## CITY OF LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT RENT STABILIZATION DIVISION

## RENT ADJUSTMENT COMMISSION (RAC) AGENDA

## **MEETING LOCATION**

LAHD, Sunset Office, Hearing Room 1910 Sunset Blvd. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 309 Los Angeles, CA 90026 Thursday, August 7, 2025 (12:00 P.M.)

## **TELEPHONIC MEETING**

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Meeting Link: meet.google.com/akt-gkex-rrv

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## **COMMISSIONERS**

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### I. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum
- B. LAHD Report
- C. RAC Chairperson's Report
- D. Internal Review Committee (IRC) Chairperson's Report
- E. Informational Material

### II. HEARINGS REPORT

Review of the Hearings Section appeals workload.

## III. RAC DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS AND REQUESTS TO SCHEDULE ITEMS

Opportunity for Commissioners to identify topics of interest within the subject matter of the Commission and to request the scheduling of that item on future agendas of the Commission. Maximum discussion is five minutes per topic.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE RAC

Opportunity for the public to address the Commissioners to identify topics of interest.

## V. FUTURE MEETINGS (tentative)

**RAC:** August 21, 2025 September 4, 2025

**IRC:** August 14, 2025 August 28, 2025

## **RAC APPEALS BOARD**

# I. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE RAC APPEALS BOARD (AB)

Opportunity for the public to address the Commissioners on AB agenda items.

# II. CONSENT CALENDAR: LAHD RECOMMENDATION TO DENY SPECIFIC NOTICE OF APPEAL FOR PROCEDURAL DEFICIENCIES

The RAC AB will review and determine whether the following appeals should be denied based on the LAHD's recommendation that the appeals have procedural deficiencies:

#### A. NO ERROR OF FACT OR LAW OR ABUSE OF DISCRETION

Denial of the application for appeal is recommended as the appellant did not specify an error of fact or law as required by Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 161.1004:

1. Property Address: 1411 S. Valencia St., Los Angeles, CA 90015

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 841550

Appellant(s): Otilia Luna (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

April 24, 2025

Brent Rosenbaum

May 8, 2025

The appellant filed an appeal of the General Manager's Hearing Officer's decision to accept the building or unit into the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP) and the corresponding rent reduction. This case is recommended for denial because the appeal did not set forth an error of fact or law.

2. Property Address: 6003 N. Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 91606

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 871737

Appellant(s): Nelly Oliva (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

May 20, 2025

Andre Brown

May 29, 2025

The appellant filed an appeal of the General Manager's Hearing Officer's decision to accept the building or unit into the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP) and the corresponding rent reduction. This case is recommended for denial because the appeal did not set forth an error of fact or law.

**3.** Property Address: 852 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 835223

Appellant(s): Cynthia Ochoa (Regional Property Supervisor)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

May 13, 2025

Andre Brown

May 22, 2025

The appellant filed an appeal of the General Manager's Hearing Officer's decision to accept the building or unit into the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP) and the corresponding rent reduction. This case is recommended for denial because the appeal did not set forth an error of fact or law.

### **B. CONTINUED**

The General Manager's decision was to continue the hearing; therefore, denial of the application for appeal is recommended as the subject General Manager's decision was not the final decision for case number:

1. Property Address: 20211 W. Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 871899

Appellant(s): Annie Smith (Tenant)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

April 10, 2025

Andre Brown

May 8, 2025

The appellant filed an appeal of the General Manager's Hearing Officer's decision to continue the matter to a future date. This case is recommended for denial because the General Manager's decision was to continue the hearing; therefore, the application for appeal is not based on a final decision.

## III. APPEALS OF GENERAL MANAGER'S HEARING DECISION

The Rent Adjustment Commission (RAC) will convene as the Appeals Board to consider and make determinations regarding appeals of the General Manager's decisions for the following cases:

A. Property Address: 3918 S. Brighton Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90062

Type of Case: TRIP

Assessor Parcel Number: 5036-015-020

Appellant(s): Mehran Taavar (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

May 15, 2025

Brent Rosenbaum

May 30, 2025

The appellant filed an appeal of the General Manager's Hearing Officer's decision to affirm the Department's Decision to order the landlord to pay the charges imposed for relocation fees.

**B.** Property Address: 1414 S. Shenandoah St., Los Angeles, CA 90035

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 861746

Appellant(s): Marie Mangine (Tenant)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

May 13, 2025

Glenn Calsada

May 28, 2025

The appellant filed an appeal of the General Manager's Hearing Officer's decision to continue the case to a future date.

C. Property Address: 2829 E. Balnchard St., Los Angeles, CA 90033

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 848417

Appellant(s): Evelyn Trabanino (Tenant)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

May 5, 2025

Beth Rosen-Prinz

May 28, 2025

The appellant filed an appeal of the General Manager's Hearing Officer's decision to reverse the Department's decision to accept the building or unit into the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP) and the corresponding rent reduction.

**D.** Property Address: 1200 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Los Angeles, CA 90037

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 857503

Appellant(s): Shenice Burroughs (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

May 13, 2025

Andre Brown

May 22, 2025

The appellant filed an appeal of the General Manager's Hearing Officer's decision to accept the building or unit into the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP) and the corresponding rent reduction.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

Person(s) wishing to speak during consideration of a specific item must complete a "Speaker Card" form and submit it to a Department staff person. In accordance with the RAC Working Rules, for any item listed on the agenda, any individual or representative of any group may address the RAC prior to any action being taken by the RAC on that specific agenda item. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker, and there shall be a cumulative total of up to twelve minutes allowed per agenda item unless a time extension is allowed by the RAC.

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For other questions or comments regarding specific appeals, hearings, or case scheduling please contact Hearing Section at (213) 808-8600. For general questions regarding Rent Stabilization, Code Enforcement, or SCEP please call (866) 557-RENT (7368) or (213) 273-8888. If you challenge these agenda items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing in this agenda, or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing.

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