

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, May 2, 2024  
12:00 P.M.

**TELEPHONIC MEETING**

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or an internet-based service option.**

**TELECONFERENCE LOCATION**

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

**COMMISSIONERS**

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Ann Sewill, General Manager  
Anna Ortega, Assistant General Manager  
Marcella DeShurley, Director – Rent Stabilization  
Edward Jacobs, Senior Housing Investigator I

**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 WORKING RULES & RAC REGULATIONS

Discussion and approval of revisions to RAC Working Rules, RAC AB Rules and RAC Regulations & Guidelines.

### IV. 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.

### V. 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.

### VI. FUTURE MEETINGS (tentative)

<b>RAC:</b>	May 2, 2024	May 16, 2024
	June 6, 2024	June 20, 2024
<b>IRC:</b>	May 9, 2024	May 23, 2024

## 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. UNTIMELY APPEAL

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

- Property Address: 837 N. Benton Way, Los Angeles, CA 90026  
Type of Case: Combo  
Case Number: 792133  
Appellant(s): Anica Brindusescu (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date:	January 24, 2024
General Manager's Hearing Officer:	Angela Shaw
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:	February 15, 2024

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 appeal was received past the deadline.

## **B. NO ERROR OF FACT OR LAW**

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 161.1002.2:

1. Property Address: 1563 E. 48<sup>th</sup> Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90011  
Type of Case: Combo  
Case Number: 793657  
Appellant(s): Edzel Villamar (Trustee)

General Manager's Hearing Date:	February 13, 2024
General Manager's Hearing Officer:	Brent Rosenbaum
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:	February 22, 2024

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.

## **C. 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: 18440 W. Hatteras St., Tarzana, CA 91356  
Type of Case: Combo  
Case Number: 789254  
Appellant(s): Joy Neal-Regula (Property Manager)

General Manager's Hearing Date:	January 17, 2024
General Manager's Hearing Officer:	Angela Shaw
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:	February 14, 2024

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: 2947 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Los Angeles, CA 90005  
Type of Case: TRIP  
Case Number: 5077-018-004  
Appellant(s): Chang Lee (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date: May 18, 2023 & Dec. 19, 2023  
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Andre Brown  
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: June 14, 2023 & Feb. 16, 2024

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: 6721 N. Haskell Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406  
Type of Case: Combo  
Case Number: 791456  
Appellant(s): Tal Karasso (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date: January 10, 2024  
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Brent Rosenbaum  
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: January 18, 2024

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: 901 N. Micheltorena St., Los Angeles, CA 90026  
Type of Case: Combo  
Case Number: 798214  
Appellant(s): Matthew Salib (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date: Aug. 22, 2023 & Jan. 23, 2024  
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Brent Rosenbaum & Robert Klepa  
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: Sep. 1, 2023 & Feb. 16, 2024

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.

D. Property Address: 900 W. 80<sup>th</sup> St., Los Angeles, CA 90044  
Type of Case: Combo  
Case Number: 809467  
Appellant(s): Beamon Thurman (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date: Aug. 9, 2023, Nov. 8, 2023 & Feb. 14, 2024  
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Angela Shaw  
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: Aug. 17, 2023, Dec. 1, 2023 & Feb. 28, 2024

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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