CHRONOLOGICAL CASE REPORT

Case No.:

L15-0061

Case Name:

4CH, Inc. v. Tenants

Property Address:

324 10th Street, Oakland, CA

Parties:

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Fanglan Zhong (Tenant) Nancy Tan (Tenant) Rui Qiong Liu (Tenant) Jose Plascencia (Tenant)

J. Ching (Tenant)

Wing K. Cheung (Owner)

TENANT APPEALS:

Activity	<u>Date</u>
Owner Filed Petition:	October 19, 2015

Tenant Responses filed by:

Ruiqiong Liu April 19, 2016
Nancy Tan March 14, 2016
Jose Plascencia April 11, 2016

Hearing Decision issued May 31, 2016

Tenant Appeals filed by:
Guixing Zhang (Unit 319)

June 27, 2016

 Nancy Tan (Unit 317)
 June 27, 2016

 John Ching (Unit 311)
 June 27, 2016

 Fang Lan Zhong (Unit 306)
 June 27, 2016

 Ruiqiong Liu
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Note: The following tenants did not file Responses to the Owner Petition: Guixing Zhang, John Ching, and Fang Lan Zhong

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PROOF OF SERVICE Case Number L15-0061

Tenant:

320 10th St. #3
Oakland, CA 94607

Owner:

4 CH, Inc. 2219 9th Avenue Oakland, CA 94606

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I WAS DENIED A SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT MY CLAIM.

I WAS DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE PETITIONER'S CLAIM.

I am challenging the due-process and the legitimacy of the meeting on or about 4/27/2016. I have not ever received any advance notice from the landlord or its management regarding the venue nor content / subject of the meeting on or about 4/27/2016, I was told about this by my neighbor's just minutes prior to this meeting of that morning. There was no proper notice served to me in advance of that date. No notice and delivery of any kind by verbal or written manner by the landlord and it's management.

It was only during this attendance that this stated meeting was about (1) Rental control and (2) Exemption. Therefore, I was appalled that the subject of Exemption was a new issue that is a surprise to me that such issue was never known previous to this date.

Therefore, the proper procedural was never served to me in a proper manner. The due-process was missing. Therefore, I was denied of my rights for me to make the necessary preparation in seeking legal aid and research, and deprived my incumbent rights to defend myself in a fair manner.

Of this appeal, I am petitioning the opportunity for me to have a legitimate chance to perform my necessary due-diligence by appropriate legal defense.

THE DECISION IS NOT SUPPORTED BY SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

During this meeting on or about 4/27/2016, a discovery was made which the following statement was revealed by the opposing lawyer of the landlord of the following statement which was recorded on the tape at the seventeenth minute: (This building has)..."millions of cubby-holes.... (of) small apartment"; with people living in this building for human habitation. The entire context meant that the third floor was a residence and domicile for people, a habitat.

Immediately after this statement was mentioned about the human-habitat of this building which maybe an important material evidence which alter and over-turn the decision regarding the issue of "Exemption", the witness attesting this fact happens to be the legal consul of the landlord, Mr. Rood esq., whom himself attest to this fact.

Since I had robbed of my opportunity to avail myself to defense of this matter, I am requesting an opportunity for an appeal to appear before the panel of impartial decision makers which will allow a balance and fair hearing.

Respectfully yours,

John Ching

June 20, 2016

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Attachment to the Appeal

<u>First</u> - In the course of my research I was able to glean certain information pertaining to previous tenancy of the 3rd floor by talking to various people. According to my sources, many of the third floor units were in fact occupied as residential units. There was already a history of mixed use in the building regardless of zoning/code ordinances. These sources are reluctant to be identified or to come forth for various reasons.

