



CITY OF SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD
*SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Via Teleconference
Thursday, July 9, 2020

*This was a special meeting due to being a teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Phillis called the special Rent Control Board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with Vice-Chairperson Sultan absent.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairperson Nicole Phillis
Vice-Chairperson Naomi Sultan (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)
Steve Duron
Anastasia Foster
Caroline Torosis

Others Present: Tracy Condon, Executive Director
Stephen Lewis, General Counsel
Lynn Naliboff, Hearings Department Manager
Dan Costello, Public Information Manager
Hakhamanesh Mortezaie, Staff Attorney
Lonnie Guinn, Board Secretary

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: June 11, 2020

Commissioner Duron, seconded by Commissioner Foster, moved to approve the minutes of the special teleconference Board meeting of June 11, 2020. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Duron, Foster, Torosis, Chairperson Phillis
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice-Chairperson Sultan

6. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Director Condon made several announcements.

The summer mailing to tenants and property owners of rent-controlled units in Santa Monica went out at the end of June with information about the annual rent increase and the pass-through of surcharges, where applicable. Owners should also have received their registration fee bills. Those that did not receive them should contact the Agency. Fees are due by August 3rd.

No in-person workshop will be held to assist owners in filling out their rent increase notices this year but anyone may call the Agency for assistance, including a potential video conference.

The City is accepting applications for the COVID-19 emergency rental assistance program through July 17.

Two Rent Control Board seats will be up for election in the November 3, 2020 general election. The nomination period opens July 13. More information is

available at www.smvote.org, including how to potentially socially distance in canvassing for signatures.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public addressed the Board via teleconference on items not on the agenda but relevant to the Rent Board's jurisdiction: Mort Haaz and Daydree Horner.

Vice-Chairperson Sultan entered the teleconference at 7:20 p.m.

10. JURISDICTIONAL ITEMS

A. Exemption – Owner Occupancy

1) E-1809: 1736 Franklin Street, Applicant – L. Jackson

Applicant seeks an owner-occupancy exemption for a property with three or fewer units, under Charter Section 1801(c)(4). Recommendation: Grant.

No members of the public requested to address the Board on this item. Chair Phillis, seconded by Commissioner Torosis, moved to grant the exemption as presented by staff. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Duron, Foster, Torosis, Vice-Chairperson Sultan,
Chairperson Phillis
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

16. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Duron, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Duron, Foster, Torosis, Vice-Chairperson Sultan,
Chairperson Phillis
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

ATTEST:



Lonnie Guinn
Secretary

APPROVED:

s/Nicole Phillis

Nicole Phillis
Chair