

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, June 28, 2012 @ 7:00 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Sanes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Sanes led the Pledge.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Hon. George A. Schulman, Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge, administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner Richard Maggio.

Commissioner Maggio thanked Judge Schulman, Councilmember John D'Amico, Council Deputy Michelle Rex and his neighbors for their attendance at this meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Acting Commission Secretary Deborah Meadows took roll call.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Richard Maggio and Agassi Topchian, Vice Chair David Gregoire, and Chair Gail Sanes

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Chuck Henry

**STAFF PRESENT:** Acting RSH Director Elizabeth Savage, Legal Counsel Christof Schroeder, and acting Commission Secretary Deborah Meadows

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion made by Vice Chair Gregoire and seconded by Commissioner Topchian to approve the June 28, 2012 meeting agenda. Motion approved by consensus.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Vice Chair Gregoire and seconded by Chair Sanes to approve the May 10, 2012 meeting minutes. Commissioners Maggio and Topchian were not present at last meeting and abstained from vote. Motion approved by consensus.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Acting RSH Director Elizabeth Savage extended a special welcome to Commissioner Maggio.

Ms. Savage reported to the Commission that 93 people have been identified to receive additional registration fee rebate funds as a result of the rebate program expansion recently approved by the Rent Stabilization Commission and, subsequently, the City Council.

Ms. Savage spoke about upcoming items for future Commission meetings. The July 12, 2012 agenda will include a brief report on the Successor Agency, the process of the dissolution of redevelopment and Sacramento's recent budget and trailer bill impacts. The July 26, 2012 Study Session will deal with the Annual Report and Commission goals and accomplishments. Also, Helyne Meshar, the City's legislative advocate, will be introduced to the Commission at this Study Session. Subsequently, Ms. Savage will bring legislative updates that Ms. Meshar provides to the Commission.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

The Commissioners welcomed Commissioner Maggio back to the Commission. Commissioner Maggio thanked his fellow Commissioners, staff, friends and neighbors. He is looking forward to meeting the challenges ahead not only for the State, but also the City.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Approval of Resolution No. 12-409 announcing the amount of the General Adjustment for the year 2012-2013.**

Acting Director Elizabeth Savage provided a summary of the staff report regarding this year's general adjustment. Upon the resolution's approval, the forms required for implementation will be mailed to all landlords of rent stabilized properties with the upcoming newsletter mailing scheduled for July 5, 2012.

Commissioner Maggio added that the Commission does not establish the general adjustment amount.

Commissioner Topchian made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-409 declaring that the general adjustment by which landlords may increase rents commencing September 1, 2012 is 1.25%. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Gregoire and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (4-0-0).

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Maggio inquired about the current status of the monthly Chairs' meetings. Chair Sanes replied that there have not been any Chairs' meetings recently.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Chair Sanes adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on July 12, 2012 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Deborah Meadows, acting Commission Secretary.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2012

ATTEST:



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H. Gail Sanes, Chair



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Secretary