During the Hearing on April 27, 2016, the audio recording of the meeting will show that the lawyer representing the owners himself confirmed the same fact. The lawyer himself can be heard stating that the third floor consisted on millions of 'cubby holes', and that these were little 'apartments'. For all intents and purposes, an apartment is defined as a 'residential living quarters'. Please refer to audio 17 minutes into the recording of the hearing. Likewise, according to my sources and it was general knowledge around the area that many of these 'cubby holes' were in fact occupied as residential apartment units. We will need more time to put gather these statements together. This overt disclosure of information by owners' own counsel was not looked into by the hearing staff. Hearing staff has neglected in not investigating this history as it featured prominently in discussions in the first stages of the hearing.

Second — The owners' counsel in the Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Response to Tenant Petitions on Page 2 - I. SUMMARY, second paragraph stated 'California Law and Oakland's rent control ordinance promises that if and owner creates such new rental units 4 CH invested several millions dollar in reliance upon those inducements. Based on background research this tenant gleaned from previous managerial staff, the Owners were not aware of the existence of "Exemption from Rent Ordinance" and/or 320 10th St. even qualified for such an exemption. During the initial stage in October when the owners' started verbally asking for 30% rent increases as opposed to sending us notifications, the owners were badgering us and claiming rent increase on the basis that we were all commercial units and therefore not under rent control. The owners were only became aware later after consulting with real estate professionals who

advised the Owners to pursue the Exemption certification. In the words of one of the Owners himself, that he was informed by friends that rents in Oakland were going through the roof and that the rents the owners were charging at 320 10th St. were too low. This was what triggered the 30% rent increases and not as counsel implied. It is understandable that their counsel would try to portray the owners in a more flattering light, but sadly this is not the case. The owners have only exhibited purely opportunistic tendencies by suddenly demanding rent increases equivalent to 30% way before they were aware that the building may qualify for Exemption from Rent Control Ordinance. I distinctly recall the owners kept basing their claim in that our units were all zoned commercial and therefore not subject to rent control. This can be corroborated by many of the tenants after my conferring with them. Consequently these actions caused an uproar among the tenants which brought about this timely petition. The owners' only inducement was to rebuild and then sell the units as condominium units for pecuniary benefits and nothing more. Conditions in the building were appalling to say the least. Since they were not have not been able to sell them due to issues of legality, and after having been made aware of the phenomenon of high rental increases here in Oakland, we the tenants have been to bear the brunt of their demands for sudden, unreasonably huge rent increases. By their own admission, the owners' demands showed themselves to be unreasonable, unethical and opportunistic without due consideration to its tenants.

Third - The owners' contention that this is a new construction mainly due to the following reason – lower threshold of proof or evidence. This is the easier, quicker and cheaper way to secure the exemption as well as least amount time entailed to secure it while this is a conversion based on Change of Use by major rehabilitation and therefore Not New units as the Owners' contention.

At best this is a case of Substantial Rehabilitation resulting in a Change of Use and Not a new construction as evidences by permits stating this is a Conversion from an existing structure. As Substantial Rehabilitation it should therefore qualify under respective requirements of Substantial Rehabilitation, to which no substantiation has been provided by owners to date, i.e. landlord has to show the requirement of a minimum of 50% of the average basic cost for new construction, etc. Under this basis Owner has a higher threshold to overcome that takes longer time, entails more money to be spent and resources all of which the owners are trying to avoid and mitigate.

<u>Fourth</u> — The decision of the hearing staff was rudimentary and not substantial. It was a textbook rendering. The hearing staff overlooked the contentions of the tenant(s) myself - as expressed during the start of the hearing i.e. the previous existence of residential units on the third floor and thereby rendered the most convenient and expedient decision without investigating this issue thereby rendering the hearing decision suspect.

Fifth — During the meeting we asked the hearing officer for precedent cases similar to our building i.e. other building(s) in Oakland that underwent similar conversions and were officially issued certificates of exemption from rent control. No cases cited despite my request in the hearing. This issue was not addressed nor mentioned and no precedent case(s) were provided. This decision was made as a token practice of expediency and providing the bare minimum. Besides going along with the Owners lawyer's contention, the Hearing staff basically rubber stamped and conceded the Owners' contention, hence my assertion of lack substantial evidence of this decision.

