

**HOUSING & TENANTS RIGHTS COMMITTEE
JULY 10, 2018
FINAL MINUTES**

July 10 6:30

Present at meeting:

Ninotchka Regets
Donna Barstow
Paul Emmons
Navneet Grewal
Martha Atwell

Neighborhood Council introductions

individual introductions

Public comment on non agenda items:

Donna has formed a tenants union at her 36 unit building on Waverly she has met with councilman Ryu

Paul told his eviction and now Ellis act story
Raymond Havosian - Lawyer for Paul - suing current landlord for all rent paid in

elections - postponed

review of minutes - postponed

3b. Mission statement

can not formally be approved today but can be provisionally voted on discussion on mission statement:

Donna would like LA city people to attend our meetings
Ninotchka said that the mission statement covers that in "improving connections" mission statement was provisionally approved

4a. Ethical real estate forum discussion

how best to set it up? online set up might be best format? FB page? problems with FB brought up, such as FB taking things down, people wanting to get away from it. Subreddits suggested; Yahoo seems dysfunctional, not a good choice. What would the real estate forum's scope be? How broad? Saying it will cover "ethics" is broad- do we want to impose limits? Carol has been working on getting expert members for this forum, forum would be formalized and representing different points of view forum is separate from the Silverlake Neighborhood Council. Donna would not trust sharing anything in this forum because of the presence of developers, etc. on forum

4b. citywide council district task force

so many people and businesses not covered by rent control. Donna is in charge of this, explained difficulty of getting numbers on how many people have rent control, info, records from HCIDLA

4c. Costa Hawkins Act

read letter from Dorit Dowler-Guerrero, discussed her argument against Costa Hawkins her point is repealing the law would negatively impact HUD-VASH tenants and open up more problems. Navneet outlined problems with her argument: no real relationship between HUD-VASH people and other tenants, says Dowler-Guerrero's argument is a red herring. Another way besides the Ellis act to get people out of rent control buildings -Tenancy in Common (TIC) like a co-ops in NYC - are now being used to evict people and circumventing zoning, being used to convert into condos as a way to get around the lengthy process of condo conversion. The ethical forum could address this, and create pressure on council members difficulty of dealing with building and safety and other city agencies discussed. Donna mentioned finding the DBS "tree" on line is a helpful way to find specific people you need to talk to in the agency

item D- tenants' right to council program

tabled because Carol is not here

Going forward

Navneet in the future would like to survey the needs of people in community, including outreach in Spanish

Donna wants to establish a clinic for housing issues

Housing Now released Costa Hawkins toolkit

meeting adjourned 8pm