

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 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 7:04 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Copeland led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Brandee Thornton took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Kimberly Copeland, Commissioner Rena Goldman, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, 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 April 24, 2025. **Motion by Commissioner Topchian to approve the April 24, 2025, agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Rorie and approved with a vote of 6-0.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Approve the amended minutes of April 10, 2025. **Motion by Commissioner Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Copeland and approved with a vote of 5-0, noting the abstention of Vice Chair Rorie.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

EUGENE MAYSKY, COALITION FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL (CES), spoke about the historical significance of 1301 Havenhurst Dr. in the City's incorporation and the adoption of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. He also mentioned ongoing concerns regarding tenant harassment at the property.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization Manager Cameron Kesinger reviewed the Look Ahead Calendar and shared information about the upcoming Older Adult Community Health Fair, scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

He noted that one of the featured events will be an informational Housing Workshop, hosted by the Rent Stabilization Division, covering the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and local protections for older adults. The workshop will take place from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM in Rooms 1 and 2 of the Plummer Park Community Center and will be followed by a facilitated discussion led by Vice Mayor Heilman.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

## 9. APPEAL

### A. D-4976                      1301 Havenhurst Drive #114

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

Commissioner Copeland disclosed that she received a copy of the rebuttal argument shared as part of Appeal D-4976 prior to her appointment but had no further discussions of the matter and did not personally know the parties involved.

MICHAEL RUSSNOW, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented his oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Kurpies to affirm in part and modify in part the Hearing Examiner's Decision as to application No. D-4976, seconded by Commissioner Copeland. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.**

*Chair Bass recessed the meeting at 8:38 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.*

### B. D-5000                      1301 Havenhurst Drive #217

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

MICHAEL RUSSNOW, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented his oral argument.

JAILYN SCHOENFELD, WEST HOLLYWOOD provided public comment.

RICHARD DEASON, WEST HOLLYWOOD provided public comment.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to affirm in part and modify in part the Hearing Examiner's Decision as to application No. D-5000, seconded by Commissioner Goldman. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.**

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None.

## 11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Kurpies indicated that he will be absent from the May 22, 2025, regular meeting.

Vice Chair Rorie indicated that he will be absent from the May 8, 2025, regular meeting.

Chair Bass recognized former Commissioner Paris, thanked him for his service, and encouraged Commissioners to be proactive in reporting planned absences, noting that the Commission currently has only six active members.

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**12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Hollywood Park - Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers

These minutes were submitted by Roger Vinalon, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 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:  
  
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**Adam G. Bass, Chair**

  
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**Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary**