



4x4 Joint Task Force Committee on Housing City  
Council and Rent Board

**4 X 4 JOINT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
CITY COUNCIL/RENT STABILIZATION BOARD  
Monday, October 7, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.  
2180 Milvia Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cypress Room, Berkeley**

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**Minutes – Approved**

1. Roll call: Chair Simon-Weisberg called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.  
Present: CM Hahn, RBC Johnson, CM Lunaparra, RBC Marrero, RB Chair Simon-Weisberg, CM Tregub, RBC Walker.  
Absent: Mayor Arreguín.  
Staff present: Brown, Bursell, Ehlinger, Elgstrand, Fabish, Kim, Williams.
2. 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 Chochochenyo (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.*  
  
Played aloud.
3. Approval of the agenda: M/S/C (Hahn/inaudible) Approve the agenda as written. Voice vote. Carried: 7-0-0-1. Absent: Arreguín.
4. Public comment on non-agenda matters: None.
5. Approval of the June 19, 2024 Committee meeting minutes (see attachment): M/S/C (Hahn/Johnson). Approve the minutes as written. Voice vote. Carried: 5-0-2-1. Abstain: Lunaparra, Tregub. Absent: Arreguín.

6. Update: Inflation Reduction Act Implementation (see attachments): Chair Simon-Weisberg introduced the item. The committee's discussion also included item 8, Tenant Habitability Plan. Rent Board staff will provide materials and information gathered by the Environmental Sustainability Committee to Councilmembers Lunaparra and Tregub to inform the possible drafting of an item for Council's consideration. No formal action was taken.

There were no public speakers.

7. Update: Demolition Report (see attachment): Chair Simon-Weisberg introduced the item, and Lief Bursell presented and took questions from the committee. No formal action was taken.

There was one public speaker.

8. Update: Status on Tenant Habitability Plan: This item was discussed along with item 6.

9. Discussion of possible future agenda items: Several possible topics were discussed, including legislation proposed by the Housing Advisory Committee to prohibit the use of algorithmic devices to set rents and manage occupancy levels for residential dwelling units, middle housing, and infrastructure related to decarbonization for multifamily dwellings.

10. Confirm next meeting date: Rent Board staff will reach out to the committee in December to inquire about the next meeting date.

11. Adjournment: M/S/C (Tregub/Lunaparra) Adjourn the meeting in appreciation of Chair Simon-Weisberg's service on the 4x4 Committee and Rent Board. Voice vote. Carried: 7-0-0-1. Absent: Arreguín. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mayor Jesse Arreguín

City Councilmember Sophie Hahn

City Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra

City Councilmember Igor Tregub

Rent Board Chairperson Leah Simon-Weisberg

Rent Board Commissioner Xavier Johnson

Rent Board Commissioner Vanessa Danielle Marrero

Rent Board Commissioner Dominique Walker