

RESOLUTION 17-01

IN APPRECIATION OF KATHERINE HARR FOR HER NEARLY SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A RENT BOARD COMMISSIONER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rent Stabilization Board of the City of Berkeley as follows:

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr was appointed to the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board in the spring of 2010 as a replacement Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr completed her appointed term with a vigor and dedication that has set the standard for commitment to Board work and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr ran for and won a seat on the Board as an elected Commissioner in the fall of 2010, and again in the fall of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr represented not only the interests of tenants but the interests of small landlords, as a landlord herself; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr served with distinction on a number of Rent Board committees, including the Budget and Personnel Committee where she served as its Chair; the 4 x 4 Joint Housing Committee, meeting with City Council members to help move forward Rent Board priorities and initiatives; the Eviction/Section 8/Foreclosure Committee where she served as its Chair; the Outreach Committee; and the now defunct Ad Hoc Committee on Waivers; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr's dedication and persistence restored the Eviction/Section 8/Foreclosure Committee to active service for the public in a time of need; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr was a strong and consistent voice in developing and advocating for a strong Short-Term Rental policy as well as a strengthening of the City's Demolition Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr began her advocacy for tenants' rights while working as a counselor, fundraiser, and organizer for the San Francisco Tenants Union for several years; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr also simultaneously organized her Mission District neighborhood and became its Neighborhood Watch Captain; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr advocated relentlessly for evenhanded treatment of all tenants and all landlords, and for principles of good government in the administration of the Rent Stabilization Program; and

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WHEREAS, Katherine Harr energetically sought to bring new community members into the fold and to give them opportunities to become engaged in local politics; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr while an advocate in Berkeley worked on Measures U1, AA, and kick-started the Berkeley Tenants Union; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr exhibited persistence, diligence, and attention to detail in all the work she did for tenants in Berkeley, and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr worked to elevate her colleagues and ensure that they had the information and community support necessary to be effective commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr put her devotion to the community and to the rights of marginalized and vulnerable populations above her own needs and interests;

WHEREAS, Katherine Harr has on many occasions gone above and beyond what is merely expected by showing up, speaking out, advocating, and strategizing on ways to protect tenants and further tenants' rights; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board thanks Katherine Harr for her years of service to not only the Rent Board but the residents of Berkeley; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rent Board honors Katherine Harr tonight and wishes her all the best in the months and years ahead.

Dated: March 20, 2017

Adopted by the Rent Stabilization Board of the City of Berkeley by the following vote:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

John Selawsky, Chair

Attest: _____
Jay Kelekian, Executive Director