

**RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021
TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Topchian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Commission said the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **OATH OF OFFICE:** The Oath of Office was administered to Kimberly Copeland.
4. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr. took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Robert Bergstein, Commissioner Garrett Charity, Commissioner Kimberly Copeland, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Vice Chair Karen O'Keefe, Chair Agassi Topchian.

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, incoming Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio, Councilmember Sepi Shyne, and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Approve the agenda of January 14, 2021 as revised. **Motion by Commissioner Maggio to approve the January 14, 2021 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bergstein and approved.**

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of December 10, 2020 with corrections. **Motion by Commissioner Maggio, seconded by Commissioner Kurpies, and approved.**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

8. **MANAGER REPORT:** Acting Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Jonathan Holub reviewed the look-ahead calendar.

9. **COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Commissioner Maggio, Commissioner Kurpies, and Chair Topchian welcomed Commissioner Copeland to the Rent Stabilization Commission.

Commissioner Bergstein welcomed Commissioner Copeland and thanked Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan for her service over the years.

Chair Topchian thanked Ms. Regan for her service to the Commission and welcomed Mr. Holub to his new role as liaison to the Commission.

10. APPEAL

A. D-4537 7511 W. Norton Ave. Unit #5

Legal Counsel to the Commission provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report. Following deliberation, a motion was made by Chair Topchian to adopt Resolution RSC 21-589, reversing the Hearing Examiner's decision, seconded by Commissioner Bergstein. Commissioner Kurpies moved to amend the motion to adjust the rent reduction, seconded by Vice Chair O'Keefe and approved by a vote of 4-3, noting the "no" votes by Commissioner Bergstein, Commissioner Copeland, and Chair Topchian.

11. NEW BUSINESS: None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD thanked Ms. Regan and the Commissioners for their service and congratulated Commissioner Copeland on her appointment to the Commission.

13. COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Bergstein mentioned Los Angeles County would soon open grant applications for residents impacted by the pandemic and recommended visiting the City's website or 211LA.org for more information.

Commissioner Charity congratulated Commissioner Copeland on joining the Commission and thanked Ms. Regan for her service to the City and State of California.

Commissioner Copeland thanked the Commission for welcoming her and congratulated Ms. Regan on joining the City of Santa Monica.

Commissioner Kurpies welcomed Commissioner Copeland and congratulated Ms. Regan on joining the City of Santa Monica. He mentioned Assemblymember Bloom's efforts to extend tenant protections before the State Eviction Moratorium expires.

Vice Chair O'Keefe welcomed Commissioner Copeland and showed appreciation to Ms. Regan for her service and contributions in her service to the City. She also recognized former Rent Stabilization Manager Pete Noonan for his service and welcomed Mr. Holub to his new role.

Chair Topchian commended Ms. Regan and Mr. Noonan for their service to the City. He also requested staff to explore updating the current valuation guidelines and recommended placing the item on a future agenda.

- 14. STAFF COMMENTS:** Mr. Holub congratulated Chair Topchian and Vice Chair O’Keefe on their new roles and welcomed Commissioner Copeland. He also showed appreciation to Ms. Regan for her contributions to the Commission and the City.

Ms. Regan thanked the Commission for its dedication and approach to public service. She introduced incoming Legal Counsel John Natalizio.

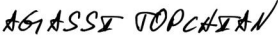
Mr. Natalizio greeted the Commission and congratulated Commissioner Copeland on her appointment.

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 28, 2021 via Zoom conference.

These minutes were submitted by Roger Vinalon, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 28th day of January 2021.

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Roger Vinalon, Commission Secretary

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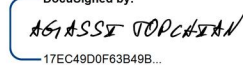
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