

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, October 11, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

Minutes

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Charity led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Celeste Barrino took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Rob Bergstein, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Vice Chair David Gregoire, Chair Garrett Charity, Commissioner Karen O'Keefe.

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, Commission Secretary Celeste Barrino.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to approve the agenda for the October 11, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Gregoire seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstein to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead calendar.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio encouraged everyone to view the property at 947 Martel Ave., which was recently preserved by the Los Angeles Conservancy.

Commissioner O'Keefe indicated that the Op-Ed, she co-authored with Commissioner Kurpies, on the cost of seismic retrofitting rent stabilized housing will run in Weherville.

Commissioner Kurpies distributed copies of the Op-Ed. He thanked the Commission for their support during the process.

APPEAL:
D-4338

1326 Flores St. #24

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

Brian Poirrier, Los Angeles, landlord representative, spoke on the appeal.

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire to adopt Resolution 18-534, affirming the hearing examiner's decision in D-4338. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Unfinished Business

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: Commissioner O'Keefe stated that a meeting was held with staff regarding the Unit Re-Registration process and they will continue to further analyze the process with staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Brian Poirrier, Los Angeles spoke on Rental Lease Provisions.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner O'Keefe questioned if Landlords were offered information or resources on legal lease provisions. Housing Manager Peter Noonan replied that newsletters are provided and seminars are held for landlords & tenants, and the information is also on the City's website.

STAFF COMMENTS: Legal Counsel Alison Regan spoke on Proposition 10, and referred the Commission to the city council's resolution in support. She reminded the Commission that while they cannot use City funds to campaign for a candidate or measure, they can use their own time and funds to do so.

Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to agendaize on the position of Proposition 10. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Topchian. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

Housing Manager Peter Noonan mentioned the upcoming Disability Resource fair that will be held on October 18th at Plummer Park and reminded everyone of the Disability Service Awards taking place on October 24th in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned in the honor of Kris Anne Gregoire at 8:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 25, 2018 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Celeste Barrino, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 25th day of October 2018.

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ATTEST:



Garrett Charity, Chair



Commission Secretary