

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

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Martz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Commission said the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr. took roll call.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Approve the agenda of July 22, 2021. **Motion by Commissioner Kurpies to approve the July 22, 2021 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Eyres and approved.**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of July 8, 2021. **Motion by Commissioner Topchian, seconded by Vice Chair Copeland and approved.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Jonathan Holub reviewed the look-ahead calendar and mentioned the Rent Stabilization and Housing Division's biannual tenant and landlord newsletters will be delivered in the coming days. He spoke on the residential eviction moratorium protections extended through September 30, 2021 and mentioned information on the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program can be found at housingiskey.com or housing.ca.gov.

Commissioner Eyres asked if the Rent Stabilization Ordinance amendments relating to tenant harassment, posting of notices, and tenant habitability were approved by City Council. Mr. Holub confirmed the ordinance was adopted July 19, 2021 and becomes effective August 18, 2021.

8. COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Kurpies encouraged tenants who incurred debt not owed to their landlord due to COVID-19 apply for August and September rent relief in advance through the Rent Relief Program.

9. APPEAL: None.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COMMISSION LIAISON APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER COMMISSIONS AND ADVISORY BOARDS

SUBJECT: Rent Stabilization Commission Chair will appoint Commission liaison(s) to other City Commissions and Advisory Boards.

The Commissioners identified the other commissions and advisory boards they were interested in to serve as a liaison.

Commissioner Eyres was appointed as liaison to the Transgender Advisory Board and Senior Advisory Board. She will informally serve as liaison to the Women's Advisory Board.

Vice Chair Copeland was appointed as liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission and may serve as liaison to the Public Safety Commission pending her schedule.

Commissioner Kurpies was appointed as liaison to the Transportation Commission.

Chair Martz appointed himself as liaison to the Human Services Commission.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF: Mr. Holub mentioned the City's upcoming Racial Justice Conversation webinar with Dr. Robin DiAngelo hosted by the City's Government Alliance on Race and Equity.

Commissioner Kurpies inquired if the City has scheduled additional training for City officials throughout the year. Mr. Holub stated he was not aware of any future training scheduled.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair Copeland mentioned information regarding the Housing Element workshops and public scoping meetings for the environmental impact report can be found at www.weho.org/housingelement.

Commissioner Eyres expressed appreciation for the Commission liaison program as a resource to increase outreach and further inform residents.

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 12, 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 12th day of August 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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Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary

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