



Rent Stabilization Board

**RENT STABILIZATION BOARD**  
**OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, November 13, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Rent Stabilization Board Law Library – 201 Center Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Berkeley**

**PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A HYBRID MODEL WITH BOTH IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AND VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION.**

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**To join by phone:** Dial 1-669-900-6833 and enter Webinar ID: 831 5046 3664 and Passcode: 773055. If you wish to comment during the public comment portion of the agenda, Press \*9 and wait to be recognized by the Committee Chair.

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Please be mindful that this will be a public meeting and all rules of procedure and decorum apply for both in-person attendees and those participating 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 at the posted location(s). Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to DéSeana Williams, Executive Director of the Rent Board, at 510-981-7368 (981-RENT). The Committee may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda.



**COMMUNICATION ACCESS INFORMATION:**

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**AGENDA**

1. Roll call (1 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 16, 2023 Meeting (3 min)
5. Public Comment (5 min)
6. Year End Summary of Community Outreach Events (7 min)
7. UC Berkeley Outreach Efforts – Tenants' Rights Week Nov. 27-30, 2023 (10 min)
8. Annual AGA/Security Deposit Interest Postcard Draft Preview (5 min)
9. Eviction Moratorium Outreach Efforts Update (10 min)
10. Next Steps with Tenant Survey (15 min)
11. Next Meeting December or January? (2 min)
12. Future Agenda Items (5 min)
  - Eviction Moratorium Outreach Efforts
  - Next Steps with Tenant Survey
  - End of Year Report on Rent Board Outreach Activities and Metrics Tracking
  - Peralta Community Outreach
  - Using GANTT charts for Outreach Planning
  - Language Access Policy
  - Proactive Outreach and Collaboration with BHA, BMR and S+C Programs, Etc.



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13. Announcements (3 min)
14. Adjournment (2 min)

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**Minutes (Unapproved)**

1. Roll call: N. Dahl called Roll.  
Members present: Alpert, Kelley, and Marrero.  
Members Absent: Elgstrand (Approved Absence)  
Staff Present: N. Dahl
2. Land Acknowledgment Statement: The Land Acknowledgment Statement was played.
3. Approval of the Agenda: M/S/C (Kelley/ Marrero) Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Kelley, and Marrero;  
NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Elgstrand. Carried: 3-0-0-1.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the September 11, 2023 Meeting: M/S/C (Kelley/Marrero) Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2023\_Meeting. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Kelley and Marrero; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Elgstrand. Carried: 3-0-0-1
5. Public Comment: No public comment.
6. BUSD Outreach and sample of Advertisement for directories: No Action Taken.
7. UC Berkeley Outreach Efforts – Tenant’s Rights Workshop Planning: No Action Taken.
8. Eviction Moratorium Outreach Efforts Update: No Action Taken.
9. Next Steps with Tenant Survey: No Action Taken.
10. Next Meeting: Scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rent Board Law Library, 2001 Center Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Berkeley.
11. Future Agenda Items:
  - Eviction Moratorium Outreach Efforts
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12. Announcements: Commissioner Marrero announced appointment to regional advisory committee for the western region. Exploring opportunity gaps for housing and transportation.

Staff announced RSB participation at the Harvest Festival at Cedar Rose Park. October 21, 2023.

13. Adjournment: M/S/C (Kelley/Marrero) Motion to adjourn. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Kelley and Marrero; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Elgstrand. Carried: 3-0-0-1. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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 Outreach Committee  
 November 13, 2023

