

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, August 22, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

STUDY SESSION

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bergstein called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Commission said the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Tom Trevor took roll call.

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

ABSENT: There were no absences.

STAFF PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Project Development Administrator Alicen Bartle, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Yazmin Spiteri, Commission Secretary Tom Trevor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner O'Keefe to approve the agenda as amended for the August 22, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Martz seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner O'Keefe to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting as amended. Commissioner Martz seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

MANAGER REPORT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead Calendar.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio said he would prefer having study sessions in January.

Commissioner O'Keefe informed the Commission that the mandatory twelve month lease item was placed on a City Council agenda.

Commissioner Kurpies asked if the mandatory twelve month lease item went to a Council subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS: Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles and Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan spoke to the Commission about the study session and provided instruction on how it would rank its priorities for FY 2019-2020.

The Commission reviewed legal standards with staff and its role in appeals.

The Commission engaged in a conversation with staff about the Commission's duties as set down in the Municipal Code, specifically for evaluating and recommending to the City Council relative to the City's housing policies.

The Commission engaged in a conversation with staff that served to clarify the priority topics.

The Commission proceeded to prioritize the topics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio commented on his role as Commission liaison and encouraged Commissioners to be visible in the community.

STAFF COMMENTS: Peter Noonan thanked the commissioners for their work on the study session.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2019 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Tom Trevor, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 12th day of September 2019.

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ATTEST:



Rob Bergstein, Chair



Commission Secretary