



Rent Stabilization Board

## **RENT STABILIZATION BOARD**

### **CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND HABITABILITY COMMITTEE**

**Monday April 7, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Minutes – *Approved***

1. Roll call: A. Eberhart called Roll.  
Members present: Marrero, Martinac, Twu and Walker.  
Absent: None  
Staff Present: A. Eberhart.
2. Land Acknowledgment Statement: The Land Acknowledgment Statement was played.
3. Approval of the Agenda: M/S/C (Marrero/Walker) Motion to approve the Agenda. Voice vote.  
Carried: 4-0-0-0.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Election of Committee Chair: Motion to re-elect Commissioner Martinac as Committee Chair. M/S/C (Marrero/Twu) Voice vote. Carried: 4-0-0-0.
6. Approval of October 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes: M/S/C (Marrero/Twu) Motion to approve the October 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Voice vote. Carried: 4-0-0-0.
7. 2025 Committee Planning Discussion: Staff and committee members discussed priorities for 2025.  
Key topics included:
  - A proposed pilot project for landlords who pay tenant utilities to install solar panels and battery storage.
  - Challenges and opportunities in accessing Inflation Reduction Act funding, and the need to pivot to state and local resources.
  - Opportunities for partnerships with nonprofits to access sustainability grants and implement community-based projects.
  - Decentralized sustainability models: community gardens, distributed energy, tool libraries, and mutual aid.
  - Interest in exploring ordinance revisions to allow rent adjustments for sustainability-related upgrades.
  - Recognition of energy burden and affordability issues among tenants, particularly for low-income families.
  - Importance of emergency preparedness and interest in developing tenant-focused preparedness kits.
  - Review of current gas-to-electric conversion ordinance and impacts on tenant safety, cost, and infrastructure reliability.
8. Announcements: No announcements.

9. Next Meeting: Monday May 5, 2025 6:00 pm

10. Future Agenda Items:

- Decarbonization Without Displacement presentation.
- Review of the Habitability Plan and related complaints.
- Coordination with Planning Department and Office of Energy and Sustainability.
- Progress on pilot project development and utility cost tracking related to Measure BB.
- Legal feasibility of partnerships with nonprofits for sustainability efforts.

11. Adjournment: M/S/C (Walker/Two) Motion to adjourn. Voice vote. Carried: 4-0-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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COMMITTEE: Ida Martinac (Chair), Vanessa Marrero, Alfred Two, Dominique Walker