

## **RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, July 21, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond Rent Board was called to order at 5:01 P.M.

Due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, Contra Costa County and Governor Gavin Newsom have issued multiple orders requiring sheltering in place, social distancing, and reduction of person-to-person contact. Accordingly, Governor Gavin Newsom has issued executive orders that allow cities to hold public meetings via teleconferencing.

Public comments were confined to items appeared on the agenda and were limited to the methods provided below. DUE TO THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS, and consistent with Executive Order N29-20, the meeting utilized video/teleconferencing only. The following provides information on how the public participated in this meeting.

The public was able to view the meeting using Zoom at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89824405254?pwd=S1Jva1FZbElxVkJRrNEIDMGhuNzFaQT09>

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Webinar ID: 898 2440 5254

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Community members who wished to make a public comment were required to submit their comments via email by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, to the Rent Board Clerk, Cynthia Shaw at [cynthia\\_shaw@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:cynthia_shaw@ci.richmond.ca.us), to be considered into the record.

## **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

## **ROLL CALL**

**Boardmembers Present:** Conner, Johnson, Vasilas, Vice Chair Mishek, and Chair Finlay.

**Staff Present:** Staff Attorney Charles Oshinuga, and Executive Director Nicolas Traylor.

**Absent:** None.

## **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

## **AGENDA REVIEW**

On a motion of Chair Finlay, seconded by Boardmember Conner to remove Item F-3 from Consent Calendar for discussion before Item G-1 under Rent Board As A Whole, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Boardmembers Conner, Johnson, Vasilas, Vice Chair Mishek and Chair Finlay. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

## **RENT BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Boardmember Conner, seconded by Boardmember Vasilas, the item(s) marked with an (\*) were approved unanimously:

\*F-1. Approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Richmond Rent Board.

\*F-2. Receive the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Monthly Activity Report through June 2021.

## **RENT BOARD AS A WHOLE**

F-3. The matter to receive the Rent Program FY 2020-21 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report through June 2021 was presented by Chair Finlay. Chair Finlay requested this item be removed from the Consent Calendar because she wanted to discuss the apparent increases in expenditures pertaining to dental

insurance and UAL. Executive Director Nicolas Traylor responded that he would provide Boardmembers with further explanation after discussing this matter with the assigned Budget Analyst in the Finance Department. There were no public comments on this item. Discussion ensued. A motion by Vice Chair Mishek, seconded by Boardmember Johnson, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Boardmembers Conner, Johnson, Vasilas, Vice Chair Mishek, and Chair Finlay. **Noes:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** None.

G-1. The matter to receive presentation on the activities of the Richmond Rent Board and Richmond Rent Program during the COVID-19 Pandemic (February 2020 through June 30, 2021), was presented by Executive Director Nicolas Traylor. The presentation included an overview of Adoption of Regulations and Resolutions During the Pandemic, Training and Informational Reports Received by the Richmond Rent Board, Landlord/Tenant Appeals Heard by the Richmond Rent Board, COVID-19 Pandemic Related Policies Adopted by the Richmond Rent Board, Rent Program Outreach and Education Activities, Hearings Unit Activities During the Pandemic, Legal Unit Activities, Billing & Collection Activities and Statistics During the Pandemic, Collaborations with the City of Richmond, and information on the Stabilizing of Rent Program Finances. There were no public comments on this item. Discussion ensued. The Board received the presentation and no formal action was taken on this item.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Executive Director Nicolas Traylor announced that there had been a selection made for the Deputy Director position and the scheduled start date is at the end of August 2021. He also announced the upcoming Spanish-only workshop, titled Navegando el Proceso de Desalojo en Richmond (Navigating the Eviction Process in Richmond), and held on Friday, July 23, 2021, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

Cynthia Shaw and Sarah Schaff  
Staff Clerks

(SEAL)

Approved:

VIRGINIA FINLAY  
Virginia Finlay, Rent Board Chair