

# CITY OF OAKLAND



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The Honorable City Council  
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Dear President Bas and members of the City Council:

Per Council President Bas' request at the Rules and Legislation Committee on April 22, 2021, please find additional information regarding the Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board below.

The Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board hears appeals from decisions by Rent Adjustment Program hearing officers and develops and amends regulations for the Rent Adjustment Program. The Board may also make recommendations to the City Council or appropriate City Council committee pertaining to the residential rent, eviction or other City housing policy when requested to do so by the City Council or when the Board otherwise acts to do so.

The Board consist of seven (7) regular members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council: two (2) residential rental property owners, two (2) tenants, and three (3) persons who are neither tenants nor residential rental property owners (undesignated representatives).

The Board also has six (6) alternate members: two (2) residential rental property owners, two (2) tenants and two (2) persons who are neither a tenants nor residential rental property owners. Alternates may act at Board meetings in the absence of a regular Board member of the same category, and at appeal panels meetings without such an absence

Currently the board consists of the following:

## Regular Members

Landlord Representatives: Terrence Williams, Karen Friedman (Holdover)

Tenant Representative: Rose Auguste, Tanaiia Hall (Resigning)

Undesignated Representatives: Saneta deVuono-powell, Ardis Graham, Robert Stone (Holdover)

Alternates

Landlord Alternates: Benjamin Scott, Kathleen Sims

Tenant Alternates: Hannah Flanery, Vacancy

Undesignated Alternates: Julia Ma Powers, Vacancy

All board members serve three-year staggered terms and can serve no more than two consecutive terms. The Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board meets regularly once every two weeks on Thursday at 5:00 p.m via Zoom. The zoom link will be posted on the meeting's agenda. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board met in Hearing Room #2 at the Oakland City Hall.

More information is available at: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/housing-residential-rent-and-relocation-board>

The Rent Adjustment Program Ordinance can be found at this link: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/read-the-oakland-rent-adjustment-program-ordinance>

Sincerely,

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