## 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, September 4, 2025 (12:00 P.M.)

### **TELEPHONIC MEETING**

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## **TELECONFERENCE LOCATION**

Serrania Avenue Park Kiosk, 20726 Wells Drive, Woodland Hills, CA 91364

## **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: September 18, 2025 October 2, 2025

IRC: September 11, 2025 September 25, 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: 5940 N. Lemp Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91601

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 848402

Appellant(s): Steven & Robert Jacobsohn (Owners)

General Manager's Hearing Date: Jan. 8, 2025, March 12, 2025

& June 24, 2025

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

Andre Brown

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: Jan. 16, 2025, May 27, 2025

& July 2, 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: 120 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 861910

Appellant(s): Masashi Suzuki (Tenant)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

July 7, 2025

Beth Rosen-Prinz

July 16, 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. 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: 1804 S. Kingsley Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90006

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 844468

Appellant(s): Samuel Gardner III (Manager)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

June 4, 2025

Andre Brown

June 25, 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.

## C. UNTIMELY APPEAL

Denial of the Notice of Appeal is recommended as the Notice of Appeal was not timely appealed for this case number:

1. Property Address: 7323 N. Remmet Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91303

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 869290

Appellant(s): Lindsay Nielson (Special Administrator for the Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

May 8, 2025

Andre Brown

June 17, 2025

The appellant filed an appeal of the General Manager's Hearing Officer's decision to affirm the Department'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 was received past the deadline.

## 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: 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

Beth Rosen-Prinz

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.

**B.** 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 2, 2025

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: 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.

**C.** Property Address: 427 S. Manhattan Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90020

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 859860

Appellant(s): Rebecca Pavia & Lawrence Molbury (Tenants)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

May 27, 2025

Robert Klepa

July 2, 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: 276 S. Union Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90026

Type of Case: Combo Case Number: 843328

Appellant(s): James Wheaton (Property Manager)

General Manager's Hearing Date:

General Manager's Hearing Officer:

General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:

June 30, 2025

Beth Rosen-Prinz

July 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.

#### 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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