

**RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021  
TELECONFERENCE**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Topchian called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Horvath led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **OATH OF OFFICE:** The Oath of Office was administered to Estevan J. Montemayor by Mayor Lindsey Horvath.
4. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**
  - A. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**  
SUBJECT: *The Rent Stabilization Commission will elect the Vice-Chair due to a vacancy, for a term through June 30, 2021.*

**ACTION: Election of Vice-Chair. Commissioner Kurpies was nominated by Commissioner Maggio, seconded by Commissioner Copeland and elected with a vote of 7-0.**

5. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr. took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Kimberly Copeland, Commissioner Karen Eyres, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Kellan Martz, Commissioner Estevan Montemayor, Vice Chair Josh Kurpies, and Chair Agassi Topchian

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Lindsey Horvath, Acting Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Jonathan Holub, Information Coordinator Yazmin Spiteri, and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr.

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION: Approve the agenda of May 13, 2021. Motion by Commissioner Maggio to approve the May 13, 2021 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Eyres and approved.**

7. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**ACTION: Approve the minutes of April 22, 2021. Motion by Vice Chair Kurpies, seconded by Commissioner Maggio and approved, noting Commissioner Montemayor's abstention.**

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Eugene Maysky introduced himself to the Commission as West Hollywood Tenant Outreach Organizer for the Coalition for Economic Survival and outlined the support services available to the City's tenants.
9. **MANAGER REPORT:** Acting Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Jonathan Holub reviewed the look-ahead calendar.
10. **COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Commissioner Copeland welcomed Commissioner Montemayor and congratulated Vice Chair Kurpies. She attended the first Public Scoping Meeting for the Housing Element Environmental Impact Report and recommended attending the next meeting.

Commissioner Eyres echoed Commissioner Copeland's comments.

Vice Chair Kurpies welcomed Commissioner Montemayor.

Commissioner Martz welcomed Commissioner Montemayor and congratulated Vice Chair Kurpies on his election. He mentioned the City invited additional comments on the potential West Hollywood Metro subway station by May 28, 2021.

Commissioner Montemayor thanked the Commission, briefly introduced himself and congratulated Vice Chair Kurpies on his election.

Chair Topchian congratulated Commissioner Montemayor on his appointment and congratulated Vice Chair Kurpies on his election.

11. **APPEAL:** None.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. ORDINANCE REVISIONS RELATING TO TENANT HARASSMENT, POSTING OF NOTICES, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCTION OF TENANT HABITABILITY PLANS**

*SUBJECT: The Rent Stabilization Commission received staff recommendations relating to amendments to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance provisions relating to tenant harassment, posting of notices, and requirements for the production of tenant habitability plans.*

Mr. Holub briefly touched upon why this item was brought before the Commission and gave an overview of the proposed changes to the related areas in the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

The Commission requested clarifications and gave feedback on the proposed changes and correspondence from the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles and California Apartment Association. The Commission suggested specifying language for certain provisions such as additional statutory damages for tenant harassment against senior or disabled tenants and First Amendment rights protections.

**ACTION: Receive and file.**

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**14. COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Commissioner Maggio welcomed Commissioner Montemayor and asked about the possibility of returning to in-person Commission meetings in July.

Commissioner Copeland thanked Mr. Holub and staff for their efforts in updating the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

Commissioner Eyres inquired about returning to in-person Commission meetings.

Vice Chair Kurpies showed appreciation to Mr. Holub for staff's presentations to City Council regarding inoperative elevators and temporary repossession of rental units by landlords for corrections. He mentioned he would not be attending the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting scheduled for May 27, 2021.

Commissioners Montemayor, Maggio, and Martz indicated they would not be attending the May 27 meeting.

**15. STAFF COMMENTS:** Mr. Holub welcomed Commissioner Montemayor and mentioned he will provide an update on returning to in-person Commission meetings once more information is available.

**16. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 10, 2021 via Zoom conference.

These minutes were submitted by Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 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>.

**ATTEST:**

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AGASSI TOPCHIAN

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Agassi Topchian, Chair



Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary

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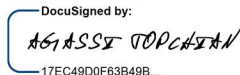
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