

BERKELEY RENT STABILIZATION BOARD

2021 Assignments for Active Committees

COMMITTEES	COMMISSIONERS	STAFF CONTACT(S)
BUDGET & PERSONNEL	Chang Selawsky Simon-Weisberg Walker <i>Alternate: Laverde</i>	Matt Brown, Acting Executive Director
EVICTON / SECTION 8 / FORECLOSURE	Laverde Mendonca Selawsky Walker <i>Alternate: Kelley</i>	Matthew Siegel, Staff Attorney
HABITABLE & SUSTAINABLE HOUSING (HASH)	Alpert Johnson Kelley Selawsky	Lief Bursell, Senior Planner
IRA / AGA / REGISTRATION	Alpert Johnson Kelley Simon-Weisberg	Matt Brown, Acting Executive Director
OUTREACH	Chang Kelley Laverde Mendonca	Moni T. Law, Community Services Specialist II Michele Byrnes, PIU Manager
4 x 4 JOINT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING: CITY COUNCIL / RSB	Alpert Johnson Kelley Simon-Weisberg <i>Alternate: Walker</i>	Matt Brown, Acting Executive Director Be Tran, Associate Planner
2 x 2 COMMITTEE ON HOUSING: RSB / BUSD	Kelley Walker <i>Alternate: Mendonca</i>	TBD
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RSB TECHNOLOGY ISSUES	Selawsky Simon-Weisberg	Aimee Mueller, Associate Mgmt. Analyst

BUDGET & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

This Committee oversees the annual budget process and makes recommendations to the Board throughout the year on changes to the staffing model and any expenditures that arise outside of the budget process. Any issues related to registration or the registration fee originate with this Committee, including such programs as the Summer Registration Fee for fraternities.

Commissioner Chang

Commissioner Walker

Commissioner Selawsky

Commissioner Simon-Weisberg

Alternate: Laverde

EVICTIION / SECTION 8 / FORECLOSURE COMMITTEE

This Committee reviews and monitors matters related to the displacement of tenants from affordable housing and possible resources to assist them. The Committee's work includes, but is not limited to, reviewing and tracking annual status reports on Owner Occupancy and Ellis evictions, meeting with the Berkeley Housing Authority on common ground issues, tracking and monitoring staff's progress in outreach to tenants in foreclosed or distressed properties, and reviewing the work performed under contract with the East Bay Community Law Center and Eviction Defense Center.

Commissioner Mendonca

Commissioner Selawsky

Commissioner Walker

Commissioner Laverde

Alternate: Kelley

HABITABLE & SUSTAINABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

This Committee will take the place of the former Habitability Committee and Resilience & Sustainability Committee. The Committee will focus on habitability issues such as cyclical housing inspections, anonymous building complaints, and Rental Housing Safety Program issues. It will also focus on disaster preparedness and maintaining safe, secure, healthy, and environmentally conscientious rental housing in Berkeley.

Commissioner Alpert

Commissioner Johnson
Commissioner Kelley
Commissioner Selawsky

INDIVIDUAL RENT ADJUSTMENT / ANNUAL GENERAL ADJUSTMENT / REGISTRATION COMMITTEE (LIRA Committee)

This Committee handles all issues that relate to the Board's regulations and the Hearings Unit. The Committee reviews and approves the Annual General Adjustment. Changes to regulations may be initiated at the Committee, and the Board refers any issues that arise related to regulations, hearings, or the appeals process to this Committee. The Committee also reviews issues related to waivers or other registration topics.

Commissioner Alpert
Commissioner Johnson
Commissioner Simon-Weisberg
Commissioner Kelley

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee reviews efforts and makes recommendations for informing Berkeley residents and property owners of the services that the Rent Board provides and for expanding access to these services. Outreach projects include, but are not limited to, informative workshops and mailings, advertising, and on-the-spot counseling services at annual Berkeley events, the library, senior centers, and local college campuses.

Commissioner Kelley
Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Mendonca
Commissioner Laverde

2 x 2 Committee on Housing: RSB / BUSD

To better fulfill the Rent Stabilization Board's duties as required by the Charter, this Committee was created so that the Board can work in concert with the Berkeley Unified School District on rental housing issues that affect families with school-aged children. These would be quarterly meetings.

Commissioner Walker
Commissioner Kelley
Alternate: Commissioner Mendonca

4 x 4 JOINT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING -- RENT BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL

The 4x4 was established to allow the Rent Board and the City Council to discuss and make recommendations on housing issues where jurisdiction or policy overlap, conflict or is unclear. Four members are appointed from each body. Issues that have been before the 4x4 include seismic safety issues (soft story ordinance and signage enforcement), the Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance, the Condominium Conversion Ordinance, proposed changes to the Demolition Ordinance, recycling and energy issues, the apartment building fires, and habitability issues, including the Rental Housing Safety Program and how the city performs inspections.

Next Meeting: To Be Announced

Commissioner Simon-Weisberg (Chair)

Commissioner Alpert

Commissioner Johnson

Commissioner Kelley

Alternate: Commissioner Walker

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RSB TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

This Committee will address technology issues related to the new paperless agenda program. It will also identify and analyze new technology opportunities with an eye towards increasing efficiency and effectiveness, including but not limited to, the cost of implementing and maintaining new technologies, effects on Board and staff processes, and creating implementation and use policies that comply with the City's applicable Administrative Regulations and policies for any new technologies that may be adopted.

Commissioner Leah Simon-Weisberg

Commissioner Selawsky