

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, January 24, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Charity called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Charity led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Celeste Barrino took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Rob Bergstein, Chair Garrett Charity, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Richard Maggio.

ABSENT: Commissioner Karen O'Keefe

STAFF PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Housing Information Coordinator Anwar Zraikat, Commission Secretary Celeste Barrino.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the agenda for the January 24, 2019 meeting as amended. Commissioner Charity seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstein to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Topchian.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comments

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead calendar.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio thanked Amanda Laflen, the Public Safety Commissioner for attending the meeting tonight.

NEW BUSINESS: Owner Occupancy Evictions Discussion

Housing Information Coordinator, Anwar Zraikat gave a summary on no-fault owner occupancy evictions.

Commissioner Bergstein asked the Commission to review the ordinance and regulations in respect to owner occupancy, specifically related to returning currently owner occupied units back in the rental housing market.

Commissioner Kurpies made a motion requesting information comparing owner occupancy and Ellis Act eviction regulations for West Hollywood and other rent stabilized/controlled jurisdictions, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Charity. The motion was approved

with a vote of 3-2-0.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Bergstein complemented staff on Rent Stabilization Winter News Letter.

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Commissioner Kurpies mentioned that Los Angeles County is proposing an income discrimination prohibition for Section 8 tenants with vouchers. He asked if staff could look into this further. He also mentioned that he participated in the County wide homeless count in the City of Beverly Hills and the Hollywood area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

STAFF COMMENTS: Housing Manager Peter Noonan mentioned the Conversation on Housing meeting will be held on January 29, 2019 at Plummer Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 28, 2019 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Celeste Barrino, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 28th day of February 2019.

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ATTEST:



Garrett Charity, Chair



Commission Secretary