For all the reasons above I hereby file this Notice of Appeal of the Hearing Decision dated May 31, 2016 to the Housing Residential Rent and Relocation Board (HRRRB).

Nancy Tan, Appellant Tenant 320 10th St., Unit #**317** Oakland CA 94607

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Today, I Nancy Tan, tenant, served the attached Notice to Appeal of the Hearing Decision by placing a true copy of it in a sealed envelope via Certified Mail at the United States Postal Service office at 1301 St, Oakland, CA 94612 for mailing on June 27, 2016

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Nancy Tan 320 10th St., #**317** Oakland, CA 94607 Owner:

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After the conclusion of the hearing, my fellow tenants and I observed the hearing officer to be engaged in close and friendly conversation with the owners and owner's lawyer. We found this conduct to be suspect and inappropriate given that in our first meeting back in January 2016 when the owners counsel was not in that meeting, the hearing officer had an aloof demeanor and explicitly declared to us that she is not allowed to converse with any of us. Subsequently in this second hearing of April 26, 2016, after the completion of the hearing we observed her to be friendly and engaging with the owners and owners' lawyer. As opposing sides to this adversarial contention, we expect a certain degree of impartiality and construe this kind of inappropriate behavior, especially given our language challenges and absence of legal counsel representation, to be lacking. With such one-sided behavior, the hearing staff's decision clearly demonstrated a lack of interest and due consideration of the tenants' contentions and can only appear to sway the scales in the owners' favor and to render the rubber-stamping of the case a foregone conclusion that reflects poorly on the City of Oakland.

For the reason above I hereby file this Notice of Appeal of the Hearing Decision dated May 31, 2016 to the Housing Residential Rent and Relocation Board (HRRRB).

Fang Lan Zhong,
Appellant Tenant
Unit #366

PROOF OF SERVICE Case Number L15-0061

Today, I Fang Lan Zhong, tenant, served the attached Notice to Appeal of the Hearing Decision by placing a true copy of it in a sealed envelope via Certified Mail at the United States Postal Service office at Clay St., Oakland, CA 94612 for mailing ON JUNE 27, 2016.

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Fang Lan Zhong 320 10th St., #306 Oakland, CA 94607

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This appeal must be <u>received</u> by the Rent Adjustment Program, 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 5313, Oakland, California 94612, not later than 5:00 P.M. on the 20th calendar day after the date the decision was mailed to you as shown on the proof of service attached to the decision. If the last day to file is a weekend or holiday, the time to file the document is extended to the next business day.

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PROOF OF SERVICE Case Number L15-0061

Today, I Rui Qiong Liu, tenant, served the attached Notice to Appeal of the Hearing Decision by placing a true copy of it in a sealed envelope via Certified Mail at the United States Postal Service office at 1301 Clay St., Oakland, CA 94612 for mailing on June 27, 2016.

Tenant:

Rui Qiong Liu 320 10th St., #**30**7 Oakland, CA 94607 Owner:

4 CH, Inc. 2219 9th Avenue Oakland, CA 94606 City of Oakland Residential Rent Adjustment Program 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 5313 Oakland, California 94612

Case Number: L15-0061

4 CH, Inc. v. Tenants

Attachment to the Appeal

After the conclusion of the hearing, my fellow tenants and I observed the hearing officer to be engaged in close and friendly conversation with the owners and owner's lawyer. We found this conduct to be suspect and inappropriate given that in our first meeting back in January 2016 when the owners counsel was not in that meeting, the hearing officer had an aloof demeanor and explicitly declared to us that she is not allowed to converse with any of us. Subsequently in this second hearing of April 26, 2016, after the completion of the hearing we observed her to be friendly and engaging with the owners and owners' lawyer. As opposing sides to this adversarial contention, we expect a certain degree of impartiality and construe this kind of inappropriate behavior, especially given our language challenges and absence of legal counsel representation, to be lacking. With such one-sided behavior, the hearing staff's decision clearly demonstrated a lack of interest and due consideration of the tenants' contentions and can only appear to sway the scales in the owners' favor and to render the rubber-stamping of the case a foregone conclusion that reflects poorly on the City of Oakland.

