

CITY OF LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT
RENT STABILIZATION DIVISION

RENT ADJUSTMENT COMMISSION (RAC) AGENDA

MEETING LOCATION

LAHD, Sunset Office, Hearing Room
1910 Sunset Blvd. – 3rd Floor, Room 309
Los Angeles, CA 90026
Thursday, November 7, 2024
12:00 P.M.

TELEPHONIC MEETING

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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:	November 21, 2024	December 5, 2024
	December 19, 2024	January 2, 2025
IRC:	November 14, 2024	December 12, 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. 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:

- Property Address: 103 E. 118th Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90061
Type of Case: Combo
Case Number: 825916
Appellant(s): Melissa Alvarado (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date:	May 13, 2024 & Aug. 12, 2024
General Manager's Hearing Officer:	Beth Rosen-Prinz
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date:	May 21, 2024 & Aug. 23, 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.

2. Property Address: 10945 W. National Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064
Type of Case: Combo
Case Number: 844875
Appellant(s): Maria D. Almaraz (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date: July 31, 2024
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Angela Shaw
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: August 13, 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.

3. Property Address: 3800 W. Country Club Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90019
Type of Case: Combo
Case Number: 822076
Appellant(s): Harry Babajoni (Agent of the Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date: July 27, 2024
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Angela Shaw
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: August 9, 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.

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: 1119 S. Cardiff Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90035
Type of Case: Combo
Case Number: 843912
Appellant(s): Martha Montes (Agent of the Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date: Aug. 8, 2024
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Brent Rosenbaum
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: Sep. 12, 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: 800 N. Laguna Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90026
Type of Case: Combo
Case Number: 846934
Appellant(s): Ryan Leaderman (Tenant)

General Manager's Hearing Date: Nov. 1, 2023, April 3, 2024 & Aug. 7, 2024
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Angela Shaw
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: Dec. 12, 2023, April 29, 2024 & Aug. 16, 2024

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.

B. Property Address: 2222 W. Clifford St., Los Angeles, CA 90026
Type of Case: Combo
Case Number: 809594
Appellant(s): Ana Garcia (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date: Nov. 30, 2023, March 12, 2024 & June 27, 2024
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Brent Rosenbaum
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: Dec. 22, 2023, March 21, 2024 & July 5, 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: 4440 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
Type of Case: Combo
Case Number: 815857
Appellant(s): S-Oaks Blvd Apartments Owner LLC (Owner)

General Manager's Hearing Date: April 19, 2023, Oct. 18, 2023, Dec. 27, 2023 & July 24, 2024
General Manager's Hearing Officer: Angela Shaw
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: April 26, 2023, Nov. 17, 2023, Jan. 18, 2024 & Aug. 5, 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: 240 N. Robinson St., Los Angeles, CA 90026
Type of Case: Combo
Case Number: 836714
Appellant(s): David Bramante (Agent for Ownership)

General Manager's Hearing Date: Aug. 8, 2023, Jan. 1, 2024,
April 11, 2024 & July 17,
2024

General Manager's Hearing Officer: Brent Rosenbaum
General Manager's Hearing Decision Date: Aug. 30, 2023, Jan. 17, 2024,
April 22, 2024 & July 23,
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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