Rent Stabilization Board

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD
OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 5:30 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 Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board (Rent Board) Resolution 21-29, this meeting of the Rent Board's **Outreach Committee** (Committee) will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. Please be advised that pursuant to the Resolution and the findings contained therein, the spread of COVID-19 continues to be a threat to 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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To join by phone: Dial 1-669-900-6833, enter Webinar ID: 859 1632 1822, and Passcode: 374117. If you wish to comment during the Public Comment portion of the agenda, Press *9 and wait to be recognized by the Committee Chair.

To submit an e-mail comment to be read aloud during Public Comment, email mlaw@cityofberkeley.info with the Subject line in this format: "PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM FOR OUTREACH COMMITTEE." Please observe a 150-word limit. Time limits on public comments will apply. Written comments will be entered into the public record. Email comments must be submitted to the email address above **by 3:30 p.m.** on the day of the Committee meeting to be included.

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

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with Government Code Section 54953 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 (981-RENT). The Committee may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda.

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AGENDA

1. Roll call (2 min)

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.*

3. Approval of the Agenda (2 min)

4. Approval of the Minutes of the October 19, 2022 Meeting (Attached to agenda) (5 min)

5. Public Comment (5 min)

6. Tenant Survey Update (Laura Gil-Trejo, Cal State Fullerton Research Center) (25 min)

7. Fair Chance Ordinance (Informational Update re Underground Scholars And JustCities collaboration) (10 min)

8. Preparation for Emergencies: Wildfire and Earthquakes (5 min)
   (Information attached re Earthquake preparedness)
   https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/news/apply-nov-29-seismic-retrofit-grants

https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/events/earthquake-brace-bolt-virtual-workshop (November 16, 2022 online workshop 6:30p.m. – 8:00pm)

https://berkeleyca.gov/safety-health/disaster-preparedness/community-emergency-response-team-cert (Emergency Prep Classes Online)

https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/
(How to Prepare for Wildfires)

9. Staff Report: Recent and Upcoming Events (10 min)
   - Early Planning for Eviction Webinar in January
   - Joint Presentation on Fair Chance Ordinance with JustCities

10. Outgoing Commissioners Share Reflections: Past and Future (15 min)

11. Schedule Next Meeting Date (January 2023) (2 min)

12. Future Agenda Items (5 min)

13. Adjournment (2 min)

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COMMITTEE: James Chang, Andy Kelley, Paola Laverde (Chair), Mari Mendonca