For the reason above I hereby file this Notice of Appeal of the Hearing Decision dated May 31, 2016 to the Housing Residential Rent and Relocation Board (HRRRB).

Rui Qiong Liu, Appellant Tenant Unit #307 1 Steven Rood, Esq. (SB #69332) LAW OFFICES OF STEVEN ROOD 2 405-14th Street, Suite 212 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 839 - 0900

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Attorney for 4 CH, INC., OWNER OF 320-324 10TH STREET, OAKLAND

TENANTS OF 320-324 10TH STREET,

and

4 CH, INC.,

Appellants,

Respondent.

IN THE RENT ADJUSTMENT BOARD

IN AND FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND

Owner/Respondent 4 CH, INC. ("4 CH") submits its Memorandum of Points and

Authorities in Response to Tenant Appeals. In short, 4 CH, INC. submits that

the decision of the Hearing Officer was correct and should be upheld on appeal:

the units are all exempt from Rent Control (although not from Eviction Control),

first issued for them. The Hearing Officer found -- considering the briefs, the

because the units were new as of 2008, when the certificate of occupancy was

evidence submitted, and the testimony-- that the units were exempt from rent

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN RESPONSE TO TENANT APPEALS

DATE: June 8, 2017 TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hearing Room 1, City Hall

control, as new construction. Tenants appealed. The gist of the tenants' arguments seems to consist of two complaints: first, some say they were not given an opportunity to be heard; second, that Steven Rood, counsel for the landlord, somehow used his charm, kindness, wit, and connections to somehow "rig" the outcome. On both counts, the tenants' arguments do not comport with reality.

On the issue of the opportunity for tenants to be heard: the Hearing Officer allowed everyone to speak at length, without any limits. She received all testimony and exhibits that the tenants wished to present.

On the issue of the decision being "rigged": Steven Rood has never met or had professional dealings of any kind with the Hearing Officer prior to this matter. Moreover, to his memory, he has never appeared before the Rent Board at all, other than in connection with this matter. In short, Steven Rood has almost never had business of any kind before the Board. Perhaps, to persons unfamiliar with the qualities of due process and fairness in the legal and administrative systems of Alameda County and California, any loss might seem as if it had been pre-ordained or "fixed" by the rich, influential, the corrupt, the venal. In my decades of legal work in Alameda County, I have never- not onceseen such a case of corruption. Not once.

Substantial evidence supports the decision of the Hearing Officer; the appeals should be denied.

I. SUMMARY

The owner, 4 CH, INC., simply requests that Rent Adjustment Board deny tenants' petitions and confirm that the units be exempted from residential rent control on the basis of both State and local law concerning the new unit exemptions.

4 CH built 20 new residential rental units in Oakland, receiving the Certificate of Occupancy on March 14, 2008. (See: Exhibit "A," attached.) These rental units were newly created where no previous residential units had ever existed. California law and Oakland's rent control ordinance promise that if and owner creates such new rental units, the owner would be rewarded by having those units exempted from local rent control. 4 CH invested several million dollars in reliance upon those inducements.

4 CH's units are exempt from rent control both under the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, Civil Code §§1954, et seq. (hereinafter "Costa-Hawkins") and

the Rent Stabilization And Eviction for Good Cause Ordinance, Oakland Municipal Code, Chapter 8.22.010, et seq. (hereinafter "Ordinance"). Specifically, Ordinance Section 8.22.030 A. provides several ways that the units are exempt: The Certificate of Occupancy was first issued after January 1, 1983 (Exhibit "A"); as under subdivision 5, the units were entirely newly constructed or created from space that was formerly entirely non-residential (exhibits to be discussed below); and as under subdivision 7, the units are exempt under Costa Hawkins (see below).

