



4x4 Joint Task Force Committee on Housing  
City Council and Rent Board

**4 X 4 JOINT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
CITY COUNCIL/RENT STABILIZATION BOARD**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.  
2180 Milvia Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cypress Room, Berkeley**

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WITH BOTH IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AND VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION.**

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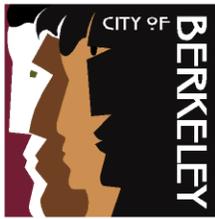
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**Minutes – Approved**

1. Roll call: Mayor Arreguín called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.  
Present: Mayor Arreguín, CM Hahn, CM Harrison, RBC Johnson, RBC Marrero, CM Robinson, RB Chair Simon-Weisberg (arrived 3:12 p.m.).  
Absent: RBC Walker.  
Staff present: Matt Brown, Lief Bursell, Lourdes Chang, Nate Dahl, Brendan Darrow, Ollie Ehlinger, Stefan Elgstrand, Margot Ernst, Jen Fabish, Justin Horner, Hannah Kim, Jordan Klein, Moni Law, Be Tran, DéSeana Williams.
2. Land Acknowledgment Statement: *The Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board recognizes that the rental housing units we regulate are built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun-(Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's landlords and tenants have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878 and since the Rent Stabilization Board's creation in 1980. As stewards of the laws regulating rental housing, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today.*

The Land Acknowledgement Statement was read aloud.

3. Approval of the agenda: M/S/C (Robinson/Johnson) Approve the agenda as written. Voice vote. Carried: 7-0-0-1. Absent: Walker.
4. Public comment on non-agenda matters: There were no speakers.
5. Approval of September 27, 2023 Committee meeting minutes (see attachment): M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) Approve the minutes as written. Voice vote. Carried: 7-0-0-1. Absent: Walker.

6. Discussion and possible recommendations to City Council regarding amendments to the Demolition Ordinance (Planning Department, see attachment): The committee considered items 6 and 7 together.

M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) Recommend to the Planning Commission and City Council adoption of the October 24, 2023 staff draft of the proposed Demolition Ordinance amendments, including the amendments proposed by Commissioner Simon-Weisberg to Section 23.326.080 relating to rent control being applicable to building relocations. Also recommend that staff include clarifying language that any demolition of a historically designated residential building must comply with the requirements of Chapter 3.24 (Landmarks Preservation Commission). Recommend clarifying changes to the ordinance language regarding the tenant rights provided based on the type of building/unit being demolished, with the principle that the demolition of any unit or structure which is used for rental purposes should be replaced with a below market rate unit. Recommend the proposed modifications to the inclusionary housing program to incorporate the tenant protection and enforcement provisions in Chair Simon-Weisberg's September 27, 2023 memo. Voice vote. Carried 7-0-0-1. Absent: Walker.

There were 2 public speakers.

7. Discussion of possible companion recommendations to City Council on changes to Inclusionary Housing Requirements (Mayor Arreguín, see attachment): This item was considered with item 6.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding the scheduling of future 4x4 Joint Committee meetings (Be Tran, Rent Board): The committee agreed to meet on the fourth Wednesdays in January and March, 2024. There was one public speaker.
9. Discussion of possible future agenda items: Tenant Protection Ordinance, Elevator Ordinance.
10. Confirm next meeting date: January 24, 2024.
11. Adjournment: M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) Adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Carried: 7-0-0-1. Absent: Walker. The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mayor Jesse Arreguín

City Councilmember Sophie Hahn

City Councilmember Kate Harrison

City Councilmember Rigel Robinson

Rent Board Chairperson Leah Simon-Weisberg

Rent Board Commissioner Xavier Johnson

Rent Board Commissioner Vanessa Danielle Marrero

Rent Board Commissioner Dominique Walker