



4x4 Committee on Housing
City Council and Rent Board

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

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE.

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, this meeting of the City Council and Rent Stabilization Board's **4 x 4 Joint Committee on Housing** (Committee) will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order and the Shelter-in-Place Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, **there will not be a physical meeting location available.**

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Minutes – *Approved*

- Roll Call: RB Chair Simon-Weisberg called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
Present: RBC Alpert, Mayor Arreguín (logged on at 3:45 p.m.), CM Harrison, RBC Kelley (logged on at 3:44 p.m.), CM Robinson, RB Chair Simon-Weisberg, RBC Walker (substitute for RBC Johnson).
Absent: CM Taplin.
Staff present: Matt Brown, Angie Chen, Brendan Darrow, Jen Fabish, J.T. Harechmak, Allison Pretto, Matthew Siegel, Be Tran, Lisa Warhuus, Lynn Wu.
- Approval of the Agenda: M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Harrison) Hear the items in the following order: Item 4, Item 7, Item 8, Item 5, and Item 6. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Harrison, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Walker; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Arreguín, Kelley. Carried: 6-0-0-2.
- Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: None.
- Approval of May 4, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes: M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) Approve the minutes as written. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Harrison, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Walker; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Arreguín, Kelley. Carried: 6-0-0-2.
- Assessment of the Effectiveness of Berkeley's COVID-19 Rental Forgiveness Program and Planning for Future Reopening (RBC Johnson): Deferred due to RBC Johnson's absence, and pending state action on the state eviction moratorium.
- Discuss Eviction Moratorium (Mayor Arreguín): The committee discussed the status of the state and local eviction moratoriums with input from Brendan Darrow of the City Attorney's Office. Director of Health, Housing, and Community Services Lisa Warhuus updated the committee on Berkeley's housing retention grant program and the Eviction Defense Center's work administering the program.

No public speakers.

- Discuss the Practice Around Rental Lease Co-Signers for Cal Students (Chair Simon-Weisberg): The committee's discussion included requirements for parents to be lease co-signers, situations where landlords refuse to rent to students if they want/need to have a co-signer, and income requirements. RBC Alpert with work with CM Harrison to identify a set of issues and questions, and CM Harrison will refer them to the City Attorney for exploration.

No public speakers.

8. Quick Updates on Previously Discussed Items
 - a. Measure MM Registration: Rent Board Registration Unit Manager Allison Pretto updated the committee on the status of Measure MM billing and collections. She and Rent Board Acting Executive Director responded to questions. RB Chair Simon-Weisberg and CM Harrison will identify metrics which they would like additional reporting on at the September meeting.
 - b. Amendments to the Demolition Ordinance: Mayor Arreguín with check in with interim Planning Director Jordan Klein on the status of the amendments.
9. Discussion of Possible Future Agenda Items: Measure MM Update (September meeting); Tenant Habitability Plan (September meeting); Demolition Ordinance Amendments (July meeting if there are updates).
10. Adjournment: M/S/C (Harrison/Alpert) Motion to adjourn. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Arreguín, Harrison, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg, Walker; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Taplin. Carried: 7-0-0-1.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mayor Jesse Arreguín	Rent Board Chairperson Leah Simon-Weisberg
City Councilmember Kate Harrison	Rent Board Vice-Chairperson Soli Alpert
City Councilmember Rigel Robinson	Rent Board Commissioner Xavier Johnson
City Councilmember Terry Taplin	Rent Board Commissioner Andy Kelley