



RENT STABILIZATION BOARD
LEGISLATION, IRA / AGA & REGISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

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

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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 April 10, 2025 meeting (See attached).
5. Public Comment
6. Discussion and possible action regarding registration requirements for Section 8 units
7. Discussion and possible action regarding how change from property management to owner management may affect Tenant Associations under B.M.C. Section 13.76.135
8. Discussion and possible action regarding building-wide petitions
9. Discussion and possible action regarding adopting regulations related to Right to Organize when there are tenant employees on the property
10. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items
 - ➔ Adoption of standardized percentages for Decrease in Services petitions
 - ➔ Availability of vacancy information on the rent registry
11. Confirm next meeting date
12. Adjournment

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Minutes – Unapproved

1. Roll call: General Counsel Brown opened the meeting at 6:04 pm.
Members Present: All.
Staff Present: M. Brown, and O. Ehlinger.
2. Land Acknowledgment Statement: The recording of the Land Acknowledgment Statement was played.
3. Approval of the agenda: Motion to approve the agenda. Carried: 4-0-0-0
4. Approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2025 meeting: Motion to Approve the Minutes as Drafted. Carried: 4-0-0-0.
5. Public Comment: Krista Gulbransen asked for registration requirements for Section 8 units.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a Board-generated form for tenants to use when creating Tenant Associations under B.M.C. Section 13.76.135: The Committee discussed the item and generally approved of the form with several minor changes. Committee requested that form be included in May full Board meeting agenda packet as Information Item. No formal action taken.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding “banking” unused Annual General Adjustments: Committee asked that staff draft potential ordinance change language to limit landlords’ ability to bank. Staff agreed to bring that language back to the committee in June of 2025.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items:
 - ➔ Registration requirements for Section 8 units
 - ➔ Regulations related to Right to Organize when Tenant employees live in building
9. Confirm next meeting date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
10. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn. Carried: 4-0-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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