



Rent Stabilization Board

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**RENT STABILIZATION BOARD**  
**RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, December 8, 2016**

**4:00 p.m.**

**2001 Center Street, Law Library, 2nd Floor**

**Approved Minutes**

1. Roll call. 4:05 p.m.  
Committee members present: Selawsky, Soto-Vigil and Townley.  
Staff present: Bursell.
2. Approval of the agenda. M/S/C (Selawsky, Soto-Vigil 3-0-0-0) Agenda approved.
3. Approval of the November 17, 2016 meeting minutes. M/S/C (Selawsky, Soto-Vigil 3-0-0-0) Minutes approved.
4. Public comment. No public comments made.
5. Discussion and possible action recommending that the Rent Board create a model green lease for residential rental units. Commissioner Selawsky introduced additional language for landscape improvements, and Chair Townley introduced language requiring tenants use low-VOC paints and carpets, and non-toxic cleaning products whenever possible.

The committee discussed the following:

- Adding recycled materials, including concrete, to the list of lawn replacement materials
- Creating a new section for requirements that apply to both the tenant and landlord
- Inviting Ecology Center Executive Director Martin Bourque to the next meeting in order to get his input on the green lease addendum language.
- Posting the green lease addendum language as a word document so it can be edited

The committee asked staff to include their proposed changes in the latest draft of the green lease addendum, and requested that staff contact the Executive Director of the Ecology Center and invite him to the next committee meeting.

6. Discussion of Rent Board a potential external disaster recovery plan for rental housing. The committee reviewed chapter 3 of the City of Oakland's Long-Term Disaster Recovery Plan.

The committee discussed the following:

- Whether or not the Rent Board needs to apply for FEMA funding
- The need for the Rent Board should keep a higher fund reserve for post disaster operations

The committee asked staff to research whether or not the City of Berkeley has any permit expediting regulations in place for emergency or post disaster situations.

7. Review of Committee work plan & suggestions for work plan for next Resilience & Sustainability Committee members to consider. The committee agreed to put the “Less is More Project” on their January 2017 agenda. The committee added the item “Tiny Houses” to their medium-term priorities with Commissioner Selawsky as the contact. The committee requested staff ask for an update on any developments related to electric car chargers.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

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COMMITTEE: Alejandro Soto-Vigil, John Selawsky, Jesse Townley (Chair)