



The mission of the El Cerrito Progressives Housing Committee is to promote access to affordable, safe and stable housing.

El Cerrito Progressives support:

- The city's efforts to make rent affordable for very low and low income individuals and families, per the [Housing Element 2015-2023](#)
- Housing that is affordable for low to moderate income first-time home buyers
- The building of in-fill housing such as second units (ADU's), tiny houses and other innovative housing options
- [Below Market Rate Housing Programs](#) – both those sponsored by the city and others in the area

El Cerrito Progressives recommends looking at ways to add units at the most affordable construction cost or no construction cost to the city – using a diversity of approaches – *including better utilization of existing housing/buildings*. Our recommendations include:

1. Strong policies to protect all residents from eviction and homelessness
2. A robust inclusionary housing policy for new developments
3. Encouragement for city staff to plan for greater housing density in areas zoned for more than single family housing
4. Regulations allowing tiny homes, modular and pre-fab homes and mobile homes
5. Disincentivizes for property owners to keep buildings and and property vacant
6. Promotion of empty land for co-housing community development
7. Relaxed parking requirements in RM and RD zones near the BART stations
8. Zoning adjustments to allow for modern day boarding house or dormitory accommodations to serve different age groups

SOCIAL AND RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

El Cerrito Progressives works for racial and social justice with allies from affected communities. We are committed to advocating for the protection of civil liberties, immigrant and refugee rights, and racial justice, including:

- Adoption of a Surveillance Ordinance that serves the residents of El Cerrito through the protection of civil liberties and privacy.
- Encouraging residents of El Cerrito to engage in the Stand Together Contra Costa immigration rights program.
- Working in partnership with El Cerrito's Human Rights Commission, the El Cerrito Police Department and the community to decrease the incidents of racial profiling through education.

- Working to ensure that the El Cerrito City Council make the police budget accessible to the general community for review and transparency.
- Urging the El Cerrito City Council to adopt the recommendations of the Contra Costa County Racial Justice Task Force.
- Ensuring that the city of El Cerrito abides by and supports CA state law SB 54 to protect immigrants in our community.
- Working to assure that there is city and statewide commitment to the full equality, inclusion and acceptance of people of all gender identities and gender expressions.
- Challenging white supremacy in ourselves, in the organizations in which we work, and in our community.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

We advocate for:

- Environmental Sustainability and use of renewable energy by EC households.
- Promotion of health and wellbeing among El Cerrito residents through research, collaboration, and action on environmental issues.
- Facilitating people's understanding of the ecosystem in which environment is a vital part.
- Reduction in air, water and soil pollution.
- Socially responsible investments for the City of El Cerrito.
- An end to coal and oil/fossil fuel transportation from Utah to Oakland and beyond our geographic region.