

**RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021
TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Topchian called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Commission said the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Items 4 through 8 were heard ahead of Item 3)

3. **OATH OF OFFICE:** The Oath of Office was administered to Kellan Martz by Mayor Lindsey Horvath.
4. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr. took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Kimberly Copeland, Commissioner Karen Eyres, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Vice Chair Karen O'Keefe, Chair Agassi Topchian

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Lindsey Horvath, Kellan Martz, Acting Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio, and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Approve the agenda of April 22, 2021 as revised. **Motion by Commissioner Eyres to approve the April 22, 2021 agenda as revised, seconded by Vice Chair O'Keefe and approved.**

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of March 25, 2021. **Motion by Commissioner Kurpies, seconded by Commissioner Eyres and approved.**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

8. **MANAGER REPORT:** Acting Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Jonathan Holub reviewed the look-ahead calendar. He mentioned information about the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program is available at housingiskey.com.

Commissioner Kurpies mentioned a number of West Hollywood residents seeking rent relief through housingiskey.com have been redirected to the City

of Los Angeles due to a mapping program malfunction and can contact City Hall or the District Office of Assemblymember Bloom for assistance.

9. COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Copeland welcomed Commissioner Martz back to the Commission.

Commissioner Kurpies welcomed Commissioner Martz back and mentioned Assemblymember Bloom's office would host a Zoom webinar on how to be appointed to a state board or commission.

Commissioner Maggio welcomed Commissioner Martz back to the Commission.

Vice Chair O'Keefe welcomed Commissioner Martz back and announced this would be her last meeting on the Commission. She showed appreciation for her fellow commissioners and for City staff's efforts throughout the pandemic.

Commissioner Eyres thanked Vice Chair O'Keefe for her service and welcomed Commissioner Martz to the Commission.

Chair Topchian welcomed Commissioner Martz back to the Commission.

Commissioner Martz thanked the Commission for the welcome back and showed appreciation to Vice Chair O'Keefe for her public service.

10. APPEAL

A. D-4460 (Remand) 1224 N. La Cienega Blvd.

Legal Counsel to the Commission provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report. Following deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to adopt Resolution RSC 21-592, reversing the Hearing Examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz and approved with a vote of 5-1, noting the "no" vote by Chair Topchian (Commissioner Kurpies recused himself from the proceedings).

11. NEW BUSINESS: None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

13. COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio commended Vice Chair O'Keefe for her service on the Commission.

Commissioner Martz thanked Vice Chair O'Keefe for her service on the Commission and showed appreciation for her commitment to biking advocacy. He also mentioned the City's Eastside Community Priorities Plan and recommended providing input on priorities going forward.

Commissioner Eyres mentioned the California Department of Aging survey seeking public input on priorities and recommended completing the survey.

Commissioner Copeland thanked Vice Chair O’Keefe for her service and engagement in the community and welcomed Commissioner Martz back.

Commissioner Kurpies showed appreciation to Vice Chair O’Keefe for her friendship and service on the Commission.

Chair Topchian thanked Vice Chair O’Keefe for her contributions to the Commission.

Vice Chair O’Keefe thanked the Commissioners and encouraged the public get the COVID-19 vaccine.

14. STAFF COMMENTS: Mr. Holub thanked Vice Chair O’Keefe for her service and welcomed Commissioner Martz back to the Commission.

Legal Counsel welcomed Commissioner Martz and thanked Vice Chair O’Keefe for her service.

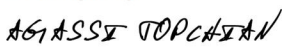
Chair Topchian commended Legal Counsel on the substance and format of the staff report.

15. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 13, 2021 via Zoom conference.

These minutes were submitted by Roger Vinalon, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 13th day of May 2021.

A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk’s office upon request. You may also view a video of this meeting at <http://www.weho.org/weho-tv/other-city-meetings>.

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Agassi Topchian, Chair



Roger Vinalon, Commission Secretary

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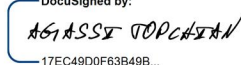
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