

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 - 7:00 PM  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 NORTH SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Topchian 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 Diane Garcia took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Estevan Montemayor, Commissioner Zekiah Wright, Vice Chair Karen Eyres, and Chair Agassi Topchian

ALSO PRESENT: Rent Stabilization Manager Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio, Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Diane Garcia, and Senior Administrative Specialist Roger Vinalon Jr.

ABSENT: Commissioner Kellan Martz

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Approve the agenda of September 8, 2022. Motion by **Commissioner Kurpies to approve the September 8, 2022 agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Eyres and approved.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of August 25, 2022. **Motion by Commissioner Maggio, seconded by Vice Chair Eyres and approved.**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization Manager Jonathan Holub reviewed the look ahead calendar and reported 21 eviction cases in August, primarily based on non-payment of rent. He listed the scheduled outreach meetings and survey options regarding City Council's direction to collect public feedback on ending the rent increase freeze and proposed three percent cap on the Annual General Adjustment.

Commissioner Kurpies asked if a public comment item could be added to the September 22 agenda as part of the outreach effort. Mr. Holub stated the item could be added.

Chair Topchian requested staff to send the list of outreach events to the Commission.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Commissioner Kurpies provided an update on the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

Vice Chair Eyres mentioned KPCC's story highlighting West Hollywood's approach to rent stabilization.

**8. APPEAL**

**A. D-4668      7621 Hampton Ave., Unit 203**

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

MARY K. JONES, WEST HOLLYWOOD provided public comment on the parking conditions at the subject property.

JOHN FRED, BEVERLY HILLS presented his oral argument.

LILY MALEK, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented her oral argument.

Following Commission deliberation, the Commission called a recess to allow Legal Counsel to draft a revised resolution.

*Chair Topchian recessed the meeting at 8:28 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to adopt Resolution RSC 22-616, remanding the Hearing Examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wright and approved with a vote of 6-0.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:** None.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Maggio motioned to adjourn in memory of Queen Elizabeth II.

Commissioner Kurpies thanked the landlord and tenants for their participation in the appeal.

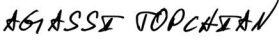
**13. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned in memory of Queen Elizabeth II at 8:53 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 22<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

*Rent Stabilization Commission  
Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2022*

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**Agassi Topchian, Chair**

  
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**Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary**

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