

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, April 26, 2017**

The Open Session to Hear Public Comment before Closed Session was called to order at 4:02 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Rent Boardmembers Nancy Combs, Virginia Finlay, Lauren Maddock.

**Absent:** Chair Gray and Vice Chair Gerould.

**PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION**

Cordell Hindler gave comments on the importance of choosing an Executive Director for the Rent Program.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Open Session to Hear Public Comment before Closed Session was closed at 4:04 PM.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Special Meeting of the Richmond Rent Board was called to order at 4:58 PM.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Rent Boardmembers Nancy Combs, Virginia Finlay, Lauren Maddock.

**Absent:** Chair Gray and Vice Chair Gerould.

A motion made by Boardmember Combs to nominate and elect Boardmember Finlay as temporary Chair, seconded by Boardmember Maddock passed unanimously with Chair Gray and Vice Chair Gerould absent.

## **STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

## **AGENDA REVIEW**

Interim Rent Program legal counsel Michael Roush stated that the Rent Board met in closed session to consider the appointment of the Executive Director. No action was taken by the Board in closed session; direction was given by staff considering the matter.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Cordell Hindler announced an invitation to join the City of Richmond's Crime Prevention meeting and Block Captain training on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Eduardo Beacon gave comments on his case regarding his property in Richmond and wished the Rent Board luck moving forward.

Amelia Alff spoke about her experience coming to previous Rent Program meetings and expressed concern about how a Rent Program fee amount has yet to be established.

Aloyouis Bruce gave comments as a fourplex property owner in Richmond and wants the Rent Board to consider what a fair rate of return is for landlords.

Carla Pecoraro expressed interest in a screening process for subletting and voiced the possibility of the Rent Program fee possibly being incorporated with tenants' rents.

Linda Newton gave comments as a triplex property owner in Richmond and requested that the Rent Board be impartial with its decision-making process.

## **RENT BOARD AS A WHOLE**

F-1. The matter to receive training in the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act was led by Assistant City Attorney Rachel Sommovilla. The presentation included an overview of meetings, agendas, closed sessions, penalties, and the Public Records Act. Discussion ensued. Cordell Hindler gave comments.

F-2. The matter to receive the amended Fiscal Year 16-17 and draft Fiscal Year 17-18 Rent Program Budgets was presented by Administrative Chief Shasa Curl. The presentation included an overview of staffing and personnel, professional services contracts, departmental operations costs, and cost pool. Discussion ensued. Amelia Alff gave comments. A motion by Boardmember Maddock, seconded by Boardmember Combs, acknowledged receipt of the amended Fiscal Year 16-17 and draft Fiscal Year 17-18 Rent Program Budgets. The motion passed unanimously with Chair Gray and Vice Chair Gerould absent.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Mariah Fairley, David Padilla  
Staff Clerks

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Approved:

David Gray  
Chair