



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

Friday, November 7, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.
2000 Center Street, 4th Floor, Conference Room, Berkeley, CA

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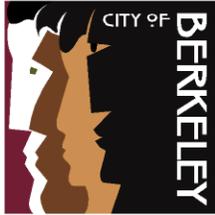
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MINUTES - APPROVED

- Roll call: RB Chair Alpert called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.
Present: RB Chair Alpert, RBC Johnson, CM Lunaparra, RBC Marrero, CM Tregub, RBC Twu.
Absent: CM Bartlett, CM Blackaby.
Staff present: Bolotina, Brown, A. Chang, J. Chang, Ehlinger, Fabish, Gottlieb, Kim, Williams.
- 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.*

The Land Acknowledgement Statement was played aloud.
- Approval of Agenda: M/S/C (Twu/Johnson) Approve the agenda as written. Voice vote.
Carried: 6-0-0-2. ABSENT: Blackaby, Bartlett.
- Non-agenda Public Comment: None.
- Approval of May 16, 2025, Committee Meeting Minutes: M/S/C (Alpert/Tregub) Approve the minutes as written. Voice vote. Carried: 6-0-0-2. ABSENT: Blackaby, Bartlett.
- Discussion and possible action regarding possible options to protect tenants related to federal funding, immigration, and natural disasters. (Requested by Co-Chairs Alpert and Lunaparra): M/S/C (Tregub/Marrero) Request that City staff and Rent Board staff explore a state of emergency declaration and legal options for protecting tenants related to the federal government shut down and ongoing immigration actions. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Johnson,

Lunaparra, Marrero, Tregub, Twu; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Blackaby, Bartlett.
Carried: 6-0-0-2.

7. Discussion and possible action for cooling standards. (Requested by Commissioner Twu):
Commissioner Twu will prepare a written item, and CM Lunaparra's office will request Planning Department staff attend the next meeting to provide feedback.
8. Update on the status of the Right to Organize efforts. (Requested by Co-Chair Lunaparra):
Avery Arbaugh of the Tenant Right to Organize Task Force presented and took questions from the committee.
9. Discussion of possible future agenda items: Commissioner Tregub requested that the committee take up a prior proposal related to loopholes for property managers.
 - a. Eviction practices by non-profit affordable housing providers
 - b. Proactive Housing Standards Enforcement
10. Confirm next meeting date/set regular meeting date: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 23, 2026.
11. Adjournment: M/S/C (Tregub/Johnson) Adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Carried: 6-0-0-2.
ABSENT: Blackaby, Bartlett. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 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