

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, January 8, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Topchian called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Topchian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

**PRESENT:**

Chair Agassi Topchian, Vice Chair Gail Sanes, Commissioner David Gregoire, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, and Commissioner Richard Maggio.

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to remove New Business item A and to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chair Sanes seconded the motion and the amended agenda for January 8, 2015 was approved by the Commission (5-0-0).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio and seconded by Commissioner Kurpies to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2014 meeting. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Director's/ Manager's Look Ahead Calendar and announced the cancellation of the January 22, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Noonan reminded the public that February 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to register if they would like to vote in the March 3<sup>rd</sup> election.

Mr. Noonan also announced the upcoming RSO Building Blocks class, Tenant's 101, will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Plummer Park.

**APPEALS:**

**A. D-3905**

**530 ½ N. San Vicente Blvd.  
(Rent Reduction)**

Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

Landlord Joni Masket and her representative Sutton Shapiro were in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

Tenant Kelly Carson and her representative Lynn-Ann Cuminotto were in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire to adopt Resolution 15-460 to affirm the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Sanes. The motion passed (5-0-0).

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Maggio recommended that New Business item A be placed on the agenda for the February 12, 2015 Rent Stabilization Commission meeting. He also extended his wishes for a healthy New Year to the public and to his fellow Commissioners.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Topchian adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:56 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on February 12, 2015 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary. Adopted this 12th day of February, 2015.

ATTEST:



Agassi Topchian, Chair



Laura Schoonover, Secretary