

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, September 12, 2019 @ 7:00 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bergstein called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Legal Counsel Jonathan Holub and Commission Secretary Tom Trevor.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Commissioner Charity to approve the agenda for the September 12, 2019 meeting. Commissioner O’Keefe 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 22, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Martz seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Joan Harp, West Hollywood, spoke about her tenancy at 7219 Hampton Ave.

**MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead Calendar. He also informed the Commission of the Los Angeles County mock election “Voting Revolutionized” on September 28 & 29, 2019 at Plummer Park. Flyers were provided.

Vice Chair Topchian asked if the September 26, 2019 Discussion Item regarding Code Amendment is an Action Item or Note and File. Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan clarified this as an opportunity to provide comments on the code to City Council and no formal action will be taken.

Commissioner Kurpies asked Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan if he or staff will talk with Ms. Harp after the meeting. Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan stated staff has followed up with Ms. Harp on several occasions and will follow up with her after the meeting. Commissioner Kurpies asked to agendaize the Security Deposit Interest Rate Discussion allowing time for City Council action and the City Clerk Discussion

on facilitating RSH Commission Items to the City Council. Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan confirmed they are forthcoming.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** No Commissioner comments.

**APPEAL:**

D-4376

7530 Hampton Ave., #305

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

Landlord was not present.

Zinaida Zinenberg, Co-Tenant/Representative for Lyudmila Lukyanova, Tenant, West Hollywood, spoke on the appeal.

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner O’Keefe to adopt Resolution 19-556, affirming the hearing examiner’s decision in D-4376. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the Rent Stabilization Commission 2019-20 priorities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Charity commended the City of West Hollywood Annual Congress of Commissions and Advisory Boards.

Commissioner Bergstein commented on prospective tenants of rent stabilized units and the importance of putting your best foot forward in the process.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** There were no staff comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 26, 2019 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Michele Pashayi, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

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Rob Bergstein, Chair



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Commission Secretary