



RENT STABILIZATION BOARD
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Monday, October 7, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Rent Stabilization Board Conference Room A – 2000 Center Street, Suite 400, Berkeley

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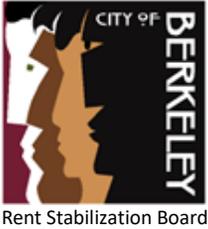
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AGENDA

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. Public Comment (5 min.)
5. Approval of September 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes (2 min.)
6. Update on Inflation Reduction Act - Decarbonization Without Displacement (20 min.)
7. Review of Current City of Berkeley Green Building Improvement Programs (15 min.)
8. Announcements (5 min.)
9. Next Meeting (2 min.)
10. Future Agenda Items (5 min.)
11. Adjournment (2 min.)

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COMMITTEE: Ida Martinac (Chair), Stefan Elgstrand, Xavier Johnson, Leah Simon-Weisberg



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Thursday, September 12, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

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Minutes (Unapproved)

1. Roll call: N. Dahl called Roll.
 Members present: Elgstrand, Johnson, Martinac,
 Staff Present: N. Dahl, A. Eberhart
2. Land Acknowledgment Statement: The Land Acknowledgment Statement was played.
3. Approval of the Agenda: M/S/C (Elgstrand /Simon-Weisberg) Motion to approve the Agenda. Voice vote. Carried: 3-0- 0-1.
4. Public Comment: 1 Public Speaker.
5. Approval of June 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes: M/S/C (Elgstrand / Simon-Weisberg) Motion to approve the June 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Voice vote. Carried: 3-0- 0-1.
6. Update on Data Set of Housing Services Paid for by Landlords: No Action Taken.
7. Decarbonization Without Displacement: No Action Taken.
8. Announcements: No announcements.
9. Next Meeting: October 7, 2024 6:00pm
10. Future Agenda Items – Review of City of Berkeley Climate Action Plan and integrating into Decarbonization Without Displacement Efforts. Inflation Reduction Act.
11. Adjournment: (Meeting Adjourned - 7:02pm)

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The [California IRA Residential Energy Rebate Programs](#) will start rolling out this fall, with the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEEHRA) Phase I program. The Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES) programs will be launching in 2025 and 2026. Here's more detail:

California will launch HEEHRA Phase I (total of \$80M in rebates) through the [TECH Clean California](#) program, which has a network of registered contractors and other trade professionals. These trade professionals will apply for and pass the rebates for energy-efficient appliances along to eligible property owners including low- and moderate-income households, under 150% of the Area Median Income, and owners of multifamily buildings (5+ residential units) with income-eligible tenants.

HEEHRA Phase II (total of \$152M in rebates) is under development. The CEC plans to hold a public workshop this fall and anticipates launching the program in late 2025/early 2026.

California's HOMES will include two programs:

- [HOMES Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program](#), which will provide low- or no-cost upgrades for low- and moderate-income residents, launching in 2025, and
- HOMES Pay for Performance Program, with rebates based on measured energy savings, available to Californians of all income levels, launching in 2025 or 2026.

At the current time, Rent Board Sustainability Committee members could subscribe on the [California IRA Residential Energy Rebate Programs](#) website (right-hand side) to receive notice of the upcoming public workshop on the HEEHRA Phase II program and other information. In addition, the California Energy Commission (CEC) welcomes comments and continues to consider [additional comments submitted to the docket](#) as the CEC works to implement these programs.

There are other IRA programs as well, including the [Federal IRA Clean Vehicle and Energy tax credits and deductions](#).

In general, our office works to maintain this webpage, [Financing Green Building Improvements](#), with information and links to resources.

Hope that helps,
Sarah

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Financing Green Building Improvements

Take advantage of incentive programs and affordable loans to help pay for green building improvements.

Energy efficiency upgrades can make your home or building healthier and more comfortable, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The links below include energy efficiency programs that may qualify you for high performance recognition and exemption for Berkeley's [Building Energy Saving Ordinance](#) along with energy-saving rebates, financing, and assistance.

INCENTIVES FOR BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION & ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

Rebates for single-family homeowners

[Switch is On](#) is a great starting place to learn about home electrification. Switch is On provides [free technical assistance](#) to answer your questions about heat pumps, solar, and battery storage. Switch is On also provides a [contractor database](#) and a comprehensive [incentive finder](#).

Visit Rewiring America's Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) [Savings Calculator](#) and discover tax credits for going electric. Find resources for [renters](#), and learn how you can electrify your home without upgrading your [electric panel](#).

At [Clean Energy for All](#) learn about Federal tax credits to upgrade your home with rooftop solar, insulation, and energy efficient windows, doors and electric appliances such as heat pump HVAC systems and water heaters.

Rebates for multifamily property owners

[BayREN](#) offers energy efficiency rebates, no-cost energy consulting, and low interest financing for multifamily property owners. Reduced energy use lowers operating costs for property owners and increases comfort and energy affordability for tenants.

[TECH Clean California](#) also offers incentives for multifamily property owners.

Rebates for small & medium businesses

[BayREN](#) offers HVAC, refrigeration, and lighting upgrades that can cut your operating expenses up to 25 percent. BayREN offers free energy assessments, no up-front cost equipment installation, and remote monitoring.

The [PG&E Simplified Savings](#) program supports small business customers to reduce energy bills through no-cost or reduced-cost facility assessments and building upgrades. Simplified Savings serves hard-to-reach small businesses or those operating within [disadvantaged communities](#).

Income-qualified programs

Income-qualified homeowners can take advantage of one of the free programs below:

- [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#) Spectrum Energy Services offers bill payment assistance and free weatherization services (weather stripping, attic insulation, and caulking) and energy efficient refrigerators to income-qualified residents
- [PG&E's Energy Saving Assistance Program](#) Income qualified homeowners are eligible for a free home energy assessment and subsequent energy improvements from an energy specialist

LOANS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

GoGreen Financing

[GoGreen Financing](#) offers loans for homeowners, affordable multifamily building owners, and small business owners. Administered by the State of California, GoGreen provides attractive financing for central heating and air conditioning, efficient windows and appliances, cool roofs and many other home improvements. Up to 30% of the financing can be used for non-energy improvements of your choice, such as drought-tolerant landscaping or window coverings.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing

Property owners can borrow money to pay for green building improvements and spread the cost out over time with PACE financing. You pay back your PACE loan with a special assessment added to your property tax bill.

Benefits:

- No upfront costs
- Long-term, fixed-cost 100% financing
- Loans secured by the property rather than the owner's credit standing
- Assessment may be passed on to the next property owner in the event of sale
- Can be combined with rebates

Sign up for PACE financing with any of the providers listed with the [California Statewide Communities Development Authority \(CSCDA\)](#) [Open PACE](#) program. For additional providers, contact sustainability@cityofberkeley.info

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