



## Item 4.b.

Rent Stabilization Board

DATE: January 19, 2017

TO: Honorable Members of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board

FROM: Chair John Selawsky and Executive Director Jay Kelekian

SUBJECT: **Revised Committee Structure, and 2017 Committee Assignments**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Rent Stabilization Board approve the reorganization of current Rent Board Committees as proposed by the Chair and Executive Director. These changes are set forth in the attachment, which also includes the Chair's committee assignments.

### **BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR RENT BOARD ACTION:**

The Rent Stabilization Board (RSB) currently has seven permanent committees: (1) Budget & Personnel; (2) Eviction / Section 8 / Foreclosure; (3) Habitability; (4) IRA / AGA / Registration; (5) Outreach; (6) Resilience & Sustainability; and (7) 4 x4 Joint Committee on Housing: City Council / RSB.

There are also three ad hoc committees: (1) Ad Hoc Committee on the Effects of Costa-Hawkins; (2) Ad Hoc Committee on Short-Term Rentals; and (3) Ad Hoc Committee on Paperless Agendas.

Each committee consist of 3-4 elected RSB Commissioners and is assigned a Rent Board Program staff liaison. There were over 70 committee meetings last year.

As the composition of the RSB changes—in December, 2016, three RSB commissioners retired and three new commissioners were seated—and community needs shift, the RSB must modify its committees and work plans to continue serving Berkeley in an effective and efficient manner. In addition, while some committees had many items on their agendas, some had only one or two. We strive to ensure a full, but not overly burdensome workload for each committee. Therefore, we propose to reorganize RSB Committees as follows:

- Combine the **Habitability** and **Resilience & Sustainability** Committees into the **Habitable and Sustainable Housing** Committee. *Rationale:* To better balance committee workloads and more efficiently address issues that overlap the purviews of both committees;

- Create a new **Ad Hoc Committee on Technology Issues**. *Rationale*: to address technology issues stemming from the new paperless agenda protocol, and assess other technologic opportunities.
- Create a new **2 x 2 x 2 Committee on Housing: Council / RSB / BUSD**. *Rationale*: to better fulfill the RSB's duties, as required by the Charter, by working in concert with the Berkeley Unified School District and City Council on rental housing issues that affect families with school-aged children;
- Eliminate the **Ad Hoc Committee on Short-Term Rentals**: *Rationale*: this committee's purview would be transferred to the 4 x 4 Joint Committee on Housing: City Council / RSB;
- Eliminate the **Ad Hoc Committee on Paperless Agendas**. *Rationale*: this committee's purview would be subsumed by the new Ad Hoc Committee on Technology Issues.

Finally, after considering commissioner expertise, availability, and interest, the Chair has made committee assignments as shown in the attachment.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Minimal. Possible savings in staff time.

**NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON:**

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Attachment: Proposed 2017 Committee Assignments

# BERKELEY RENT STABILIZATION BOARD

## Proposed 2017 Committee Assignments

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COMMITTEES	COMMISSIONERS	STAFF PERSON(S)
<b>BUDGET &amp; PERSONNEL</b>	Chang Selawsky Soto-Vigil Tregub	Jay Kelekian, Executive Director
<b>EVICTION / SECTION 8 / FORECLOSURE</b>	Chang Selawsky Murphy Simon-Weisberg	Matt Brown, Staff Attorney
<del><b>HABITABILITY</b></del>	<i>This committee's purview would be subsumed by the Resilience &amp; Sustainability Committee, resulting in the "<b>Habitable &amp; Sustainable Housing Committee</b>". (See below)</i>	
<b>IRA / AGA / REGISTRATION</b>	Harr Simon-Weisberg Townley Tregub	Matt Brown, Staff Attorney
<b>OUTREACH</b>	Chang Laverde-Levine Murphy	Nick Traylor, Community Services Specialist III
<del><b>RESILIENCE &amp; SUSTAINABILITY</b></del> *This committee would now be called <b>"HABITABLE &amp; SUSTAINABLE HOUSING"</b>	Laverde-Levine Soto-Vigil Townley Tregub	Lief Bursell, Assoc. Mgmt. Analyst Matthew Siegel, Staff Attorney
<b>4 x 4 JOINT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING: CITY COUNCIL / RSB</b>	Harr Laverde-Levine Selawsky Townley	Jay Kelekian, Executive Director
<b>AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF COSTA-HAWKINS</b>	Harr Laverde-Levine Murphy Townley	Jay Kelekian, Executive Director
<del><b>AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS</b></del>	<i>This committee's purview has been transferred to the 4 x 4 Joint Committee on Housing: City Council &amp; RSB.</i>	
<del><b>AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PAPERLESS AGENDAS</b></del>	<i>This committee's purview would be subsumed by the new Ad Hoc Committee on Technology Issues.</i>	
<b>AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY ISSUES</b> (Name not finalized)	Chang Selawsky Soto-Vigil	TBD
<b>2 x 2 x 2 COMMITTEE ON HOUSING: COUNCIL / RSB / BUSD</b>	Laverde-Levine Simon-Weisberg	TBD