



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, November 30, 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: 841 2520 1403 and Passcode: 554148. 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: Chair Simon-Weisberg called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
Present: Mayor Arreguín (logged off at 5:34 p.m.), CM Harrison (logged off at 5:47 p.m.), RBC Johnson, RBC Kelley, RB Chair Simon-Weisberg, CM Taplin (logged on at 3:16 p.m.).
Absent: CM Robinson.
Staff present: Diego Aguilar-Canabal, Matt Brown, Lief Bursell, Brendan Darrow, Stefan Elgstrand, Ollie Ehlinger, Hannah Kim, DéSeana Williams.
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: Public comment on non-agenda items was heard prior to the approval of the agenda.

M/S/C (Harrison/Alpert) Approve the agenda with the following changes: discuss the AGA item first, then the Eviction Moratorium, followed by the Elevator Ordinance. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Arreguín, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Robinson, Taplin. Carried: 6-0-0-2.

There were no public speakers.

4. Public comment on non-agenda matters: Public comment on non-agenda items was heard prior to the approval of the agenda. There were 4 speakers.
5. Approval of October 26, 2022 Committee meeting minutes (see attachment): This item was not discussed.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Council's use of Emergency Powers to limit/reduce the 4.4% Annual General Adjustment rent increase for 2023 for rent-controlled units (requested by Chair Simon-Weisberg): The committee discussed this item and agreed that more legal and procedural research is necessary before the item can be fully considered. The committee also agreed that the research should be presented directly to City Council and the Rent Board rather than having the item return to the committee.

There were 12 public speakers.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to the Eviction Moratorium (BMC 13.110) proposed by Vice Mayor Harrison and Councilmember Wengraf (requested by Chair Simon-Weisberg, see attached report to the Council Agenda and Rules Committee): Vice Mayor Harrison presented. The committee and City staff discussed the proposed amendments reflected in the report, including proposed changes to definitions. No action was taken.

Staff read aloud 27 emailed comments.

There were 22 public speakers.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations on signage related to the Elevator Ordinance (requested by Vice Mayor Harrison): This item was not discussed.
9. Discussion of possible future agenda items: This item was not discussed.
10. Confirm next meeting date: Chair Simon-Weisberg mentioned possibly meeting again on December 14.
11. Adjournment: M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Alpert) Adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Johnson, Kelley, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Arreguín, Harrison, Robinson. Carried: 5-0-0-3.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 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