



Rent Stabilization Board

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD
Special Meeting Minutes - *Approved*

Maudelle Shirek Building
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Council Chambers, Second Floor
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Monday, May 1, 2017
7:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Brown Act, CA Government Code Section 54953(b)(2), this meeting was also teleconferenced from the following location: 15 Kabanbai Batyr Avenue, Astana, 010010, Kazakhstan.

1. **Roll call** – Chair Selawsky called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.
Aimee Mueller called roll.
Commissioners present: Chang, Laverde-Levine, Murphy, Simon-Weisberg, Soto-Vigil, Townley, Tregub (via teleconference until 8:35 p.m.), Selawsky.
Commissioners absent: None.
Staff present: Brown, Calimbas, Darrow, Franklin, Kelekian, Mueller, Shoquist, Traylor, Law (in audience).
2. **Approval of Agenda** – M/S/C (Townley/Laverde-Levine) APPROVE AGENDA AS WRITTEN. Roll call vote. YES: Chang, Laverde-Levine, Murphy, Simon-Weisberg, Soto-Vigil, Townley, Tregub, Selawsky; NO: None; Abstain: None; ABSENT: None.
Carried: 8-0-0-0.
3. **Public Forum** – There were three speakers. Christine Schwartz made announcements regarding several community events. Moni Law spoke about a new renter’s checklist on the Rent Board website and the difficulty Cal students have finding housing. W.B.C. spoke about his perception of his civil rights being violated and his displeasure with the Rent Board.
4. **Budget Workshop and Special Presentation by Rent Stabilization Program Staff on Recent and Future Changes**
 - a. Background material for Budget Workshop and May 15th Public Hearing
 - b. Questions/comments from the Board – Following staff’s presentation, staff heard questions and comments from the Board. The Board thanked staff for the presentation and their excellent work.

- c. Questions/comments from the public – There were four speakers. W.B.C. spoke in opposition to increasing the registration fee. Christine Schwartz spoke in favor of increasing the registration fee and her desire to see an equitable application of the increase. Marcia Levenson spoke in support of a fee increase. Krista Gulbransen had a question regarding the program’s staffing model, and commented in support of Commissioner Townley’s query about looking at other, creative ways of funding the proposed capital improvements increase to the fee.

5. **APPEAL – Case No. T-5589 (1411 Kains Avenue, Unit #A)**

Respondents: Isaac Chau and Dahnby Jun appeared

M/S/C (Murphy/Chang) MOVE TO GRANT APPELLANT’S REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE AND DIRECT STAFF TO REQUEST THAT APPELLANT PROVIDE A COPY OF HER RETURN TICKET TO THE BAY AREA, A VERIFIABLE COPY OF HER BOARDING PASS, AND OTHER RECEIPTS TO SUBSTANTIATE HER CLAIM OF TRAVEL DELAY, WITH *Friendly Amendment by Soto-Vigil* (accepted) TO HEAR THIS APPEAL AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE MAY 15 REGULAR MEETING. Roll call vote. YES: Chang, Laverde-Levine, Murphy, Soto-Vigil, Townley, Selawsky; NO: Simon-Weisberg; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Tregub. Carried: 6-1-0-1.

6. **Future Special Meetings and/or Public Hearings:** The Rent Board will hold a public hearing at its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting on May 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** –M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Townley) MOTION TO ADJOURN IN HONOR OF IMMIGRANTS, INTERNATIONAL WORKERS’ DAY, AND MAY DAY. Voice vote. Carried: 7-0-0-1. ABSENT: Tregub.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.