

**RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022
TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Martz called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Kellan Martz

ALSO PRESENT: Rent Stabilization 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 February 10, 2022. **Motion by Commissioner Maggio to approve the February 10, 2022 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Eyres and approved.**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of January 27, 2022. **Motion by Commissioner Topchian, seconded by Vice Chair Copeland and approved.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization Manager Jonathan Holub reviewed the look-ahead calendar and reported West Hollywood eviction cases remained low. He mentioned City Council approved the Commission's Rent Stabilization Ordinance and Regulation amendments and noted California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program applications continue to be accepted through housingiskey.com.

Commissioner Topchian requested presentation from Code Enforcement on their recent activity. Mr. Holub stated he would reach out the division regarding their availability.

Commissioner Montemayor joined the meeting at 7:06 pm.

8. COMMISSION COMMENTS: None.

9. APPEAL

A. D-4615 1021 N. Doheny Drive #3

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

TRACY CLARK presented her oral argument.

The tenant did not attend the appeal.

Following Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to adopt Resolution RSC 22-607, affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Montemayor and approved with a vote of 7-0.**

B. D-4617 1114 N. Flores St. #5

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

BILL ZIEMNIAK, WEST HOLLYWOOD provided public comment on the painting of the property and prior decision in the related 2007 case.

GEORGE BIRNBAUM, LOS ANGELES presented his oral argument.

EDD HOLMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented his oral argument.

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10. NEW BUSINESS: None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Eyres mentioned attending the Human Services Commission and Coalition for Economic Survival's virtual educational clinic.

Commissioner Topchian expressed appreciation to Legal Counsel for including the rent decrease justification in the first appeal and proposed paid rent amounts be included in rent decrease applications. He also asked about developments with Assembly Bill 854.

Commission Kurpies stated Assembly Bill 854 was not brought to a vote but could be reintroduced within the same two-year session. He also mentioned the California Mortgage Relief Program provides assistance to homeowners experiencing pandemic-related hardships and to visit camortgagerelief.org for more information.

Chair Martz mentioned the virtual West Hollywood Homeless Initiative Community Update Meeting scheduled for February 16th.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 24, 2022 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 24th day of February 2022.

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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Kellan Martz, Chair



Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary

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