

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, August 9, 2012 @ 7:00 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Gregoire called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Gregoire led the Pledge.

**ROLL CALL:** Acting Commission Secretary Eva Wieland took roll call.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Richard Maggio, Gail Sanes, Agassi Topchian and Chair David Gregoire

**ABSENT:** Vice Chair Chuck Henry.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Elizabeth Savage, Rent Information Coordinator Chris Uszler, Acting Commission Secretary Eva Wieland, and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion made by Commissioner Topchian to approve the August 9, 2012 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanes. Motion approved by consensus.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Commissioner Maggio and seconded by Commissioner Topchian to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2012 regular meeting and study session. Motion approved by consensus.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**DIRECTOR/MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Elizabeth Savage spoke regarding a new report called the Look Ahead Schedule and how it will benefit the Commission by providing more predictability in scheduling future appeals and also to schedule time to devote to the Suggested Priorities. Also, she

informed the Commission that the Rent Stabilization Newsletter was mailed recently to 16,000 tenants in rent stabilized apartments. The newsletter included information on the Annual General Adjustment of 1.25% and information on the Metro Bus Pass program that generated 20 new enrollments in the program. Also included was a flyer that notified residents of the Center for Civic Mediation and the services that they offer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Chris Uszler reported that the security deposit interest rate for 2012. Using an average of Bank of America (.05%), Wells Fargo (.01%), Citi Bank (.05%), One West Bank (.15%), and US Bank (.05%) the calculated rate for interest paid to West Hollywood residents in rent stabilized building should be 0.00%. In accordance with Section 17.32.020 of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, Chair Gregoire announced that the Security Deposit Interest Rate for 2012 is 0.00%.
- B. Ms. Savage presented a report the Commission with the results of its Study Session of July 26, 2012. The Commission reviewed the Suggested Priorities for Fiscal year 2012-2013. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Topchian and seconded by Commissioner Sanes. The motion was passed by a roll call vote (4-0-0).

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Maggio stated that he felt the Study Session was excellent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Maggio and Chair Gregoire thanked the City for its participation in National Night Out.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

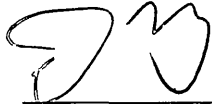
There being no further business, Chair Gregoire adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission regular meeting at 7:21 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent

Stabilization Commission will be held on August 23, 2012 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary.

Adopted this 23rd day of August 2012.

ATTEST:



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David Gregoire, Chair



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Secretary