



**Rent Stabilization Board
Office of the Executive Director**

DATE: February 6, 2017
TO: Honorable Members of the Rent Board
FROM: John Selawsky, Chairperson
Jay Kelekian, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Honoring Commissioner Katherine Harr on March 20, 2017

Background

Commissioner Katherine Harr announced her resignation from the Board on January 27, 2017, citing changes in her life circumstances. We are deeply saddened by her departure, and she will be missed.

The Rent Board has a long-standing practice of honoring outgoing commissioners on the occasion of their final meeting. The departure of Commissioner Harr should be no exception, however she resigned effective January 30, and thus will not be attending the February 6, 2017 meeting as a commissioner. Also, the timing was such that it was not possible for the Board's usual parting gift to be engraved in time for this meeting.

This item is meant to make clear that the delay in Commissioner Harr's recognition ceremony is entirely logistical in nature, and is not an oversight or in anyway meant to diminish her enormous contribution to the Rent Board.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Board plan to honor Commissioner Katherine Harr at the March 20, 2017 Board Meeting, at which time a proclamation in her honor can be adopted and her gift be presented.