



DATE: January 15th, 2026
TO: Honorable Members of the Rent Stabilization Board
FROM: Chair Soli Alpert
SUBJECT: Condemning Illegal Military Aggression in Venezuela

Recommendation:

That the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board adopt the attached resolution condemning the Trump administration's illegal military aggression in Venezuela.

Background:

See attached Resolution.

Financial Impact:

None.

Name and Email Address of Contact Person:

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RESOLUTION 26-02

CONDEMNING ILLEGAL MILITARY AGGRESSION IN VENEZUELA

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rent Stabilization Board of the City of Berkeley as follows:

WHEREAS, on January 3rd, the federal administration launched a military operation on Caracas, Venezuela, bombing multiple sites in the city and abducting the President and First Lady of Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, this military attack is a clear act of war, in violation of both international¹ and US law²; and

WHEREAS, this attack is only the latest in a long history of illegal American military intervention in Latin America, all of which have invariably resulted in mass human rights violations and the displacement of civilians as refugees; and

WHEREAS, assertions by the federal administration that this illegal act of aggression is to prevent drug trafficking are clear fictions, with Trumps own DEA saying that Venezuela plays an extremely minor role in the flow of drugs to the United States³.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board condemns this illegal and unjustified act of war by the federal administration on Venezuela and calls for an end to all military activity targeting the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board calls for the immediate release of President Nicholas Maduro and First Lady Cilia Flores.

Dated: January 15, 2026

Adopted by the Rent Stabilization Board of the City of Berkeley by the following vote:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Soli Alpert, Chairperson
Rent Stabilization Board

Attest: _____
DéSeana Williams, Executive Director

1 <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/full-text>

2 <https://www.congress.gov/bill/93rd-congress/house-joint-resolution/542>

3 https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2025-02/508_5.23.2024%20NDTA-updated.pdf