

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, May 23, 2019, 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 Rob Bergstein, Chair Garrett Charity, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Karen O’Keefe, Commissioner Kellan Martz

ABSENT: Josh Kurpies

STAFF PRESENT: Rent Stabilization & Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel Alison Regan, Commission Secretary Celeste Barrino.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to approve the agenda for the May 23, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Maggio seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstein to approve the minutes as amended of the May 9, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio congratulated Commissioner Topchian and Commissioner Charity on their reappointment to the Commission. He also thanked Mayor John D’Amico for his reappointment to the Commission.

Commissioner Bergstein thanked Legal Counsel Alison Regan on behalf of West Hollywood resident John S. for her assistance with an ongoing housing issue.

APPEAL:

D-4394

1201 Crescent Heights Blvd #305

Legal Counsel Alison Regan provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

Michael Pendergast, Tenant, West Hollywood spoke on the appeal

Andrew Serna, Tenant/Landlord Representative, West Hollywood spoke on the appeal

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Charity to adopt Resolution 19-552, remanding the hearing examiner's decision to consider whether the elevator's malfunctioning has resulted in the elimination of a housing service in D-4394. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bergstein. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-2-0.

APPEAL:

D-4399

8304 Clinton St. #5

Legal Counsel Alison Regan provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

David Shapiro, Tenant, West Hollywood spoke on the appeal

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to adopt Resolution 19-553, remanding the hearing examiner's decision to consider the tenant's evidence regarding the rent overcharges in D-4399. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio mentioned that he attended the Public Safety award meeting.

Commissioner Martz asked if the study session could be moved to a later date.

Commissioner Topchian thanked Council Member Lauren Meister for his reappointment to the Commission. He asked about the valuation guidelines and how the hearing examiner determines the rent decrease amount for appeals. Alison Regan replied that the Commission has the ability to review hearing examiner's decision and the hearing examiner's decision is based on the RSH regulations.

STAFF COMMENTS: Housing Manager Peter Noonan informed the Commission that the smoking ordinance report will go before City Council at the June 3, 2019 council meeting. He also mentioned the upcoming online re-registration database workshop for landlords.

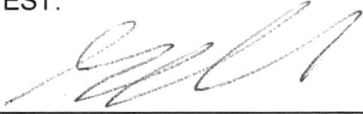
ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 13, 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 13th day of June 2019.

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ATTEST:



Garrett Charity, Chair



Commission Secretary