

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
HOUSING + COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT
RENT STABILIZATION DIVISION

**RENT ADJUSTMENT COMMISSION (RAC)
AGENDA**

**TELEPHONIC MEETING
Thursday, May 6, 2021
12:00 P.M.**

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Marcella DeShurley, Director – Rent Stabilization
Edward Jacobs, Management Analyst

I. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum
- B. HCIDLA 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:	May 20, 2021	June 3, 2021
	June 17, 2021	July 1, 2021
IRC:	May 13, 2021	May 27, 2021

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: HCIDLA 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 HCIDLA's recommendation that the appeals have procedural deficiencies:

A. CITY ATTORNEY REFERRAL

The General Manager's decision was referral to the City Attorney; therefore, denial of the application for appeal is recommended as the AB does not have the jurisdictional authority to hear or act upon the subject of the appeal for case numbers:

1. Property Address: 327 N. Normandie Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90004
Type of Case: CODE Only
Case Number: 684132
Appellant(s): Roger Sorkin (Agent)

General Manager's Hearing Date:	July 9, 2019, Jan. 9, 2020 & Feb. 16, 2021
General Manager's Hearing Officer:	Andre Brown & Robert Klepa
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:	Aug. 30, 2019, Jan. 24, 2020 & March 2, 2021

The appellant filed an appeal of the General Manager's Hearing Officer's decision to refer the violation(s) to the City Attorney's office.

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: 753 E. 25th St., Los Angeles, CA 90011
Type of Case: Combo
Case Number: 684937
Appellant(s): Ben Safyari (Agent)

General Manager's Hearing Date: Aug. 7, 2019, Oct. 9, 2019
& Dec. 14, 2020
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Angela Shaw & Beth Rosen-Prinz
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: Sep. 6, 2019, Nov. 1, 2019
& Dec. 17, 2020

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: 955 N. Serrano, Los Angeles, CA 90029
Type of Case: Combo
Case Number: 722085
Appellant(s): Albert Shapiro (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date: Oct. 10, 2019, Feb. 11, 2020
& Dec. 16, 2020
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Robert Klepa & Brent Rosenbaum
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: Nov. 8, 2019, Feb. 27, 2020
& Dec. 23, 2020

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: 2914 N. Altura St., Los Angeles, CA 90031
Type of Case: Combo
Case Number: 699616
Appellant(s): Erika Gallo (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date: Sep. 18, 2019 & Dec. 30, 2020
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Angela Shaw & Robert Klepa
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: Oct. 11, 2019 & Jan. 6, 2021

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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