



City of Santa Barbara

RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION BOARD

AGENDA

JANUARY 13, 2022

5:30 P.M.

This Meeting Will Be Conducted Electronically
As Described Below

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lessa Beck, *Chair*
Michelle Roberson, *Vice Chair*
Justin Dillum, *Secretary*
Natalia Alarcon
Richard Axilrod
Cory Baker
Rigoberto Gutierrez
Daniel Herlinger
Marilyn Loperfido
David McDermott
Bruce Wollenberg

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Alejandra Gutierrez

STAFF:

Andrea Bifano, Sr. Rental Housing Mediation Specialist
Alba Marshall, Rental Housing Mediation Specialist
Raymond Rengo, Rental Housing Mediation Specialist

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY TELECONFERENCE AS AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNMENT CODE § 54953(e)(1)(A) TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PRIORITIZE THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING UNDER SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTION, THE DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE STAFF HEARING OFFICER MAY PARTICIPATE ELECTRONICALLY. THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA STRONGLY ENCOURAGES AND WELCOMES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THIS TIME. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Join Meeting Electronically at

https://santabarbaraca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HJitgyNZRhWEqU_RV3zXfw

Phone number: 1-669-900-6833

Webinar ID: 884 1111 5909

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments may be submitted via email to ABifano@SantaBarbaraCA.gov prior to the beginning of the Meeting. All public comments submitted via email will be provided to the Board and will become part of the public record. You may also submit written correspondence via US Postal Service (USPS); addressed to Senior Rental Housing Mediation Specialist, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990. However, please be advised, correspondence sent via USPS may not be received in time to process prior to the meeting and email submissions are highly encouraged. **Please note that the Rental Housing Mediation Board (RHMB) may not have time to consider written comments received after 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment on matters not listed on the agenda will occur at the beginning of the meeting. Members of the public wishing to speak must "raise their hand" in the Zoom platform by selecting the virtual hand icon or by pressing *9 if calling by phone. When persons are called on to speak, their microphone will be activated by City staff and the speaker will be notified that they can now unmute themselves in order to begin speaking. To unmute select the 'mute/unmute' icon or press "Alt+A" on the keyboard; If using a phone press *6 to unmute. Each speaker will be given a total of 2 minutes to address the Board. Pooling of time is not allowed during general public comment. The time allotted for general public comment at the beginning of the meeting is 30 minutes. The Board, upon majority vote, may decline to hear a speaker on the grounds that the subject matter is beyond the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.

For those who need accessibility accommodation in using the "raise hand" function and/or registering to participate in the Zoom session, please contact City staff by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting for assistance. Additionally, a

speaker may email ABifano@SantaBarbaraCA.gov by 5:00 p.m. the day before a meeting, stating which item they wish to speak on. When persons are called on to speak, their microphone will be activated the speaker will be notified by City staff that they can now unmute themselves in order to begin speaking. To unmute select the 'mute/unmute' icon or press "Alt+A" on the keyboard; If using a phone press *6 to unmute.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDIZED ITEMS: Members of the public wishing to speak on a matter on the agenda must "raise their hand" in the Zoom platform by selecting the virtual hand icon during the presentation of that item or by pressing *9 if calling by phone. When persons are called on to speak, their microphone will be activated by City staff and the speaker will be notified that they can now unmute themselves in order to begin speaking. To unmute select the 'mute/unmute' icon or press "Alt+A" on the keyboard; If using a phone press *6 to unmute. Each speaker will be given a total of 2 minutes to address the Board. Pooling of time is not permitted during meetings conducted electronically.

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AGENDAS, MINUTES & REPORTS: Documents relating to agenda items are available for review online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/RHMBAGenda.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, contact the RHMP office at (805) 564-5420. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.

NOTICE: On Monday, January 10, 2022, this Agenda was posted on the outdoor bulletin board at the Community Development Department, 630 Garden Street and online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/RHMBAGenda.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Public Comment.

Any member of the public may address the Board for up to two minutes on any subject within its jurisdiction that is not scheduled on this agenda for a public discussion.

B. Approval of the minutes of the Rental Housing Mediation Board meeting of **November 11, 2021**.

C. Announcements

D. City Council Advisory Group Annual Appointments:

1. Board Mediator Member.
2. Council Liaison Appointments.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **BOARD MEDIATOR CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION**

1. Jeana L. Dressel
2. Janet Eastman

2. **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

Mayor Cathy Murillo

3. **HUMAN SERVICES/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING**

FY 2021-2022 Grant application update

4. **CASELOAD REPORT & MEDIATION TRAINING**

A. Statistical Second Quarter and Year-to-Date Reports for FY 2021-2022

B. Mediator Training (per California Dispute Resolutions Program Act)

5. **OUTREACH**

Discussion

6. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Proposed for Thursday, February 10, 2022

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**