



Rent Stabilization Board

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
(Unapproved)

Maudelle Shirek Building
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Council Chambers, Second Floor
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Monday, December 19, 2016
7:00 p.m.

1. **Roll call** – Chair Townley called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
Aimee Muller called roll.
Commissioners present: Chang, Harr, Laverde-Levine, Murphy, Selawsky, Simon-Weisberg, Townley, Tregub.
Commissioners absent: Soto-Vigil.
Staff present: Brown, Kelekian, Mueller
2. **Approval of Agenda** – M/S/C (Selawsky/Harr) APPROVE AGENDA AS WRITTEN. Voice Vote. Carried: 8-0-0-1. ABSENT: Soto-Vigil.
3. **Public Forum** – There were six speakers. Fred Dodsworth spoke about his pride in his son Asa for his years of service on the Rent Board and the responsibilities the Board has to the people of Berkeley. Marilyn Sagna spoke about her eviction, and habitability issues. Tina Smith congratulated her daughter Christina Murphy and all of the newly-elected Commissioners. Christine Schwartz spoke about habitability issues and encouraged the Board to advocate for increased fines and penalties for landlords who fail to address violations. Ben Gould congratulated the new Commissioners and called attention to the need for lead paint hazard protections in rental housing. “A. N. Other” spoke about facing an eviction and housing code violations in his building, and his frustration with what he feels is a lack of response from City agencies.
4. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**
 - a. **Oath of Office of Boardmembers-elect:**
Assembly Member Tony Thurmond administered the Oath of Office to Igor Tregub, and Mayor Jesse Arreguín administered the Oath of Office to Christina Murphy and Leah Simon-Weisberg.