Dear Planning Commissioners and Planning Staff,

Recognizing your budget and staffing constraints due to the medical emergency, I nevertheless think that all the information contained in this current Housing Inventory as well as what I assume is information from the past 10 years or so could be used to get a better understanding of the occupancy in terms of percentage of full time occupancy of all the housing that has been built in the past 10 years or so. What do I mean?

In Appendix A-1 of the Inventory there is a list of all the Market Rate housing. Taking those addresses and then obtaining the bulk data from the Water Department of the usage that can be found in all the combined bills for each of these addresses, a sense of the occupancy of
the units, at each of these addresses, could be obtained. (The earlier addresses in previous Inventories must be in the respective Appendices as well and they could also be used).
The occupancy of this Market Rate Housing is important. Why?
Well, if the water usage implies part-time occupancy that could mean that units are short-term rentals or pieds-a-terre or second or third homes. Or they are never occupied and are basically for a banking of money as a safe investment.
As the City proceeds to grapple with the housing crisis, it seems like it would be good to have an idea of the use/occupancy of the housing that has been built....primarily on the East Side....and here is the question.
Is this Market Rate housing that has been built in the past ten years or so just units or is this housing actually homes, for people and for neighbors? What percentage of these addresses appears to be full time occupancy and what percentage appears not to be full time occupancy?
I understand that this might mean creating a program to analyze the data from the Water Department, but I think it would be worthwhile, particularly since you are in the midst of updating the Housing Element.
Thank you and take good care.
Sincerely,
Georgia Schuttish
P.S. I wasn’t able to make the technology work to allow me to get on the line to say this during the hearing today 7/16 so I am sending this in per the Commission Staff for the record.