

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Roger Vinalon Jr. took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Kellan Martz, Commissioner Zekiah Wright, Vice Chair Karen Eyres and Chair Agassi Topchian

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Rent Stabilization Manager Gloria Aviles, Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr.

ABSENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies and Commissioner Estevan Montemayor

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Approve the agenda of September 22, 2022 as amended. Motion by **Commissioner Martz to approve the September 22, 2022 agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Eyres and approved.**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
6. **MANAGER REPORT:** Acting Rent Stabilization Manager Gloria Aviles reviewed the look ahead calendar.
7. **COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Vice Chair Eyres encouraged the public to participate in the Rent Increase Freeze and Cap Initiative by completing the survey and attending the scheduled outreach events.

Commissioner Maggio attended the Business License Commission meeting and shared information on the outreach events with their Commission.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. UPDATE REGARDING RENT INCREASE FREEZE AND POTENTIAL RENT CAP OF 3%**

*SUBJECT: The Rent Stabilization Commission will hear an update from staff on ending the rent increase freeze and a potential rent increase cap at 3%.*

Ms. Aviles provided an update on the Rent Stabilization Division's outreach efforts and survey responses regarding the Rent Increase Freeze and Cap Initiative. She mentioned the results would be presented to City Council at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Vice Chair Eyres inquired if the Rent Stabilization Commission would have an opportunity to hear the results prior to the October 17 City Council meeting. Ms. Aviles indicated the Commission would receive an update prior to the meeting.

**ACTION: Receive and file.**

*Chair Topchian recessed the meeting at 7:12 p.m.*

*Commissioner Wright joined the meeting at 7:18 p.m.*

*Chair Topchian reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.*

**9. APPEAL**

**A. D-4669      1216 N. Detroit Street, Unit 1**

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

AVIGAYIL BEN MOSHE, LOS ANGELES presented her oral argument.

JOY NICOLINI, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented her oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to adopt Resolution RSC 22-617, affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz and approved with a 5-0 vote.**

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION: Approve the minutes of August 25, 2022. Motion by Commissioner Maggio, seconded by Commissioner Wright and approved, noting the abstention by Commissioner Martz.**

**11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:** Ms. Aviles expressed her appreciation to the Commission.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Maggio thanked staff for preparing the hard copy agenda packets for pick-up at City Hall.

Commissioner Wright mentioned the Bi Picnic Day to be held at Plummer Park on September 24<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Bi Visibility Week.

Vice Chair Eyres mentioned the Emergency Preparedness Seminar also scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Maggio mentioned he would host a meet-and-greet for West Hollywood City Council candidates on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

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**14.ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Diane Garcia, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 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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**Agassi Topchian, Chair**

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**Diane Garcia, Commission Secretary**

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