



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE RENT ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM REGULATIONS TO PERMIT ANY CATEGORY OF MEMBER OF THE HOUSING, RESIDENTIAL RENT, AND RELOCATION BOARD TO SERVE AS A BOARD OFFICER

WHEREAS, Oakland Municipal Code (“O.M.C”) 8.22.040.D.2 of the Rent Adjustment Program Ordinance provides that the Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board (“Rent Board”) may develop or amend the regulations for the Residential Rent Adjustment Program Ordinance (“Rent Regulations”), subject to City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board composition consists of seven regular members, including two members who are tenants, two members who are residential rental property owners, and three members who are neither, referred to by the Board as “Undesignated” members, in addition to alternates; and

WHEREAS, the Rent Regulations require the Board to elect Board officers (Chair and Vice-Chair) each year and that such officers be selected from among regular (non-alternate) members who are Undesignated; and

WHEREAS, Oakland is the only Bay Area jurisdiction that requires its rent board to elect its officers from only one category of board member, those who are Undesignated, thereby preventing Board members who are tenants or residential rental property owners from serving as officers; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2024, the Rent Board considered proposed amendments to permit any category of regular member to serve as officers; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2024, the Rent Board approved proposed amendments to permit any category of regular member to serve as officers; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to provide all regular members an opportunity to serve as officers, including Chair and Vice-Chair; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Section 8.22.040, subsection C, of the Rent Regulations is hereby amended as set out below:

Amendment of the Rent Adjustment Regulations Section 8.22.040, subsection C.
(additions are shown as double underline and deletions are shown as ~~strike through~~):

8.22.040 THE BOARD

C. Officers

1. The Board shall select a Chair from among ~~the Board~~ its regular members ~~who are neither tenants nor residential rental property owners~~. Each Appeal Panel shall be chaired by the member of that panel who is neither a tenant nor a residential rental property owner.
2. The Board may also select a Vice-Chair from among its regular members ~~(who is neither a Tenant nor an Owner)~~ to act as Chair in the Chair's absence.
3. The Officers shall serve one-year terms.
4. The Board shall elect Officers each year at the second meeting in February.
5. The Chair votes on matters as any other Board member.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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