



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 12, 2017**

**5:30 PM**

**DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM**

**630 GARDEN STREET**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:**

RICHARD AXILROD	<u>  X  </u>	JEANA DRESSEL	<u>  X  </u>
LEESA BECK	<u>  X  </u>	JUSTIN DULLUM	<u>  X  </u>
DAVID BRAINARD	<u>  E  </u>	RENE GOMEZ	<u>  X  </u>
ROBERT BURKE	<u>  X  </u>	LYNN GOEBEL	<u>  X  </u>
CHRIS CASEBEER	<u>  E  </u>	DAN HERLINGER	<u>  E  </u>
DAN COLLIE	<u>  X  </u>	HECTOR SANCHEZ	<u>  X  </u>
SILVIO DILORETO	<u>  E  </u>	BRUCE WOLLENBERG	<u>  X  </u>

(X = Present    A =Absent    E = Excused)

**OFFICERS:** Chair Leesa Beck (re-elected); Vice Chair Dan Herlinger (re-elected); Bruce Wollenberg (new)

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** Cathy Murillo

**STAFF:** Andrea Bifano, Senior Rental Housing Mediation Specialist

Joel Estrada, Rental Housing Mediation Specialist

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the Special Meeting of December 12, 2016.

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 12, 2016.

**Action:** Burke/Wollenberg, 10/0/0. (Brainard, Casebeer, DiLoreto, and Herlinger excused). Motion carried.

**4. ELECTED OFFICERS:**

Leesa Beck announced her re-election as Chair; the re-election of Dan Herlinger as Vice Chair; and the election of Bruce Wollenberg as Secretary.

**5. ANNUAL RECRUITMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY GROUPS:**

Leesa Beck, Chair, along with the RHMB, welcomed Hector Sanchez, Tenant Category and Dan Collie, Homeowner Category, to the RHMB. Hector and Dan shared a little about themselves and their interest in the RHMB.

**6. HUMAN SERVICES/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FY 2017-2018**

Lessa Beck, Chair informed the RHMB about the Human Services/Community Development Block Grant application submittal. The application was submitted by Andrea Bifano in advance of the deadline date of December 15, 2016. The applicant interview before the Community Development Human Service Committee is set for February 2, 2017 at 4:30pm. Leesa Beck shared that she would participate with staff in the presentation to the Committee.

**7. OUTREACH:**

An outreach will be held on the West Campus of Santa Barbara City College during the month of February 2017. Staff will send an email confirming the exact date of the outreach.

**8. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ADHOC SUBCOMMITTEE:**

No meeting was held in the past month. No new information to report.

**9. CASELOAD REPORT AND MEDIATOR TRAINING: (.5 hours of mediation training was provided in compliance with the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act Guidelines)**

The Board was previously sent, by staff, a PowerPoint on the Second Quarter Statistical Report for FY 2017. The Board decided an additional review of the report was not necessary.

Staff provided a Mediator Training on *Rules and Guidelines Pertaining to Rent Increases*. The training was interactive.

**10. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

Cathy Murillo, City Council Liaison, provided an update on the City Council Meeting held on December 14, 2016, in regards to *Tenant Protections*. She reported that four members of the Santa Barbara City Council directed Ariel Calonne, City Attorney to report back in the New Year with a suite of options for tenant protections.

Deirdre Randolph, Community Development Programs Supervisor, informed the Board that she and Andrea Bifano were invited to meet with Ariel Calonne, City Attorney on January 17, 2017 to share historical information regarding the Rental Housing Mediation Program.

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

Robert Burke Motioned to have three new items placed on the next RHMB Agenda. The items included: number of Board members, unexcused absences and commitment.

**Motion:** To place number of Board members on the next RHMB Agenda.

**Action:** Burke/\_\_\_\_\_. Motion failed.

**Motion:** To place unexcused absences on the next RHMB Agenda.

**Action:** Burke/Axilrod, 2/4/4. (Dullum, Gomez, Wollenberg, and Beck opposed. Dressel, Sanchez, Collie, and Goebel abstained.) Motion failed.

**Motion:** To place commitment to the Board on the next RHMB Agenda.

**Action:** Burke/\_\_\_\_\_. Motion failed.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There were no announcements.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** To adjourn the RHMB meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Action:** Beck/Wollenberg. Motion carried

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