

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, July 11, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**Minutes
(Amended)**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Kurpies led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Celeste Barrino took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Vice-chair Rob Bergstein, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Kellan Martz, Commissioner Karen O’Keefe.

ABSENT: Garrett Charity

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the agenda for the July 11, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Martz seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the minutes as amended of the June 27, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment

DIRECTOR’S/MANAGER’S REPORT: Rent Stabilization & Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead calendar. He also informed the Commission that the City of West Hollywood along with the Chamber of Commerce is presenting a seminar for property owners on soft story retrofitting on July 13, 2019 at Plummer Park.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Bergstein inquired if they could include a tenant notification feature to the online landlord database portal, where tenants can be notified via text that the re-registration form has been completed and waiting their approval.

(Commissioner Topchian arrived at 7:13)

APPEAL:

D-4417

1246 N. Hayworth Ave #103

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

Patrick Roldan, Landlord Representative, Rancho Cucamonga spoke on the appeal.
Travis Guterman, Tenant, West Hollywood spoke on the appeal.

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner O'Keefe to adopt Resolution 19-558, affirming the hearing examiner's decision in D-4417. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-2-0.

APPEAL:

D-4426

1000 N. Curson Ave #11

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

Ryan Danesrad, Landlord Representative, West Hollywood spoke on the appeal.
Sam Leverly, Los Angeles spoke on the appeal.

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to adopt Resolution 19-560, affirming the hearing examiner's decision in D-4426. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Topchian. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The Rent Stabilization Commission will receive a presentation on the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX line, including ways local residents and business can help shape the future of rail service to West Hollywood.

David Fenn, Associate Planner with the City of West Hollywood and Joanna Hankamer, Principal Planner with the City of West Hollywood presented information to the Commission on the City's efforts to bring the Light Rail Extension to West Hollywood. They answered several questions from the Commission.

- B. Reorganization of Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair Bergstein opened the nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair.

- a. Election of the Chair

The following nominations were submitted and a roll call vote was taken.

Vice Chair Bergstein was elected with a vote of 6-0.

- b. Election of the Vice Chair

The following nominations were submitted and a roll call vote was taken.
Commissioner Topchian was elected with a vote of 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Kurpies mentioned that the Lights for Liberty rally is taking place at West Hollywood Park on July 12, 2019.

Commissioner O’Keefe mentioned the Ciclavia event will take place on August 18, 2019. She also attended the Public Safety Commission meeting.

Commissioner Bergstein indicated that the smoke free housing ordinance is going before the City Council on July 15, 2019. He also spoke in favor of routine inspections for all residential units in West Hollywood.

STAFF COMMENTS: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Annual Housing Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:05.p.m the next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 8, 2019 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 8th day of August 2019.

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ATTEST:



Robert Bergstein, Chair



Commission Secretary