlord representative on the commission.

Ms. Coombs prepared herself to fill the tenant representative vacancy by studying housing issues and attending commission meetings. This preparation will serve the commission well.

I look forward to both of these candidates making thoughtful contributions to the work of this commission.