# Rent Stabilization Commission City of West Hollywood Thursday, September 11, 2014 @ 7:00 PM West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers 625 North San Vicente Boulevard

# **Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Topchian called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Topchian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

#### PRESENT:

Chair Agassi Topchian, Vice Chair Gail Sanes, Commissioner David Gregoire, and Commissioner Richard Maggio.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Kurpies was not present at roll call but did arrive later.

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Jonathan Holub, and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

# APPROVAL OF AGENDA;

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Vice Chair Sanes to approve the agenda of the September 11, 2014 meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Vice Chair Sanes to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2014 meeting.

# **DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Director's/Manager's Look Ahead Calendar. Mr. Noonan announced that the September 25, 2014 Rent Stabilization Commission meeting has been cancelled.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Maggio requested clarification on the upcoming discussion schedule. Commissioner Gregoire requested clarification on whether or not the Aging in Place/Unit Swapping study session would be televised. Commissioner Gregoire, Chair Topchian and

Commissioner Maggio requested additional information on the upcoming Annual Congress and Ethics Training events.

[Commissioner Kurpies arrived at 7:15 pm]

# **APPEALS:**

# A. D-3877

1276 N. Sweetzer #6 (Rent Reduction)

Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel to the Commission, provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

No representative for the landlord was in attendance.

No representative for the tenant was in attendance.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Chair Maggio to adopt Resolution 14-456 to affirm the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gregoire. The motion passed (5-0-0).

# **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Maggio requested additional information on the City Clerk project for the Annual Congress event.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Topchian adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:31 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on October 23, 2014 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 October, 2014.

ATTEST:

Agassi Topchian, Chair

Laura Schoonover, Secretary