



REGULAR MEETING OF THE RENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

AGENDA
Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Link to Rent Board Meeting Agendas and Accompanying Materials:
www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3375/Rent-Board

Board Chair
Lauren Maddock

Board Vice Chair
Emma Gerould

Boardmembers
Alana Grice Conner
Virginia Finlay
Commieolla Duncan

ALL BOARDMEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE VIA VIDEO OR TELECONFERENCE

REFER TO PAGE 2 FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE BY COMPUTER, MOBILE DEVICE, OR PHONE AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY

<https://cchealth.org/coronavirus/pdf/COVID-19-Interim-Guidance-for-Social-Distancing.pdf>

On March 16, 2020, the Health Officer of Contra Costa County issued an Order through April 7, 2020, that directed that all individuals living in the County to shelter at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services (the "Prior Shelter Order"). On March 31, 2020, the County issued Order No. HO-COVID19-03 superseding the Prior Shelter Order and extending certain terms of the Prior Shelter Order to increase social distancing, reduce person-to-person contact and extend the shelter-in-place order until 11:59 p.m. on May 3, 2020.

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, authorizing legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing. Executive Order N-29-20 further provides that a legislative body that holds a meeting via teleconference and allows members of

the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, consistent with notice and accessibility requirements as set forth in the Order, shall have satisfied any requirement that the body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. Such a body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a statewide shelter in-place order.

DUE TO THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS, and consistent with Executive Order N29-20, this meeting will utilize video/teleconferencing only.

How to observe and/or participate in the meeting from home:

By Computer, Tablet, or Mobile Device:

Step 1: Tune in to the videoconference at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83041077508?pwd=RU5wVnhoaVgyWGJPY2dzMHRRU111dz09>

Step 2: Enter the following password: rentboard

By Telephone:

Step 1: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 646 558 8656
or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799

Step 2: Webinar ID: 830 4107 7508

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcUJF0gChn>

How to make a Public Comment during the meeting:

Members of the public must submit a request to speak during the meeting by sending an email to Rent Board Clerk Cynthia Shaw at cynthia_shaw@ci.richmond.ca.us by **3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 20, 2020**. The request must include the following:

- (a) Your Name
- (b) Your Phone Number
- (c) The Item for which you wish to make a Public Comment

Requests for comments received via email during the meeting and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item is closed, will be accommodated as is reasonably possible and will be limited to a maximum of one to two minutes, depending on the number of commenters, as more fully described in the Rent Board meeting procedures below. The City cannot guarantee that its network and/or the site will be uninterrupted.

Accessibility for Individuals with Disabilities

Upon request, the City will provide for written agenda materials in appropriate alternative formats, or disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services and sign language interpreters, to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in and provide comments at/related to public meetings. Please submit a request, including your name, phone number and/or email address, and a description of the modification, accommodation, auxiliary aid, service or alternative format requested at least two days before the meeting. Requests should be emailed to cynthia_shaw@ci.richmond.ca.us or submitted by phone at (510) 620-5552. Requests made by mail to the Rent Program Office, Rent Board meeting, 440

Civic Center Plaza, Suite 200, Richmond, CA 94804 must be received at least two days before the meeting. Requests will be granted whenever possible and resolved in favor of accessibility.

Effect of Advisory on In-Person Public Participation

During the pendency of the Executive Order N-29-20, the language in this Advisory portion of the agenda supersedes any language below in the meeting procedures contemplating in-person public comment.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The City of Richmond encourages community participation at public meetings and has established procedures that are intended to accommodate public input in a timely and time-sensitive way. As a courtesy to all members of the public who wish to participate in Rent Board meetings, please observe the following procedures:

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Persons wishing to speak on a particular item on the agenda shall file a speaker form with City staff **PRIOR** to the Rent Board's consideration of the item on the agenda. Once the clerk announces the item, only those persons who have previously submitted speaker forms shall be permitted to speak on the item. Each speaker will be allowed up to two minutes to address the Rent Board.

Public Forum: Individuals who would like to address the Rent Board on matters not listed on the agenda or on items remaining on the consent calendar may do so under Public Forum. All speakers must complete and file a speaker's card with City staff prior to the commencement of Public Forum. The amount of time allotted to individual speakers shall be determined based on the number of persons requesting to speak during this item. The time allocation for each speaker will be as follows: 15 or fewer speakers, a maximum of 2 minutes; 16 to 24 speakers, a maximum of 1 and one-half minutes; and 25 or more speakers, a maximum of 1 minute.

