



Rent Stabilization Board

## RENT STABILIZATION BOARD

### Special Meeting

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Rent Board Law Library – 2001 Center Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Berkeley**

#### **PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A HYBRID MODEL WITH BOTH IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AND VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION.**

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Please be mindful that this will be a public meeting and all rules of procedure and decorum apply for both in-person attendees and those participating 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 at the posted location(s). Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to DéSeana Williams, Executive Director, at (510) 981-7368 (981-RENT). The Rent Board may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda.



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### AGENDA

\*Times allotted for each item are approximate and may be changed at the Board's discretion during the course of this meeting.

1. **Roll call** – 1 min.\*
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. – 2 min.\*
3. **Approval of Agenda** – 1 min.\*
4. **Public Comment** – As permitted by California Government Code Section 54954.3(a), public comment shall be limited to only specifically agendized items for this Special Meeting. The Chair shall have discretion to adjust time limits for the public to speak.
5. **CLOSED SESSION** – Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1), the Board will also convene in closed session for a Public Employee Evaluation of Performance:

Title: General Counsel

### 6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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