The issue is clear: the petitioners understandably seek to avoid the "Certificate of Occupancy" exemption in Costa-Hawkins (specifically, \$1954.52(a)(1)) by asking this Board to ignore the plain language of the Statute. Of course, the petitioners don't want to pay higher rent. And we all know what is currently happening in the Oakland rental market: owners are routinely and in bad faith using every ruse and device they can invent to evict rent-controlled tenants so that the units can be rented at market rates, which are often twice or more the rent-controlled rates. Here, however, the owner, 4 CH, has the law, facts, and equity on its side. The stated purpose of both Costa-Hawkins and Oakland's Ordinance support 4 CH: both laws, expressing the will of the voters, recognize a crisis in the shortage of rental housing; and both laws seek, as one way to address the issue, to reward people who build new units with exemptions. The Respondent requests that Certificates of Exemption be issued by the Board for each of the 20 units.

Costa-Hawkins, in §1954.52(a), provides that, in regard to exemptions for newly constructed units, such exemptions shall be given to units already exempted under local laws (as local laws define "new" construction). Then Costa-Hawkins goes the crucial step further: the Statute defines "new construction" by employing a simple, unambiguous over-arching test: was a Certificate of Occupancy granted by a local entity after February 1, 1995. If so, the units are exempt.

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4 CH obtained its Certificate of Occupancy on the units on March 14, 2008. (See: Exhibit "A.") In addition to the unambiguous exemption granted 4 CH under Costa-Hawkins, it is also exempt under the Ordinance, because it created "newly constructed" units.

II. FACTS

4 CH's individual owners bought 324 10th Street, Third Floor (for \$850,000) in 2006: the third floor was a commercial condominium with only commercial offices permitted and actually existing there. The purchase agreement (dated April 6, 2004) and the CC & Rs for the "Excellent Commercial Center, a Commercial Condominium Project," which were recorded in 1988, will be brought to the hearing in this matter. The CC & Rs make plain that the whole building--and each of its then-existing three floors -- were all commercial. 4 CH bought the third floor-- again, all commercial-- and created residential live/work units, adding a new fourth floor. Attached hereto collectively as Exhibit "B" are copies of the permits issued in 2005 for 4 CH's contactor, King's Construction, for the project at 320-324 10th Street. As will be seen on the permit cards, the owner had applied to convert the third floor and add a forth floor to create residential condominiums. The owner invested around \$4,000,000 to create new residential rental space. Attached as Exhibit "C" are plans and calculations showing the 20 new units. Each unit became a two-level live/work residence. Finally, a comprehensive survey was completed by 4 CH to obtain entitlements for the new 20 residential units. This survey, attached here as Exhibit "D," consists of scale drawings of each of the planned four floors, as of May 2006.

To summarize: 4 CH bought the third floor of the Excellent Commercial Center in 2004. The third floor was 100% commercial. No residential units had ever existed there, or in the building as a whole. 4 CH created 20 new twostory residential units out of the third floor and a new fourth floor. The Cer-

tificate of Occupancy for the 20 units was issued on March 14, 2008. These units are exempt under Costa Hawkins and the Ordinance.

III. ARGUMENT

A, THE COSTA-HAWKINS EXEMPTION

1. Costa-Hawkins

The relevant provisions of the Costa-Hawkins (Civil Code §1954.52(a)) unambiguously exempt rentals which have a Certificate of Occupancy issued after February 1, 1995:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an owner of residential real property may establish the initial and all subsequent rental rates for a dwelling or unit about which any of the following is true:

(1) It has a Certificate of Occupancy issued after February 1, 1995;

(2) It has already been exempt from the Residential Rent Control Ordinance of a public entity on or before February 1, 1995, pursuant to a local exemption for newly constructed units." Civil Code §1954.52(a). (Emphasis added.)

