



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 27, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor, Cypress Room, Berkeley

Teleconference location: 3655 S Grand Ave, #250, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Approved Minutes

- 1. Roll call:** Mayor Arreguín called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.
Present: Mayor Arreguín (left at 5:00 p.m.), CM Hahn (left at 5:00 p.m.), CM Harrison, RBC Johnson, RBC Marrero, CM Robinson, RB Chair Simon-Weisberg (via Zoom), RBC Walker (arrived at 3:27 p.m.)
Absent: None.
Staff present: Matt Brown, Lief Bursell, Lourdes Chang, Nate Dahl, Brendan Darrow, Stefan Elgstrand, Ollie Ehlinger, Margo Ernst, Jen Fabish, Justin Horner, Hannah Kim, Jordan Klein, Kieron Slaughter, Be Tran, Mike Uberti, 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 read aloud.
- 3. Approval of the agenda:** M/S/C (Arreguín/Harrison) Approve the agenda as written. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Hahn, Harrison, Johnson, Marrero, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Walker. Carried: 7-0-0-1.
- 4. Public comment on non-agenda matters:** There were four speakers.
- 5. Approval of May 2, 2023 Committee meeting minutes (see attachment):** M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) Approve the minutes as written. Roll call vote. YES: Arreguín, Hahn, Harrison, Johnson, Marrero, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Walker. Carried: 7-0-0-1.

6. Discussion regarding recent eviction activities (Nate Dahl, Rent Board): Nate Dahl, Rent Board Public Information Unit Manager, presented. Representatives from Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, and Peter Selawsky from the Eviction Defense Center provided additional information during the committee’s discussion.

There were three public speakers.

7. Discussion and possible recommendations to City Council regarding amendments to the Demolition Ordinance (Planning Department, see attached February 1, 2023 staff report to the Planning Commission and proposed amendment language from Chair Simon-Weisberg): Chair Simon-Weisberg presented on her proposed amendment language. Jordan Klein, Planning Department Director, Brendan Darrow, Assistant City Attorney, and Matt Brown, Rent Board General Counsel, provided feedback. The committee discussed the item, but no action was taken.

There were no public speakers.

8. Update on the Ronald V. Dellums Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance activities (Nate Dahl, Rent Board): This item was not taken up due to time constraints.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding the scheduling of future 4x4 Joint Committee meetings (Be Tran, Rent Board): This item was not taken up due to time constraints.
10. Discussion of possible future agenda items: This item was not taken up due to time constraints.
11. Confirm next meeting date: This item was not taken up due to time constraints.
12. Adjournment: M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) Adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote. YES: Harrison, Johnson, Marrero, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Walker; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Arreguín, Hahn. Carried: 6-0-0-2.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mayor Jesse Arreguín	Rent Board Chairperson Leah Simon-Weisberg
City Councilmember Sophie Hahn	Rent Board Commissioner Xavier Johnson
City Councilmember Kate Harrison	Rent Board Commissioner Vanessa Danielle Marrero
City Councilmember Rigel Robinson	Rent Board Commissioner Dominique Walker