



4x4 Committee on Housing
City Council and Rent Board

4 X 4 JOINT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING CITY COUNCIL/RENT STABILIZATION BOARD

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters
4. Approval of November 24, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes
5. Update on Amendments to Demolition Ordinance (Planning Department)
6. Habitability Plans Modeled After the City of Los Angeles' Practice (Chair Simon-Weisberg)
7. Review of SB 91 and Impact on Berkeley Eviction Moratorium (City Attorney's Office)
8. Quick Updates on Previously Discussed Items
 - a. Amendments to the Relocation Ordinance (Mayor Arreguín)
9. Discussion of Possible Future Agenda Items
10. Adjournment

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mayor Jesse Arreguín
City Councilmember Kate Harrison
City Councilmember Rigel Robinson
City Councilmember Terry Taplin

Rent Board Chairperson Leah Simon-Weisberg
Rent Board Vice-Chairperson Soli Alpert
Rent Board Commissioner Xavier Johnson
Rent Board Commissioner Andy Kelley



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Minutes to be Approved

1. Roll Call: Chair Laverde called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
Present: Mayor Arreguín, CM Davila, CM Robinson, RB Chair Laverde, RBC Simon-Weisberg, RBC Mendonca, RBC Tregub (signed off at 5:31 p.m.)
Absent: CM Harrison (logged on at 3:04 p.m., signed off at 5:52 p.m.)
Staff Present: Matt Brown, Steve Buckley, Bren Darrow, Stefan Elgstrand, Jen Fabish, Rachel Gonzales-Levine, J.T. Harechmak, Chris Jensen, Alene Pearson, Alisa Shen, Be Tran.
2. Approval of the Agenda: M/S/C (Davila/Robinson) Motion to approve the agenda as written. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Davila, Harrison, Robinson, Laverde, Simon-Weisberg, Mendonca, Tregub; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Carried: 8-0-0-0.
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: There was one speaker.
4. Approval of October 28, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes: M/S/C (Arreguín/Harrison) Motion to approve the minutes as written. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Davila, Harrison, Robinson, Laverde, Simon-Weisberg, Tregub; NO: None; ABSTAIN: Mendonca*; ABSENT: None. Carried: 7-0-1-0.

*Commissioner Mendonca abstained because she was not present for the whole meeting.

5. Presentation on Berkeley Housing Authority (BHA) and Affordable Housing Berkeley, Inc. by BHA Acting Executive Director Rachel Gonzales-Levine: Rachel Gonzales-Levine presented to and took questions from the committee and the public.

There were two public speakers.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Amendments to Demolition Ordinance (Planning Department): Steve Buckley of the Planning Department presented on proposed changes to the Demolition Ordinance in light of SB330. He and Chris Jensen from the City Attorney's Office took questions. The committee had a robust discussion, raising a variety of questions and concerns. The committee agreed to continue its conversation at a future meeting.

There were 6 public speakers, and committee staff person Be Tran read into the record one public comment submitted by email.

7. Habitability Plans Modeled After the City of Los Angeles' Practice (RBC Simon-Weisberg): This item was continued to a future meeting.
8. Update on Amendments to the Relocation Ordinance (Mayor Arreguín): Mayor Arreguín reported that his office was trying to schedule a meeting with multiple departments to take a comprehensive look at changes.
9. Quick Updates on Previously Discussed Items
 - a. UC Acquisition of 1921 Walnut Street: The committee briefly discussed this item. There was no substantive update.
10. Discussion of Possible Future Agenda Items: The committee agreed to wait until its February 2021 meeting to continue the conversation on amendments to the Demolition Ordinance to give stakeholders enough time to consider the committee's questions and concerns.
11. Adjournment: M/S/C (Davila/Simon-Weisberg) Motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Davila, Robinson, Laverde, Simon-Weisberg, Mendonca; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Harrison, Tregub. Carried: 6-0-0-2.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Rent Board Commissioner Igor Tregub