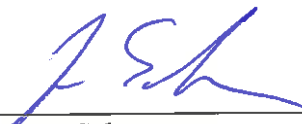


**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION**

A special meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**, for the purpose of attending the **Community Action Forum** regarding the Ellis Act and discussion of potential Ellis reform legislation; which will be held at

**West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard
West Hollywood, California 90069**

A flier containing information on this event is attached to this notice.



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City of West Hollywood will Host a Community Action Forum Regarding the Ellis Act — State Law That Gives Landlords Far-Reaching Abilities to Evict Tenants

Event will Take Place on Thu., Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. at the City's Council Chambers at West Hollywood Library

Discussion will Include Senator Ben Allen and Assemblymember Richard Bloom, as well as a Panel of Public Policy and Housing Experts

The Ellis Act is a California State Law that Allows Landlords to Force Renters Out Without Cause

West Hollywood City Council has Directed City Staff to Seek to Amend and/or Repeal the Ellis Act

WEST HOLLYWOOD, March 1, 2017 – The City of West Hollywood will host a Community Action Forum regarding the Ellis Act, a California State Law that allows landlords to evict tenants without cause on the promise of exiting the rental market. The Forum will include the participation of California State Senator Ben Allen and California State Assemblymember Richard Bloom and will include a panel of public policy and housing experts, who will engage attendees in a discussion about how the Ellis Act has impacted tenants in the City of West Hollywood and in communities across the state and what can be done to amend and/or repeal the Ellis Act.

The Community Action Forum will take place on Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the City of West Hollywood's City Council Chambers/Public Meeting Room at West Hollywood Library, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard. Validated parking will be provided in the adjacent five-story structure. The event is free and is open to the public.

“In recent years, the number of Ellis Act evictions has been on the rise,” said City of West Hollywood Councilmember John D’Amico. “Too often, and for too many renters, this has meant not just losing their homes, but being forced to move out of West Hollywood after living here for many years or decades. This just isn’t fair and we’re going to work to change this at the state level.”

The Ellis Act is a state law enacted in 1985 that allows property owners to evict tenants without cause in order to remove rental properties from the market. A property owner may do this on a mere promise to exit the rental business. If a property is “Ellised,” the state does not require its owner to report the future use of the property and local jurisdictions cannot prohibit owners from evicting tenants once an owner has stated the intent to withdraw the property from the rental market.

The City of West Hollywood’s City Council has directed the City’s Legal Services and Legislative Affairs Division to move forward with a strong effort aimed at the introduction of legislation to amend and/or repeal the Ellis Act. Proactive measures to be taken will include ongoing legislative efforts in Sacramento and coalition-building with other jurisdictions and advocacy organizations. Any change in the Ellis Act will require action by the California State Legislature.

The City of West Hollywood adopted a landmark Rent Stabilization Ordinance in 1985; upon its adoption, it became one of the strictest rent control laws in the country and it became a model for other cities across the nation. Today, the City’s Rent Stabilization and Housing Division is dedicated to programs that promote a strong and vibrant residential community. For more information about the City’s Housing programs, visit www.weho.org/housing.

For more information about the Community Action Forum regarding the Ellis Act, please contact Hernan Molina, the City of West Hollywood’s Governmental Affairs Liaison, at (323) 848-6364 or at hmolina@weho.org. For people who are deaf or hearing impaired, please call TTY (323) 848-6496.