



4x4 Joint Task Force
Committee on Housing
City Council and Rent Board

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

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 – 2:30 p.m.

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), City Council Resolution 70,030-N.S., and Rent Board Resolution 21-29, this meeting of the City Council and Rent Stabilization Board's **4 x 4 Joint Task Force Committee on Housing** (Committee) will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. Please be advised that pursuant to the Resolutions and the findings contained therein that the spread of COVID-19 continues to be a threat to the public health and that holding meetings of City legislative bodies in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of the public and members of legislative bodies. Therefore, **there will not be a physical meeting location available.**

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To join by phone: Dial 1-669-900-6833 and enter Webinar ID: 876 6097 4031 and Passcode: 059116. If you wish to comment during the public comment portion of the agenda, Press *9 and wait to be recognized by the Committee Chair.

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Please be mindful that this will be a public meeting and all rules of procedure and decorum will apply for meetings conducted by teleconference or videoconference.

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with Government Code Section 54953 and all current state and local requirements allowing public participation in meetings of legislative bodies. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to DéSeana Williams, Executive Director of the Rent Board, at (510) 981-7368 (981-RENT). The Committee may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda.



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Approved Minutes

1. Roll call: RB Chair Simon-Weisberg called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.
Present: Mayor Arreguín, RBC Alpert, CM Harrison, RBC Johnson, RBC Kelley, CM Robinson, RB Chair Simon-Weisberg, CM Taplin.
Absent: None.
Staff present: Matt Brown, Lief Bursell, Nate Dahl, Stefan Elgstrand, Jen Fabish, Matthew Siegel, Be Tran.
2. Land Acknowledgment Statement: *The Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board recognizes that the rental housing units we regulate are built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun-(Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's landlords and tenants have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878 and since the Rent Stabilization Board's creation in 1980. As stewards of the laws regulating rental housing, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today.*

The land acknowledgement statement was played aloud.

3. Approval of the agenda: M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) Approve the agenda as written. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Alpert, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ASBSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Carried: 8-0-0-0.
4. Public comment on non-agenda matters: There were two speakers.
5. Approval of April 18, 2022 Committee meeting minutes (see attachment): M/S/C (Robinson/Alpert) Approve the minutes as written. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Alpert, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ASBSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Carried: 8-0-0-0.

6. Discussion and possible action on a memorandum regarding the potential for adding more rent controlled units under CA Civil Code Section 1954.52(b) (Vice-Chair Alpert, see attachment): The committee discussed this item at length and decided to incorporate any action it might take into its motion on item 7.

7. Discussion and possible action to recommend various amendments to the Rent Stabilization and Eviction for Good Cause Ordinance to be placed on the November 2022 general election ballot (Rent Board staff, see attachment): M/S/C (Arreguín/Simon-Weisberg) To advance to Rent Board staff and the City Attorney to research and draft amendments to the Rent Stabilization and Eviction for Good Cause Ordinance as recommended by the Rent Stabilization Board and reflected in the attached staff memo including 1) the amendment proposed by Vice-Mayor Harrison to apply rent control in cases of demolition as required by Senate Bill 330 or other applicable state law, 2) to enable the application and enforcement of rent control if voluntarily agreed to between a property owner and the City of Berkeley, 3) to apply just cause for eviction protections to all rental units in the City of Berkeley. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Alpert, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ASBSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Carried: 8-0-0-0.

8. Adjournment: M/S/C (Robinson/Kelley) Adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Alpert, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ASBSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Carried: 8-0-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

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