### Information Item Rent Board Outreach Events

Below are data points from community outreach events in which the Rent Board has participated in 2023.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Approximate # of table Visitors</b>	<b>Tenant/Landlord/Other</b>	<b>Berkeley or non-Berkeley resident</b>	<b>Aware of Rent Board Services?</b>	<b>Has used Rent Board Services</b>
Farm Workers Commemoration Event 4/12/23	~20-30 14 Data Points	12/2/0	11 Berkeley 3 Other	7 Yes 7 No	1 Yes 13 No
Bay Festival 4/23/23	100+ 67 Data Points	23/40/4	19 Berkeley 48 Other	15 Yes 52 No	5 Yes 62 No
Juneteenth Festival 6/18/23	100+ 81 Data Points	57/11/13	51 Berkeley 30 Other	62 Yes 19 No	24 Yes 57 No
National Night Out 8/1/23	~ 40-50 30 Data Points	28/2/0	25 Berkeley 5 Other	9 Yes 21 No	5 Yes 25 No
BUSD School Supplies Giveaway Event 8/23/23	~50-60 46 Data Points	33/10/3	42 Berkeley 4 Other	23 Yes 20 No 3 No Resp.	9 Yes 34 No 3 No Resp.
Solano Stroll 9/10/23	100+ 69 Data Points	32/11/26	43 Berkeley 26 Other	20 Yes 11 No 38 No Resp.	10 Yes 12 No 47 No Resp.
BUSD Black to School 9/16/23	7 6 Data Points	4/2/0	5 Berkeley 1 Other	4 Yes 2 No	3 yes 3 No
Harvest Festival 10/21/23	60+ 45 Data Points	21/2/22	38 Berkeley 7 Other	22 Yes 22 No 1 No Resp.	8 Yes 21 No 16 No Resp.
Dia De Los Muertos BUSD 10/21/23	~10 4 Data Points	3/0/1	3 Berkeley 1 Other	4 No Resp.	4 No Resp.

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**WHERE: TILDEN ROOM, MLK (5TH FLOOR)**

**WHEN: THURS, NOV 9, 5-7PM**

- Hear from local and campus groups about housing
- Learn about how student housing is changing
- Find out about your rights as a tenant in Berkeley
- Find resources in finding housing

Enjoy some Panda Express and gift card raffles! RSVP here -->



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# TENANTS' RIGHTS WEEK

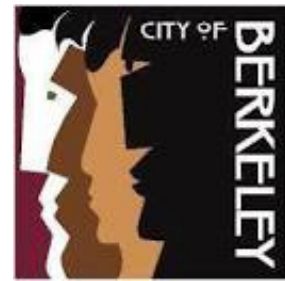
NOVEMBER 27TH-30TH

With the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board  
Sproul Plaza tabling: Monday-Wednesday 11 am-2pm

“Know your Rights and Responsibilities”

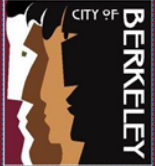
Free workshop by the City of Berkeley Rent Board Housing Counselors for Students. Thursday November 30th, 2pm-5pm 5th floor of Eshelman Hall. Food will be provided. Zoom Option available  
<https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/98794075726>

**RSVP HERE!**



Additional sponsors: ASUC Housing Commission, Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, Student Legal Services, Renters Legal Assistance, Basic Needs Center





## 2024 Annual General Adjustments (Rent Increases) & Security Deposit Interest Owed for 2023

**1.9%**

**2024 Annual General Adjustment**

**0.7%**

**2023 Interest on Security Deposits**

In order for a landlord to implement the Annual General Adjustment (AGA) or any rent increase for rent controlled units or rooms in Berkeley:

- ◆ Proper written notice must be issued to the tenant household.
- ◆ The property must be registered with the Rent Board and have no outstanding fees or penalties.
- ◆ They must charge no more than what the lawful rent ceiling allows.
- ◆ There are no serious repair issues or outstanding housing code enforcement violations.
- ◆ The landlord has paid the 2023 interest on the security deposit.

\* A landlord must pay the tenant household the interest on their security deposit or allow them to deduct its value from rent by Jan. 31, 2024 or else AGA cannot be applied and the tenant household can deduct 10% of the security deposit value from rent as a penalty (Rent Board Regulation 704).

**Important Information!**  
**City of Berkeley Rent Board**



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## Connect With Us

Contact Rent Board Housing Counselors with your questions.

**Phone:** (510) 981-7368 Ext.1

**Email:** [rent@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:rent@cityofberkeley.info)

**Request an Appointment:**

<https://tinyurl.com/rentboardappt>

## Want more information?

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### Annual General Adjustments

<https://bit.ly/AGAs>



### Security Deposit Interest

[https://bit.ly/Sec\\_Dep\\_Interest](https://bit.ly/Sec_Dep_Interest)



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