



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

September 6, 2023
6:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: September 6, 2023 / 6:01 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Bronte, Gurman, Lindsey-Cerqueira, Miller, Tryfman, Vice Chair Baseman, Chair Milkowski
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Nestor Otazu, Cameron Kesinger, Robin D. Harris, Karen Myron

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

Public Input: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair and absent objection from the Commission, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of Minutes of the Rent Stabilization Commission special meeting of August 7, 2023.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Tryfman, SECONDED by Commissioner Lindsey-Cerqueira to adopt the minutes as presented (6-0).

AYES: Commissioners Bronte, Lindsey-Cerqueira, Miller, Tryfman, Vice Chair Baseman, Chair Milkowski

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NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. PRESENTATION FROM RENT STABILIZATION DIVISION REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE MONTHLY REPORT AND AN OVERVIEW OF CASES OPENED AND CALLS RECEIVED

Staff requests that the Commission receive a presentation from staff regarding recent updates to the Monthly Report as well as an overview of the types of calls received and cases opened by the Division.

Staff Presenter: Nestor Otazu, Deputy Director of the Rent Stabilization Division
Public Input: None

The Commission received the presentation from staff, asked questions regarding the material, and provided positive feedback related to the changes to the monthly report. Commissioners requested that, if possible, a legal service like Bet Tzedek also be offered to vulnerable landlords, as Bet Tzedek currently only represents tenants. Additional feedback the wish for more granularity in aspects of the report, and for data regarding mediation from the Loyola Center for Conflict Resolution. Deputy Director of Rent Stabilization Nestor Otazu indicated that staff would look further into the Commissioners' requests and implement those possible upon the appointment of a new Code Enforcement Officer. There was no formal action on this item.

PROJECT UPDATES

3. Rent Stabilization Division Monthly Staff Reports for July 2023

Staff seeks to inform the Rent Stabilization Commission on the Rent Stabilization Division's monthly activity.

Public Input: None

- Report received and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Commissioners Gurman, Miller, and Tryfman wished Chair Milkowski luck in his new position on the Planning Commission and thanked him for all of his work

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- Commissioner Bronte wished fellow Commissioners happy holidays for the month of September
- Vice Chair Baseman requested direction from staff on the City's next topics for discussion
- Chair Milkowski requested a full presentation on the proactive inspection and habitability topics and requested that Commissioners reach out to the Chair or Vice Chair with ideas for topics to discuss as a Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Deputy Director Otazu affirmed that the Proactive Inspection program will be the next topic of discussion for the Commission in order to establish ideas and conveyed that staff is happy to receive suggestions on future topics from the Commission
- Deputy Director Otazu communicated that there will be an Educational Outreach Meeting hosted by the Rent Stabilization Division at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 16th in the Municipal Gallery
- Deputy Director Otazu indicated that staff continue to work with the City Council to establish an Ad Hoc Committee meeting related to a prospective Rent Subsidy Program

4. 2023 Meeting Schedule

- Received and filed

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: September 6, 2023 / 6:42 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023



Lou Milkowski, Chair