



## **4 X 4 JOINT TASK FORCE ON HOUSING**

### **CITY COUNCIL/RENT BOARD**

**Friday, March 20, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.**

**2180 Milvia Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Cypress Room, Berkeley, CA**

**Teleconference Location - 1201 J Street, Suite 200**

**Sacramento, CA 95814**

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**Minutes – Approved**

1. **Roll Call:** Co-Chair Lunaparra called the meeting to order at 11:08.

Present: Blackaby, Lunaparra, Tregub, Alpert, Johnson, Kelley, and Twu (remote).

Absent: Bartlett.

Staff present: Ehlinger, Brown, D Williams, Kim (remote), Chang, Bolotina, Gottlieb

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.*
3. **Approval of agenda:** M/S/C (Lunaparra/Alpert) Continue item 7. Voice Vote. Carried: 7-0-0-1. ABSENT: Bartlett.
4. **Non-agenda public comment:** One speaker relating to the Elevator Ordinance.
5. **Approval of February 20, 2026, meeting minutes:** M/S/C (Tregub/Kelley) Voice Vote. Carried: 7-0-0-1. ABSENT: Bartlett.
6. **Discussion on emergency eviction (requested by Co-Chair Alpert):** Staff continuing efforts to connect and review with CAO.
7. **Discussion on Proactive Housing Standards Enforcement (requested by Co-Chair Alpert):** Item continued per Lunaparra motion.
8. **Discussion on requiring property owners to provide prospective tenants with a copy of the unit's most recent RHSP Self-Certification Checklist and/or other materials regarding a unit's habitability/inspection history before a lease is signed (requested by Co-Chair Lunaparra):** One public comment in person. One online public comment.

9. **Discussion on first-in-time standard (requested by Co-Chair Alpert)**: Item passed around from one member of the public alongside their public comment. One online comment. Twu and Alpert to bring matter back to next meeting.
10. Confirmed April 17 meeting will take place at 11 AM instead of regularly scheduled time of 12 PM.
11. **Adjournment**: M/S/C (Johnson/Tregub) Voice Vote. Carried 7-0-0-1. ABSENT: Bartlett.

**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 Andy Kelley  
Rent Board Commissioner Alfred Twu