

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 - 7:00 PM
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bass called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Chair Rorie led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Brandee Thornton took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Rena Goldman, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Kaitlin McCafferty, Commissioner Alex Paris, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Vice Chair Frank D. Rorie, and Chair Adam G. Bass

ALSO PRESENT: Rent Stabilization Manager Cameron Kesinger, Legal Counsel Kellan Martz, and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Brandee Thornton

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Approve the agenda of March 13, 2025. **Motion by Commissioner Kurpies, seconded by Commissioner Goldman and approved.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of February 27, 2025. **Motion by Commissioner Topchian, seconded by Vice Chair Rorie and approved.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization Manager Cameron Kesinger reviewed the look-ahead calendar and provided data requested by Commissioner Kurpies at the February 27, 2025 Rent Stabilization Commission meeting on evictions, indicating that in January 2025, the City received 43 3-Day Notices and 13 Summons and Complaints and in February 2025, the City received 47 3-Day Notices and 4 Summons and Complaints.

Commissioner Kurpies requested that staff present data distinguishing how many 3-Day Notices and Summons and Complaints filed were for non-payment of rent.

Commissioner Paris requested that staff present data noting changes in the number of 3-Day Notices and Summons and Complaints from month-to-month and year-to-year.

8. **APPEAL**

- A. **D-4668CD 7621 Hampton Avenue #203**

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

LILY MALEK, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented her oral argument.

JOHN FRED RASHTI, LOS ANGELES presented his oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Paris to affirm the Hearing Examiner’s Decision as to application No. D-4668CD, seconded by Commissioner Goldman. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.**

B. D-4909 1279 N. Harper Avenue #105

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

DANIEL MONGE presented his oral argument.

RANDY KERR, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented his oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to affirm the Hearing Examiner’s Decision as to application No. D-4909, seconded by Commissioner Goldman. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.**

Legal Counsel requested a recess.

Chair Bass called a recess at 8:02 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

C. D-4930 1279 N. Harper Ave #104

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

DANIEL MONGE presented his oral argument.

CARYN THOMASON, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented her oral argument on behalf of resident J. Robert Prete.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Chair Bass to remand the Hearing Examiner’s Decision as to application No. D-4930, seconded by Vice Chair Rorie. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.**

9. NEW BUSINESS: None.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Kurpies informed the Commission of his planned absence from the May 22, 2025 Rent Stabilization Commission meeting.

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Vice Chair Rorie requested Commissioners avoid extensively questioning the parties to an appeal following their testimony and instead limit themselves to one question at a time.

Chair Bass thanked staff for their work preparing for the Commission meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Hollywood Park - Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Brandee Thornton, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 13th day of February 2025.

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:

Signed by:


Adam G. Bass, Chair



Brandee Thornton, Commission Secretary