

**RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022
TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Martz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Commission said the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr. took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Karen Eyres, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Estevan Montemayor, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Vice Chair Kimberly Copeland and Chair Kellan Martz

ALSO PRESENT: Rent Stabilization Manager Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Approve the agenda of January 27, 2022. **Motion by Commissioner Topchian to approve the January 27, 2022 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Eyres and approved.**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of January 13, 2022. **Motion by Commissioner Eyres, seconded by Commissioner Kurpies and approved.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization Manager Jonathan Holub reviewed the look-ahead calendar and mentioned West Hollywood eviction cases remained low. He briefed the Commission on the updated COVID-19 tenant protections approved by the County Board of Supervisors and noted California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program applications continue to be accepted through housingiskey.com.

8. **COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Commissioner Kurpies mentioned the California Mortgage Relief Program began accepting applications for homeowners facing pandemic-related hardships and to visit camortgagerelief.org for more information.

Commissioner Eyres mentioned Senior Advisory Board members were interested in hearing about assistance available for residents facing eviction or other difficulties in rent-stabilized buildings. She suggested staff consider providing presentation to the Board.

Chair Martz thanked Vice Chair Copeland for acting as Chair in his absence.

9. APPEAL

A. D-4604 1274 N. Havenhurst Drive #3

Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

YAIR BEN-MOSHE, LOS ANGELES presented his oral argument.

Tenant Brian Larson did not attend.

Following Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Eyres to adopt Resolution RSC 22-606, affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maggio and approved with a vote of 7-0.**

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. COALITION FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL PRESENTATION ON TENANT ASSISTANCE

SUBJECT: The Rent Stabilization Commission will hear a presentation from Coalition for Economic Survival on their tenant assistance services.

Tenant Outreach Organizer Eugene Maysky outlined the tenant assistance services offered by Coalition for Economic Survival (CES), including educational Zoom clinics, referrals to legal assistance and support to tenant rights associations.

Commissioners Maggio, Topchian, and Eyres commended Mr. Maysky for his efforts and CES' support for the City of West Hollywood and its tenants.

Commissioner Kurpies asked about CES' experience with individuals searching for housing with Section 8 income. Mr. Maysky stated some individuals with Section 8 income who faced difficulty getting approved for housing found legal assistance through CES.

Vice Chair Copeland thanked CES for supporting residents facing eviction and harassment by advising them on their tenant rights.

Chair Martz expressed appreciation to CES for their service to tenants in need of administrative and emotional support in difficult situations.

ACTION: Receive and file.

- 11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:** Mr. Holub thanked Mr. Maysky for his presentation and mentioned residents can also visit weho.org or contact the Rent Stabilization Division for assistance.
- 12. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- 13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Kurpies mentioned the vote on Assembly Bill 854 would be on January 31st and suggested the public contact their assembly members to vote in favor of requiring property owners to own a building for five years before evicting tenants under the Ellis Act.
- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 10, 2022 via Zoom conference.

These minutes were submitted by Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 10th day of February 2022.

A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's office upon request. You may also view a video of this meeting at <http://www.weho.org/weho-tv/other-city-meetings>.

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Kellan Martz, Chair



Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary

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