Conduct at Meetings: Richmond Rent Board meetings are limited public forums during which the City strives to provide an open, safe atmosphere and promote robust public debate. Members of the public, however, must comply with state law, as well as the City's laws and procedures and may not actually disrupt the orderly conduct of these meetings. The public, for example, may not shout or use amplifying devices, must submit comment cards and speak during their allotted time in order to provide public comment, may not create a physical disturbance, may not speak on matters unrelated to issues within the jurisdiction of the Rent Board or the agenda item at hand, and may not cause immediate threats to public safety.

City Harassment Policy: The City invites public comment and critique about its operations, including comment about the performance of its public officials and employees, at the public meetings of the City Council and boards and commissions. However, discriminatory or harassing comments about or in the presence of City employees, even comments by third parties, may create a hostile work environment, if severe or pervasive. The City prohibits harassment against an applicant, employee, or contractor on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, medical condition, mental disability, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions), sexual orientation, gender identity, age or veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law. In order to acknowledge the public's right to comment on City operations at public meetings, which could include comments that violate the City's harassment policy if such

comments do not cause an actual disruption under the Council Rules and Procedures, while taking reasonable steps to protect City employees from discrimination and harassment, City Boards and Commissions shall adhere to the following procedures. If any person makes a harassing remark at a public meeting that violates the above City policy prohibiting harassment, the presiding officer of the meeting may, at the conclusion of the speaker's remarks and allotted time: (a) remind the public that the City's Policy Regarding Harassment of its Employees is contained in the written posted agenda; and (b) state that comments in violation of City policy are not condoned by the City and will play no role in City decisions. If any person makes a harassing remark at a public meeting that violates the above City policy, any City employee in the room who is offended by remarks violating the City's policy is excused from attendance at the meeting. No City employee is compelled to remain in attendance where it appears likely that speakers will make further harassing comments. If an employee leaves a City meeting for this reason, the presiding officer may send a designee to notify any offended employee who has left the meeting when those comments are likely concluded so that the employee may return to the meeting. The presiding officer may remind an employee or any council or board or commission member that he or she may leave the meeting if a remark violating the City's harassment policy is made.

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5:00 PM

A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

B. ROLL CALL

C. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

D. AGENDA REVIEW

E. PUBLIC FORUM

F. RENT BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR

F-1. APPROVE the minutes of the April 15, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Richmond Rent Board. *Cynthia Shaw*

F-2. RECEIVE letters from community members regarding the Fair Rent, Just Cause for Eviction, and Homeowner Protection Ordinance, RMC 11.100. *Cynthia Shaw*

F-3. RECEIVE the April 2020 Rent Program Monthly Report. *Paige Roosa*

F-4. RECEIVE the Rent Program FY 2019-20 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report through April 2020. *Paige Roosa*

F-5. RECEIVE Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019. *Nicolas Traylor
Paige Roosa*

G. PUBLIC HEARING

G-1. (1) RECEIVE an update on the Rent Program's collection efforts through the Rent Board's contract with Rash Curtis and Associates; (2) ADOPT proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget; (3) RECEIVE and APPROVE the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Rental Housing Fee Study; and (4) *Nicolas Traylor
Paige Roosa*

DIRECT staff to prepare a resolution, consistent with the Rent Board's approved Fee Study and Budget, recommending to the City Council adoption of a two-tier fee structure of \$219 for Fully Covered Rental Units and \$124 for Partially Covered Rental Units, including Governmentally Subsidized Rental Units.

H. REGULATIONS

- H-1. ADOPT emergency regulation 20-01 to: (1) Permit the conduction of hearing and appeals through telecommunications and/or videoconferencing; (2) Allow that any document tied to hearings and appeals be served by email; and (3) require that both parties agree to a hearing by telecommunication and/or videoconferencing prior to such a hearing being conducted. *Nicolas Traylor*

I. RENT BOARD AS A WHOLE

- I-1. RECEIVE the 2019 Affordable Housing Report summarizing Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments' compliance in Richmond and determine next steps in regards to LIHTC properties and their exemption under Regulation 202. *Nicolas Traylor
Paige Roosa
Erika Foster*

J. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

K. ADJOURNMENT

Any documents produced by the City and distributed to a majority of the Rent Board regarding any item on this agenda will be made available at the Rent Program Office located on the second floor of 440 Civic Center Plaza and will be posted at www.richmondrent.org.