Civil Code §1954.52(a)(1), exempting from rent control units having a postFebruary 1, 1995 Certificate of Occupancy does not, by its terms, limit the exemption to newly constructed units— although 4 CH believes that the 20 units
are newly constructed. Notably, the following subsection (§1954.52(a)(2))—
which contains a second exemption "grandfathering in" units already exempt from
rent control under local exemptions for newly constructed units—specifically
refers to "newly constructed units." Had the Legislature intended to limit the
exemption contained in subsection (1) to Certificates of Occupancy issued after
February 1, 1995 for "newly constructed units," it would have said so, as it did
with respect to the exemption contained in subsection (2). 4 CH obtained its
Certificate of Occupancy in 2008. The units should be exempt, plain and simple.

Moreover, 4 CH's new construction resulted in rental housing where nothing stood, thus fostering the goals of the Costa-Hawkins Certificate of Occupancy exemption by increasing the residential rental housing stock in Oakland. One

answer to the rental housing crisis is to add supply. And on that, the State law and Ordinance both agree.

The Board might cite <u>Da Vinci Group v. San Francisco Rent Etc. Board</u> (1992) 5 Cal.App.4th 24 in support of a conclusion that the Costa-Hawkins Certificate of Occupancy exemption applies only to "newly" constructed units. <u>Da Vinci Group</u> does not support this conclusion. In <u>Da Vinci Group</u> the work did not result in any new or additional residential rental space; rather, <u>existing</u>, and already occupied, residential uses in a loft/warehouse building were made "legal" by bringing the building up to code and obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy. The San Francisco Ordinance's goal of easing the residential rental housing shortage was not met thereby. <u>Id.</u> at p.30. Here, to the contrary, 4 CH created residential units where nothing residential existed before, thus increasing the residential rental stock in Oakland, and fostering the goal of the Costa-Hawkins exemption. And too, the <u>Da Vinci Group</u> case was decided <u>before</u> Costa-Hawkins became law; if the legislature had intended to limit the scope of the Certificate of Occupancy exemption to new construction only, it would have done so.

The Certificate of Occupancy

The Board might, at this point, be heard to say that every alteration to a unit--from minor to major--would require the Board's issuance of an exemption, because Certificates of Occupancy might promiscuously be issued by the City. The Board could take the position that reading the Costa-Hawkins exemption according to its plain language would result in units becoming exempt from rent control as a result of any alterations. That conclusion is not warranted by logic, law or practice. Clearly, many alterations of units do not require, or result in, the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. The issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy is limited by practice and by the provisions of the Uniform Building Code ("UBC").

Thus, any assertion that the Certificate of Occupancy in our case was issued not because of "new construction" but because of a "change of use" is at variance with the CITY's practice and representations and ignores the relevant provisions of the UBC. Section 308(c) of the 1991 UBC provides:

"(c) Certificate Issued. After the building official inspects the building or structure in accordance with \$202 of the Code, and finds no violations of the provisions of this Code or other laws which are enforced by the Code Enforcement Agency, the building official shall issue a Certificate of Occupancy . . . "

Section 109.3 of the 1994 Uniform Building Code provides:

"109.3 Certificate Issued. After the building official inspects the building or structure and finds no violations of the provisions of this Code or other laws which are enforced by the Code Enforcement Agency, the building official shall issue a Certificate of Occupancy "

The UBC is clear that a Certificate of Occupancy is issued upon the work passing final inspection related to construction issues, not "use" issues.

Even if a Certificate of Occupancy had been issued here simply because of a "change of use," the UBC still requires the same construction-related analysis as applies in new construction cases. Thus, §109.1 states, in part:

"No building or structure shall be used or occupied, and no change in the existing occupancy classification. . . shall be made until the building official has issued a Certificate of Occupancy therefor as provided herein."

And the "herein" referred to is section 109.3, quoted above, which relates to construction issues.

