

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, July 27, 2017 @ 7:00 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**STUDY SESSION**

**Minutes**

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

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

**ROLL CALL:** Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

**PRESENT:** Chair Josh Kurpies, Vice Chair Rob Bergstein, Commissioner Garrett Charity, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Commissioner David Gregoire

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Margaret Buckles

**STAFF PRESENT:** Acting Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Gloria Aviles, Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization Elizabeth Savage, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinators Anwar Zraikat, Yellena Orloff, Chris Uszler, and Adriana Borge, Administrative Staff Melba Englander, Tom Trevor, and David Escobedo

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bergstein to approve the agenda for the July 27, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Topchian. The motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gregoire.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

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

Acting Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Gloria Aviles reviewed the Look Ahead calendar. She also announced the upcoming Commissioner and Advisory Board Member training session that will be held at Council Chambers on September 5, 2017.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

None

**STUDY SESSION:**

Acting Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Gloria Aviles opened the session by introducing the staff of the Rent Stabilization and Housing Division and sharing with the Commission what inspires her professionally. Rent Stabilization Information Coordinators Chris Uszler, Adriana Borge, Anwar Zraikat, and Yellena Orloff and also spoke to the Commission about what inspires them about working in the Rent Stabilization Division.

Ms. Aviles then spoke to the Commission about the Study Session and gave instruction on how they would go about ranking their priorities for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The Commission engaged in a conversation with staff that served to clarify the priority topics.

The Commissioners then prioritized the topics.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Chair Kurpies thanked the Commissioner for their participation in the study session.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 10, 2017 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 10th day of August, 2017.

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ATTEST:

  
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Josh Kurpies, Chair

  
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Commission Secretary