RESOLUTION 22-30

IN APPRECIATION OF MARI MENDONCA FOR HER THREE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE BERKELEY RENT STABILIZATION BOARD AND THE CITY OF BERKELEY

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

WHEREAS, Mari Mendonca was appointed to the Berkeley Rent Board in October of 2019 to fulfill the remainder of Commissioner Christina Murphy's term, and was then elected by the voters to serve on the Board in November of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mari has served for three years as a Rent Board Commissioner with dedication and empathy deeply informed and inspired by her lived experience; and

WHEREAS, Mari has consistently demonstrated her commitment to the tenants of Berkeley by advocating on their behalf during tumultuous and unprecedented times; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of her unwavering commitment to raising the voices of marginalized communities and acknowledging the challenges they have endured, Mari's advocacy led to the passing of Rent Board Resolution 20-12 Affirming That Black Lives Matter, which the Board passed by unanimous vote in June of 2020, that named the history, struggle and rights of those whose identities and freedoms have been denied and the work we must do to restore and honor them; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to foster greater communication between renters and landlords across Berkeley communities, Mari collaboratively worked with tenant unions and tenant organizations to implement policies that benefit renters across Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Mari served as Chair of the Eviction/Section 8/Foreclosure Committee, and as a member of the Outreach Committee and the 4 x 4 Joint Task Force Committee on Housing; and

WHEREAS, Mari has been a respected colleague and partner in working towards more just and equitable housing policy for all Berkeley residents;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board hereby thanks Mari Mendonca for her years of service and her commitment to the City of Berkeley.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board wishes Mari Mendonca the very best in her future endeavors.

Dated: November 17, 2022

Adopted by the Rent Stabilization Board by the following vote:

YES:
NO:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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Leah Simon-Weisberg, Chairperson
Rent Stabilization Board

Attest: _____
DéSeana Williams, Executive Director