



4x4 Committee on Housing
City Council and Rent Board

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

Tuesday, May 4, 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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This meeting will be conducted in accordance with Government Code Section 54953 and all current state and local requirements allowing public participation in meetings of legislative bodies. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Matt Brown, Acting Executive Director of the Rent Board, at (510) 981-7368 (981-RENT). The Committee may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda.



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Minutes – *Approved*

1. Roll Call: Mayor Arreguín called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
Present: RBC Alpert, Mayor Arreguín, CM Harrison (logged off at 5:29 p.m.), RBC Johnson, RBC Kelley, CM Robinson (logged off at 4:14 p.m.), RB Chair Simon-Weisberg, CM Taplin.
Absent: None.
Staff present: Diego Aguilar-Canabal, Matt Brown, Steven Buckley, Lief Bursell, Brendan Darrow, J.T. Harechmak, Stefan Elgstrand, Jen Fabish, Be Tran, Lynn Wu.
2. Approval of the Agenda: M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Harrison) Approve the agenda with the following change: hear item 8 before item 5. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Arreguín, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Carried: 8-0-0-0.
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: There were three speakers.
4. Approval of March 10, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes: M/S/C (Robinson/Alpert) Approve the minutes as written. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Arreguín, Harrison, Johnson, Kelley, Robinson, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Carried: 8-0-0-0.
5. Update on Amendments to Short Term Rental Ordinance (Planning Department): Council Member Harrison updated the committee that platform liability and requiring the posting of a zoning certificate on listings will be dealt with separately from potential ordinance amendments and enforcement issues given that the former could hold up the latter. The committee provided feedback. There was one public speaker.
6. Discuss Adoption of an Affordable Housing Overlay to allow for 100% Affordable Housing Developments (CM Taplin): Council Member Taplin presented and took questions and feedback from the committee. There were four public speakers, and four emailed comments were read into the record.
7. Discuss Possibility of Passing Rental Forgiveness for the Time Period During the Pandemic (RBC Johnson): The committee briefly discussed this item and agreed to consider it, along with Berkeley's eviction moratorium, at their next meeting. There were no public speakers.
8. Discuss SB 1079 Purchases (Ian Winters from Northern California Community Land Trust and Jocelyn Foreman): Jocelyn Foreman told her story of becoming the first person to purchase a home under SB 1079. Ian Winters presented on SB 1079 and requested support from Council and the Rent Board for changes being advocated by community land trusts. Mayor Arreguín will bring an item to Council, and Rent Board Chair Simon-Weisberg will bring a Resolution to the Rent Board.

9. Quick Updates on Previously Discussed Items
 - a. Amendments to the Demolition Ordinance (Mayor Arreguín): Mayor Arreguín reported that his office met with the Planning Department and Rent Board.
 - b. Amendments to the Relocation Ordinance (Mayor Arreguín): Mayor Arreguín reported that he will be convening a working group.
10. Discussion of Possible Future Agenda Items: Rent forgiveness and Berkeley's eviction moratorium (CM Johnson and Mayor Arreguín). Lease co-signers for Cal students (Rent Board Chair Simon-Weisberg).
11. Adjournment: M/S/C (Johnson/Arreguín) Motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Arreguín, Johnson, Kelley, Simon-Weisberg, Taplin; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Harrison, Robinson. Carried: 6-0-0-2.

The committee agreed by consent to adjourn in honor and memory of Julia Lippman, the daughter of Peace and Justice Commissioner George Lippman. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

COMMITTEEMEMBERS:

Mayor Jesse Arreguín
City Councilmember Kate Harrison
City Councilmember Rigel Robinson
City Councilmember Terry Taplin

Rent Board Chairperson Leah Simon-Weisberg
Rent Board Vice-Chairperson Soli Alpert
Rent Board Commissioner Xavier Johnson
Rent Board Commissioner Andy Kelley