

**RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Martz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Commission said the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Acting Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Michele Pashayi 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 Kellan Martz

ALSO PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio and Acting Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Michele Pashayi

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Approve the agenda of September 23, 2021. **Motion by Commissioner Maggio to approve the September 23, 2021 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Eyres and approved.**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of September 9, 2021 as revised. **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 information on the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program can be found at housingiskey.com. Mr. Holub also mentioned the City Manager was directed by City Council to extend the moratorium on non-COVID-19-related evictions if Los Angeles County would not extend its moratorium.

8. **COMMISSION COMMENTS:** None.

9. **APPEAL**

A. D-4581 1285 N. Crescent Heights Blvd., Unit E

Commissioner Kurpies recused himself at this time due to a friendship with one of the appeal parties.

Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

MARK HOWELL, LOS ANGELES, presented his oral argument.

BRIAN CUNHA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, presented his oral argument.

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Eyres to adopt Resolution RSC 21-600 affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maggio and approved with a vote of 6-0.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF: Mr. Holub restated that access to the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program can be found at [housingiskey.com](https://www.housingiskey.com) and to contact the Rent Stabilization Division with any questions regarding the eviction moratorium.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Topchian requested staff consider an update to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance language regarding rent concessions.

Commissioner Kurpies requested clarification on tenant access to legal services and proposed a monthly update on evictions within the City. Mr. Holub stated tenants can receive free legal representation from Bet Tzedek Legal Services and information can be found on the City's Renter Resources webpage. He mentioned tenants facing rent difficulties can also contact Coalition for Economic Survival (CES) for assistance. Mr. Holub stated staff can provide monthly updates based on eviction notices required to be filed with the Rent Stabilization Division along with Bet Tzedek's case volume data. Commissioner Kurpies asked if a presentation on the eviction process could be brought to the Commission. Mr. Holub stated he would contact Bet Tzedek to request their availability. Commissioner Eyres mentioned CES provides tenant rights Zoom clinics and one-on-one counseling.

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 14, 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 14th day of October 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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Kellan Martz

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Kellan Martz, Chair



Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary

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