

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, February 12, 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 7:02 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 Manger Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinators Gloria Aviles, Yellena Orloff, and Chris Uszler, and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio and seconded by Commissioner Gregoire to approve the agenda for the February 12, 2015 meeting.. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Commissioner Sanes to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 meeting. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Stephanie Harker of West Hollywood spoke regarding the 1123 N. Detroit.

Larry Block spoke regarding changes to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and the Vision 2020 Plan.

Tristan Schukraft spoke regarding the March 3, 2015 election.

## **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 February 26, 2015 meeting.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Kurpies requested additional information about what the Rent Stabilization Ordinance says about roommates and sub-tenants.

Commissioner Maggio commented about information available at City hall regarding relocation fees.

Chair Topchian requested that staff provide an update to the Commission regarding 1123 N, Detroit.at the next Rent Stabilization Commission meeting.

## **APPEALS:**

### **A. D-3938**

**8345 Rosewood Ave. #3  
(MAR)**

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

Landlords Ann and Sam Rubinfeld were in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

Tenant Christina Anthony was 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 15-462 to affirm in part and reverse in part the hearing examiner’s decision. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Sanes. The motion passed (4-1-0) with Commissioner Kurpies voting nay.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Things To Know – Owner Occupancy Evictions and Tenant**

**Protections:** Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Yellena Orloff provided an overview of Owner Occupancy evictions and answered questions from the Commission.

- B. Aging In Place:** Rent Stabilization and Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles provided the Commission with a report on the Aging in Place strategic planning process and requested that the Commission name a delegate and an alternate delegate to attend a special meeting in May to provide input on behalf of the Rent Stabilization Commission. The Commission named Richard Maggio as delegate and Agassi Topchian as the alternate.
- C. Relocation Benefits:** The members of the Commission used this time to bring forth their recommendations and suggestions regarding changes to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance regarding Relocation Fees and Benefits.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Kurpies requested that the Commission have an opportunity to receive additional information on Relocation Benefits and to review the Relocation Benefits staff report before the item goes to Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

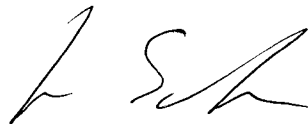
Chair Topchian adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 8:33 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on March 12, 2015 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary.  
Adopted this 26th day of March, 2015.

ATTEST:



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Agassi Topchian, Chair



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Laura Schoonover, Secretary