City Council/Rent Board

4 X 4 JOINT TASK FORCE ON HOUSING

CITY COUNCIL/RENT BOARD

Friday, January 23, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.

2180 Milvia Street, 1st floor, Cypress Room, Berkeley, CA

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Minutes – Approved

1. Roll Call: CM Chair Lunaparra called the meeting to order at 11:02 am

   Present: CM Blackaby, CM Chair Lunaparra, CM Tregub (joined remotely at 12pm), RB Chair Alpert, RBC Johnson, RBC Marrero, RBC Twu

   Absent: CM Bartlett

   Staff present: Kim, Ehlinger, Brown, D Williams, A. Chang, Klein, Bolotina, Ernst

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 played aloud.

3. Approval of agenda: M/S/C (Alpert/Twu) Approve the agenda with item 7 and 8 switched. Voice vote. Carried: 6-0-0-2. ABSENT: Bartlett, Tregub.

4. Non-agenda public comment: There was one public speaker.

5. Approval of November 7, 2025 meeting minutes: M/S/C (Twu/Blackaby) Voice vote. Carried 6-0-0-2. ABSENT: Bartlett, Tregub.

6. Discussion and possible recommendations on removing on-site manager exemption loophole for certain muti-family properties that are adjacent and/or share the same common area (requested by Councilmember Tregub)

   a. Agenda materials attached: Taken as item 8. M/S/C (Alpert/Blackaby) Motion to make

b. a positive qualified recommendation with the following qualifications: 1. keep current enforcement measures, 2. and to acquire more information on financial implications. Roll call vote. YES: Blackaby, Lunaparra, Tregub, Alpert, Johnson, Marrero, Twu; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Bartlett. Carried: 7-0-0-1.

7. Discussion and possible recommendation on additional fees imposed on partially covered units (requested by Chair Alpert):

   No action. Alpert to return with a referral and additional information for the committee. One member of the public commented.

8. Discussion and possible recommendations on potential resolution supporting Minneapolis City Council in instating a temporary eviction moratorium (requested by Co-Chairs Alpert and Lunaparra): Presentation from Minneapolis Councilperson Robin Wonsely. There was one public speaker. Motion to approve with the following changes: 1. All references to the Rent Board or City of Berkeley/City Council changed to 4x4 Joint Task Force Committee on Housing. 2. Refer to the Rent Board and City Council. 3. Add after "Whereas, these threatening and violent attacks": “Whereas, federal tactics have included the abduction of toddlers, attempting to trap people with offers of food assistance, and threats and attacks on people with disabilities; and” M/S/C (Alpert/Marrero). Voice vote. Carried: 6-0-0-2.

9. Discussions of possible future agenda items:

   a. Proactive Housing Standards Enforcement

   b. Non-profit affordable housing providers eviction patterns

   c. City of Berkeley ICE employees hiring policy

   Tregub to add applicability of measure BB to nonprofit providers.

   One public comment.

10. Confirm next meeting date/set regular meeting date: February 20, 2026, 12-2 pm, at the Rent Board.

11. Adjournment

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

City Councilmember Ben Bartlett	Rent Board Chairperson Soli Alpert
City Councilmember Brent Blackaby	Rent Board Commissioner Xavier Johnson
City Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra	Rent Board Commissioner Vanessa Danielle Marrero
City Councilmember Igor Tregub	Rent Board Commissioner Alfred Twu