

SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Koury called the Rent Control Board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Member Absent Zelia Mollica

Members Present: Jennifer Kennedy
 Marilyn Korade-Wilson
 Joel Koury
 Jeff Sklar (arrived at 7:24 p.m.)

Others Present: Tracy Condon, Administrator
 Michaelaelyn Jones, General Counsel
 Glenda Jacobs, Board Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: February 7, 2008

Commissioner Korade-Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, moved to adopt the minutes of February 7, 2008. The motion unanimously passed in a 3-0 roll call vote.

4. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. JURISDICTIONAL ITEM

A. Exemption – Owner Occupancy

1) 1551: 1219 26th St., Applicant – Beck

Applicant requests an exemption of a three-unit or less property based upon owner-occupancy pursuant to section 1801(c)(4) of the Rent Control Law.

Recommendation: Grant

Commissioner Korade-Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, moved to grant the owner-occupied exemption pursuant to section 1801(c)(4) of the Rent Control Law. The motion unanimously passed in a 3-0 roll call vote

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

A. Planning Department's presentation of the City's Draft 2008-2014 Housing Element.

Elizabeth Bar-El, Senior Planner presented a PowerPoint report of the Draft Housing Element. Ms. Jessie Barkley, Senior Planner at PBS & J also addressed the Board. Commissioner Sklar arrived at the meeting. Following questions by the Board and a discussion, the Board thanked Ms. Bar-El and Ms. Barkley for their presentations. Commissioner Sklar requested that this item be brought back before the Board on April 3, 2008 for further discussion.

B. The Impact of Market Rate Vacancy Increases – 01/01/99 through 12/31/07.

Administrator Tracy Condon presented a PowerPoint report of the vacancy increase nine-year report. Following the presentation, Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Korade-Wilson, moved to have staff forward this report to the City Council for their review. The motion unanimous passed in a voice vote.

11. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Discussion of the two Eminent Domain Measures on the June 3, 2008 Ballot – Chairperson Koury.

Commissioner Koury spoke about Propositions 98 and 99 and encouraged the public to vote no on Proposition 98 and yes on Proposition 99. General Counsel Michaelyn Jones announced that the Secretary of State had the ballot arguments online at www.sos.ca.gov. In addition, those without computers could obtain information at any local public library. The Board asked staff to bring this item back at the next meeting for further discussion.

13. REQUESTS TO SPEAK

The following persons addressed the Board: None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:38 p.m. Commissioner Koury adjourned the meeting.