



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

**Monday, July 8, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Rent Stabilization Board Committee Room – 2000 Center Street, 4th floor, Berkeley**  
**Teleconference location: 1418A 67th St, Berkeley, CA 94702**

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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 May 13, 2024 Meeting (2 min.)
5. Public Comment (5 min.)
6. Introduction to Sophia Jacob, Berkeley Community College and Cal alumni, working with Peralta Colleges and Youthworks on Rent Board Peralta engagement (10 min.)
7. Berkeley Unified School District African American Success Framework Committee connection (5 min.)
8. Tenant Survey – Interdepartmental presentation postponed to late August after Rent Board New Office Open House (2 min.)
9. Discussion of Language Access Policy and Style Guide (5 min.)
10. Next Meeting Date August 5, 2024 – Berkeley Rent Board Committee Room (5 min.)
11. Future Agenda Items (5 min.)
12. Announcements (3 min.)
13. Adjournment (2 min.)

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**Minutes (Unapproved)**

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Committee Chair Alpert made a motion to allow Commissioner Kelley to participate remotely in the meeting due to emergency circumstances as allowed by California Government Code Section 54953(f), the motion was seconded by Commissioner Marrero. The motion carried 3-0-1-0.

1. Roll call: N. Dahl called Roll.  
Members Present: Alpert, Elgstrand, Marrero and Kelley (remote).  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: N. Dahl, D. Williams, C. Orozco
2. Land Acknowledgment Statement: The Land Acknowledgment Statement was played.
3. Election of new Outreach Committee Chair: Nomination of Soli Alpert as Committee Chair, no other nominations or objections from committee. Vote to confirm Commissioner Alpert as Committee Chair: Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Elgstrand, Marrero and Kelley; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None; Carried: 4-0-0-0.
4. Approval of the Agenda: M/S/C (Marrero/ Elgstrand) Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Elgstrand, Marrero and Kelley; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None; Carried: 4-0-0-0.
5. Approval of the Minutes of the January 8, 2024 Meeting: M/S/C (Elgstrand/Kelley) Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Elgstrand, Marrero and Kelley; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None; Carried: 4-0-0-0.
6. Public Comment: No public comment.
7. Registration Outreach, Preview of Registration Videos: No Action Taken.
8. Schedule of 2024 Rent Board Outreach Events and Engagements: No Action Taken.
9. Recap of UC Berkeley Outreach – Tenants’ Rights Week April 10, 16 and 18: No Action Taken.
10. Discussion of Language Access Policy and Style Guide: No action Taken.

11. Next Meeting: Scheduled for Monday July 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rent Board Committee Room, 2000 Center Street, Suite 400, Berkeley.

12. Future Agenda Items:

- Next Steps with Tenant Survey
- Proactive Outreach and Collaboration with BHA, BMR and S+C Programs, etc.
- Language Access Policy & Style Guide
- Peralta Community Outreach
- Rent Board Orientation to Newly Elected Officials.
- BUSD Outreach work via Superintendent Ford Morthel’s African American Task Force.

13. Announcements: None.

14. Adjournment: M/S/C (Kelley/ Elgstrand) Motion to adjourn. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Elgstrand, Marrero and Kelley; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Carried: 4-0-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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