But all this skirts the heart of the matter: let us assume that a Certificate of Occupancy may be issued under the UBC for construction and use issues. What is handed to the property owner, in either event, is a single, simple document called "Certificate of Occupancy." That document is unambiguously and simply specified in Costa-Hawkins, which says: if the property owner has a Cer-

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tificate of Occupancy, issued after February 1, 1995, then the units for which the Certificate of Occupancy was issued are exempt from local rent control. (Section 1954.52(a)(1).) This construction of the law has the twin virtues of being simple and correct. The way Einstein wanted his theorem. Indeed, the guiding principles for explaining the laws of nature are the same as apply to interpreting the laws of the legislature: the simplest interpretation is the most felicitous. Occam's Razor provides the most elegant way to interpret Costa-Hawkins that explanation is best which is simplest.

B. EXEMPTION UNDER OAKLAND'S ORDINANCE

Oakland Municipal Code Section 8.22.030 A. provides several ways that the units are exempt: The Certificate of Occupancy was first issued after January 1, 1983 (Exhibit "A"); as under subdivision 5 of 8.22.030 A, the units were entirely newly constructed or created from space that was formerly entirely nonresidential; and as under 8.22.030 A, subdivision 7, the units are exempt under Costa Hawkins. For all three reasons, under the Ordinance, the units are exempt.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, 4 CH requests that the tenants' appeals be denied, that the decision of the Hearing Officer be upheld, and that a Certificate of Exemption be issued by the Board for each of the 20 units.

May 1, 2017

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Steven Rood, Esq.



