

Rent Stabilization Board
Chris Kavanagh, Commissioner

October 1, 2007

Jesse Arreguin,
Rent Stabilization Board Chair
Rent Stabilization Board
2125 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Chairperson Arreguin:

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board and public at the September 17th Board meeting. As I indicated that evening, because of the nature of the charges against me, I am not presently able to issue as complete or detailed a statement, as I would like.

I continue to believe that when all the facts are presented that I will be cleared of the charges and allowed to continue representing the citizens of Berkeley whom have twice elected me to serve them. I have been and remain compliant with Berkeley's eligibility requirements to hold public office with good faith. For these reasons I intend to continue my efforts to clear my name.

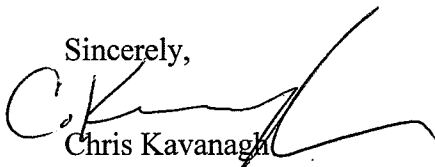
Berkeley has been my home since my student days at Cal, twenty-five years ago. Berkeley is the city that I love and cherish. I respect and appreciate Berkeley's political culture, history of activism and this community's willingness to champion trailblazing initiatives in the area of social justice. I am proud of any contribution I may have made and will continue to make in promoting and defending that proud history and rich culture.

When I spoke on September 17th, I indicated that I did not wish for my situation to distract or deflect from the essential work of the Program or Board. It is clear that, despite my most fervent desire for it to not be the case that the recent developments and allegations filed against me **have** become a distraction to the Board and Program and risk impacting the critical work and mission of the Rent Stabilization Board.

For this reason, I request that you allow me to take a temporary leave from the Board for the period October 2, 2007 through December 31, 2007. I will return to the Board sooner if the charges against me have been resolved before the end of the year. I request that the Executive Director, pending a determination of my eligibility, hold my \$500 stipend in escrow. If it is determined that I was not eligible, I intend to forfeit the stipend for the period I was on leave.

Your consideration in this matter is appreciated. I look forward to working with you soon.

Sincerely,



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