



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, September 28, 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 submit an e-mail comment to be read aloud during Public Comment, email [btran@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:btran@cityofberkeley.info) 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: RB Chair Simon-Weisberg called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.  
Present: Mayor Arreguín (logged in at 3:24 p.m., logged off at 5:09 p.m.), RB Chair Simon-Weisberg, CM Harrison (logged in at 3:14 p.m., logged off at 5:11 p.m.), RBC Johnson, RBC Kelley, CM Robinson, CM Taplin.  
Absent: RBC Walker.  
Staff present: Matt Brown, Steve Buckley, Lief Bursell, Brendan Darrow, Oliver Ehlinger, Stefan Elgstrand, Margot Ernst, Hannah Kim, Jordan Klein, David Lopez, Jenny McNulty, Alex Roshal, Angel Sindayen, Be Tran, DéSeana Williams, Mike Uberti.
- 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 not read aloud.
- Approval of the agenda: M/S/C (Robinson/Kelley) Approve the agenda as written. Roll call vote. YES: Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Arreguín, Harrison, Walker. Carried: 5-0-0-3.
- Public comment on non-agenda matters: There were no speakers.
- Approval of May 3, 2022 Committee meeting minutes (see attachment): M/S/C (Robinson/Taplin) Approve the minutes as written. Roll call vote. YES: Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Arreguín, Harrison, Walker. Carried: 5-0-0-3.

6. Update on the implementation of the Rental Housing Safety Program's cyclical inspection process (presentation by Jenny McNulty, Planning Department staff): Jenny McNulty presented and answered questions from the committee.

There were no public speakers.

7. Discussion on the amendments to the Berkeley Housing Code (Planning Department staff, see attachment): Jenny McNulty, David Lopez, Alex Roshal, and Angel Sindayen presented and answered questions from the committee.

M/S/C (Robinson/Arreguín) Recommend that City Council adopt proposed amendments to the Berkeley Housing Code as recommended by Planning Department Staff. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Walker. Carried: 7-0-0-1.

There were no public speakers.

8. Discussion and possible policy recommendation to Council regarding Tenant Habitability Plan Ordinance (requested by Mayor Arreguín and Chair Simon-Weisberg, see attachment): M/S/C (Arreguín/Robinson) Recommend the City Council refer the Tenant Habitability Plan proposal to the City Manager. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Walker. Carried: 7-0-0-1.

There were no public speakers.

9. Discussion and possible recommendations on signage related to the Elevator Ordinance (requested by Executive Director Williams): Item tabled to the next meeting.

10. Discussion on proposed demolition of eight dwelling units at 2435 Haste Street (requested by Chair Simon-Weisberg, see attached memo): Chair Simon-Weisberg spoke briefly about this item and wanted to continue discussion at the next meeting. She invited CMs Robinson and Taplin's offices to contact Rent Board staff if they want to have more discussion about this project and San Pablo (item #11) and the tenancies at issue.

There were no public speakers.

11. Discussion on proposed demolition of eight dwelling units at 2429-33 San Pablo Avenue (requested by Chair Simon-Weisberg): This item was discussed with item #10, see above.

12. Quick updates on previously discussed items

- a. Demolition Ordinance: Mayor Arreguín asked Planning Director Jordan Klein for an update. Mr. Klein said the proposed amendments to the ordinance will be going to Planning Commission on October 19 and City Council in early 2023.

13. Discussion of possible future agenda items: No discussion on this item.

14. Confirm next meeting date: No discussion on this item.

15. Adjournment: M/S/C (Robinson/Johnson) Adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote. YES: Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Arreguín, Harrison, Walker. Carried: 5-0-0-3.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 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