



RENT STABILIZATION BOARD
Special Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2022
12:00 p.m.

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), City Council Resolution 70,030-N.S., and City of Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board (Rent Board) Resolution 21-29, this meeting of the **Rent Board** will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. Please be advised that pursuant to the Resolutions and the findings contained therein that the spread of COVID-19 continues to be a threat to the public health and that holding meetings of City legislative bodies in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of the public and members of legislative bodies. **Therefore, there will not be a physical meeting location available.**

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Please be mindful that this meeting will be recorded, and all other rules of procedure and decorum will apply for Rent Board meetings conducted by teleconference or videoconference.

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with Government Code Section 54953, 54956, and all current state and local requirements allowing public participation in meetings of legislative bodies. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to DéSeana Williams, Executive Director, at (510) 981-7368. The Rent Board may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda.

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Special Meeting Minutes - *Unapproved*

1. **Roll call** – Chair Simon-Weisberg called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Aimee Mueller called roll.
Commissioners present: Chang (joined at 12:04 p.m.), Johnson, Kelley, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg.
Commissioners absent: Alpert, Laverde.
Staff present: Brown, Mueller, Williams.

2. **Land Acknowledgment Statement**: The Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board recognizes that the rental housing units we regulate are built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun-(Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley’s landlords and tenants have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley’s incorporation in 1878 and since the Rent Stabilization Board’s creation in 1980. As stewards of the laws regulating rental housing, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today.

The land acknowledgment statement was played aloud.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

M/S/C (Kelley/Chang) APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN. Roll call vote. YES: Chang, Johnson, Kelley, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Alpert, Laverde. Carried: 7-0-0-2.

4. **Public Comment** – *non*-agendized items. There were no speakers.

5. **Public Comment** – items on the agenda. There were no speakers.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**
from Board Members, Committees, Executive Director or Staff

- a. **Discussion and possible action to have the Board take a position on Assembly Bill (AB) AB-2469 Housing: Statewide Rental Registry** (Chair Simon-Weisberg & Vice-Chair Alpert)

M/S/C (Kelley/Selawsky) SUPPORT AB-2469 AS AMENDED. Roll call vote. YES: Chang, Johnson, Kelley, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Alpert, Laverde. Carried: 7-0-0-2.

- b. Discussion and possible action to have the Board take a position on AB-2386 Planning and zoning: tenancy in common subject to an exclusive occupancy agreement (Chair Simon-Weisberg & Vice-Chair Alpert)

M/S/C (Kelley/Selawsky) SUPPORT AB-2386. Roll call vote. YES: Chang, Johnson, Kelley, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Alpert, Laverde. Carried: 7-0-0-2.

- c. Discussion and possible action to adopt proposed Resolution 22-05 to authorize drafting letters to express the Board's positions on AB-2469 and AB-2386 (Chair Simon-Weisberg & Vice-Chair Alpert)

M/S/C (Chang/Selawsky) ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-05 AS WRITTEN. Roll call vote. YES: Chang, Johnson, Kelley, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Alpert, Laverde. Carried: 7-0-0-2.

7. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Selawsky/Johnson) MOTION TO ADJOURN. Roll call vote. YES: Chang, Johnson, Kelley, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Alpert, Laverde. Carried: 7-0-0-2.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.