



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

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 3:00 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: 828 9963 7076 and Passcode: 272220. If you wish to comment during the public comment portion of the agenda, Press *9 and wait to be recognized by the Committee Chair.

To submit an e-mail comment to be read aloud during Public Comment, email LBursell@berkeleyca.gov with the Subject line in this format: "PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM FOR 4 X 4 COMMITTEE". Please observe a 150-word limit. Time limits on public comments will apply. Written comments will be entered into the public record. **Email comments must be submitted to the email address above by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the Committee meeting in order to be included.**

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

- Roll call: Mayor Arreguín called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
Present: Mayor Arreguín, CM Harrison, RBC Johnson, RBC Kelley, CM Robinson, RB Chair Simon-Weisberg, CM Taplin (logged off at 4:20 p.m.).
Absent: RBC Alpert.
Staff present: Diego Aguilar-Canabal, Matt Brown, Steve Buckley, Lief Bursell, Nate Dahl, Brendan Darrow, Stefan Elgstrand, Margot Ernst, Ollie Ehlinger, Jen Fabish, Hannah Kim, Alene Pearson, Mike Uberti, DéSeana Williams.
- 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 read aloud.
- Approval of the agenda: M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) Approve the agenda as written. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Alpert. Carried: 7-0-0-1.
- Public comment on non-agenda matters: There were 3 speakers.
- Approval of September 28, 2022 Committee meeting minutes (see attachment): M/S/C (Arreguín/Robinson) Approve the minutes with the following correction: for item 12.a., change "November" to "October 19." Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Alpert. Carried: 7-0-0-1.

6. Discussion and possible action to consider a recommendation to City Council regarding amendments to the Demolition Ordinance (Steve Buckley, Planning Department, see attached October 19, 2022 staff report to the Planning Commission): Steve Buckley of the Planning Department presented, and the committee provided extensive feedback on the proposed amendments. Mayor Arreguín will work with all stakeholders to prepare revised amendments for the committee's review in November, with an eye towards Planning Commission review in either December or January. The committee's aim is for Council to consider Demolition Ordinance amendments before or along with proposed zoning changes currently expected to go before Council in the spring of 2023.

There were two public speakers.

7. Discussion on the enforcement of Short-Term Rentals (Steve Buckley, Planning Department): Steve Buckley of the Planning Department presented on enforcement efforts, and took questions from the committee. The committee discussed, amongst other things, comparing data compiled from the City's third-party vendor to Rent Board data in an effort to identify instances where units claimed as vacant with the Rent Board are listed as short-term rentals.

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8. Discussion of possible future agenda items: Demolition Ordinance. Elevator Ordinance (Harrison).
9. Confirm next meeting date: Since the fourth Wednesday (the committee's regular meeting date) is the day before Thanksgiving, committee members will work with the committee staffer to set a new November meeting date.
10. Adjournment: M/S/C (Arreguín/Simon-Weisberg) Adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Alpert, Taplin. Carried: 6-0-0-2.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 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