



Rent Stabilization Board

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD
EVICTION / SECTION 8 / FORECLOSURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Rent Stabilization Board Law Library – 2001 Center Street, 2nd floor, Berkeley, CA 94704

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AGENDA

1. Roll call
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
4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting (attached to Agenda)
5. Public Comment
6. Discussion regarding Board data on recent eviction activity
7. Discussion regarding status of Rental Assistance Program
8. Discussion and possible action regarding Committee Work Plan
9. Confirm next meeting date (Commissioners: please bring calendars to meeting)
10. Adjournment

STAFF CONTACT: Ollie Ehlinger, Staff Attorney – (510) 981-4924
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MINUTES – (*Unapproved*)

1. Roll call: Committee Staffer Ollie Ehlinger called Roll
Members present: Elgstrand, Johnson, and Mizell.
Staff present: O. Ehlinger
2. Land Acknowledgment Statement: The Land Acknowledgment Statement was played.
3. Approval of the Agenda: Committee Chair Elgstrand requested a motion to change the order of the agenda to place Item 6 after Item 8. M/S/C (Johnson/Mizell). Voice vote. Carried: 3-0-0-1.
4. Approval of Minutes of the September 26, 2023 meeting: M/S/C (Mizell/Johnson) Motion to approve the April 18, 2023 meeting minutes without amendment. Voice vote. Carried: 3-0-0-1.
5. Public Comment: No members of the public offered a comment.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding recent eviction activity: Committee Staffer Ehlinger gave a brief report on the Board's data regarding eviction notices. The Committee briefly discussed the report and took no action.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding eviction Notices: Committee Staffer Ehlinger gave a report on staff's work, pursuant to a request from the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Rent Ordinance Amendments at the 2024 November General Election, to require notices of termination provide information regarding assistance for tenants facing eviction, the Committee briefly discussed the report, and took no action.
8. Presentation from the Berkeley Housing Authority: The presenters from the Berkeley Housing Authority were unable to attend. Committee Staffer Ehlinger gave a report on the Ordinance's exemption for Section 8 units. The Committee briefly discussed the report and too no action.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items: Committee Chair Elgstrand requested that a continued update on the expiration of the COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium be placed on the next meeting agenda and an invitation to the Berkeley Housing Authority be re-

extended.

10. Confirm next meeting date: Next meeting scheduled for January 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment: M/S/C (Johnson/Mizell) Motion to Adjourn. Voice vote. Carried: 3-0-0-1. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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Rent Stabilization Board
Commissioner Elgstrand

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 2024
To: Honorable Members of the Eviction/Section 8/Foreclosure Committee
From: Chair Stefan Elgstrand
Subject: 2024 Eviction/Section 8/Foreclosure Committee Meeting Schedule/Workplan Proposal

The Eviction/Section 8/Foreclosure Committee has a regular scheduled meeting time of the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Law Library, 2001 Center St, 2nd Floor. Below is the suggested Committee Work Plan for 2024:

- February – Updates on Section 8 and the Berkeley Housing Authority
- March – Owner Move-In Report
- April – No Meeting
- May – Foreclosures Update
- June – Ellis Evictions Update
- July – Identifying Eviction Defense Needs and Issues
- August – No Meeting
- September – Owner Move-In Report
- October – No Meeting
- November - TBA
- December – No Meeting

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