



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

**Friday, May 16, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**2180 Milvia Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cypress Room, Berkeley, CA**  
**Teleconference Location: 230 California Street, San Francisco, CA**

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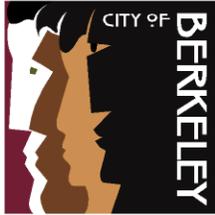
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### AGENDA

1. Roll call: CM Lunaparra called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.  
Present: CM Bartlett, CM Blackaby, CM Lunaparra, CM Tregub (via Zoom), RBC Alpert, RBC Johnson, RBC Twu.  
Absent: RBC Marrero.  
Staff present: Brown, Burr, Chang, Ehlinger, Fabish, Jensen, Klein, Oliver, Williams.
2. Land Acknowledgement 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.*  
  
Read aloud.
3. Approval of Agenda: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Alpert) Approve the agenda with the following change: continue item 7 to the next meeting. Roll call vote. YES: Bartlett, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Tregub, Alpert, Johnson, Twu; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marrero. Carried: 7-0-0-1.
4. Non-agenda Public Comment: None
5. Approval of March 7, 2025, Committee Meeting Minutes: M/S/C (Alpert/Blackaby) Approve the minutes with a correction to Commissioner Twu's name. Roll call vote. YES: Bartlett, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Tregub, Alpert, Johnson, Twu; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marrero. Carried: 7-0-0-1.

6. Discussion and possible recommendations on Rental Assistance Funding. (Requested by Chair Alpert): Representatives from the East Bay Community Law Center and Eviction Defense Center presented and answered questions from the committee. No action was taken.

One public speaker.

7. Discussion and possible recommendations on Eviction Emergency Legislation Related to Federal Actions and Natural Disasters. (Requested by Chair Alpert): This item was continued to the next meeting by prior vote of the committee.

8. Staff Presentation, Discussion, and possible recommendations on the impact of the Permit Amnesty Program on Rental Units. (Requested by Chair Alpert): The Director of the Planning Department, Assistant Building Official, and project manager for the amnesty program presented and took questions from the committee. No action was taken.

One public speaker.

9. Discussion and possible recommendations on Removing On-Site Manager Exemption Loophole for Certain Multi-Family Properties that are Adjacent and/or Share the Same Common Area (Requested by Councilmember Tregub)

- a. Agenda Materials Attached

M/S/C (Blackaby/Lunaparra) Due to time constraints, continue this item to the next meeting. Roll call vote. YES: Bartlett, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Tregub, Alpert, Johnson, Twu; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marrero. Carried: 7-0-0-1.

10. Discussion of possible future agenda items: Criteria for demolitions (Alpert). Exploring safety/habitability standards around building temperature (Tregub).
11. Confirm next meeting date/set regular meeting date: The next meeting is set for June 20, 2025 at 1 p.m. The committee intends to meet every other third Friday of the month following the June 20 meeting.
12. Adjournment: M/S/C (Alpert/Bartlett) Adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote. YES: Bartlett, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Tregub, Alpert, Johnson, Twu; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marrero. Carried: 7-0-0-1. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

City Councilmember Ben Bartlett

City Councilmember Brent Blackaby

City Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra

City Councilmember Igor Tregub

Rent Board Chairperson Soli Alpert

Rent Board Commissioner Xavier Johnson

Rent Board Commissioner Vanessa Danielle Marrero

Rent Board Commissioner Alfred Twu