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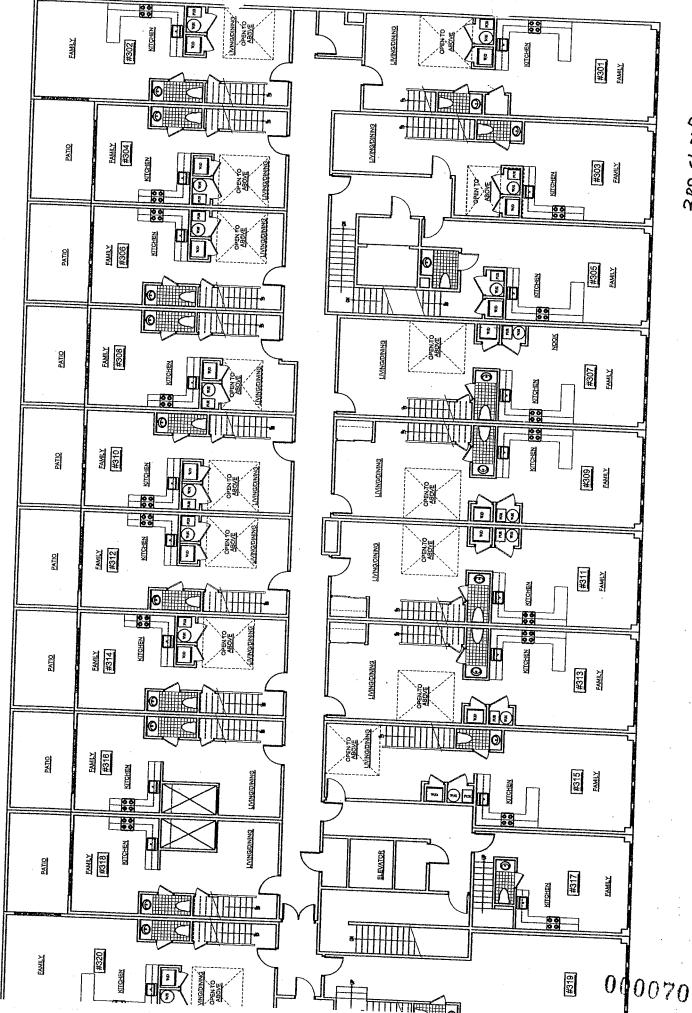
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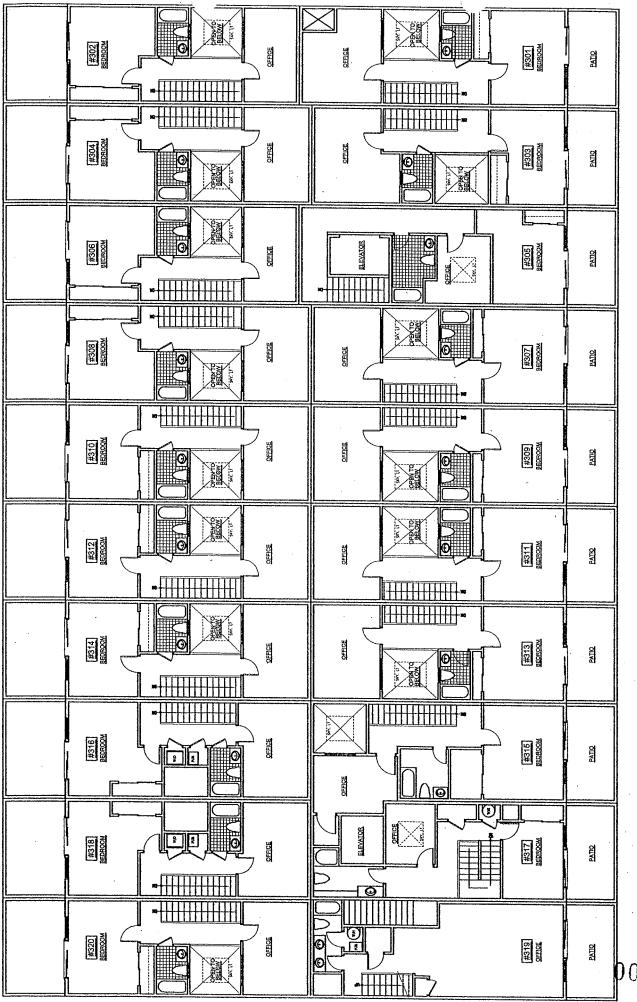
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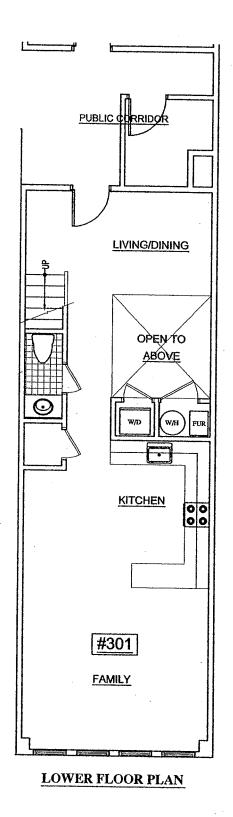
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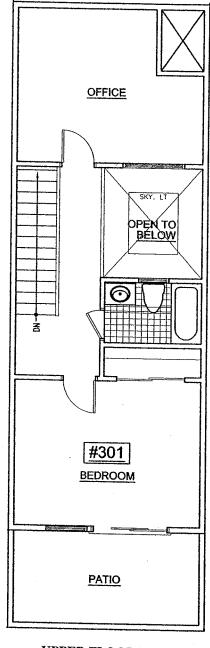
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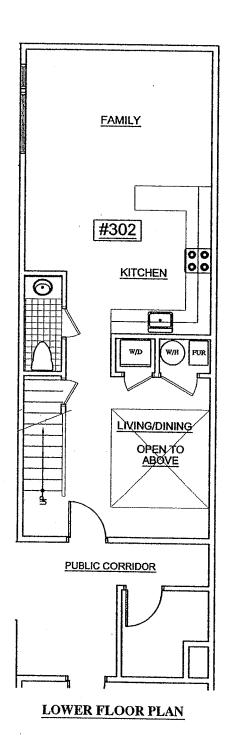


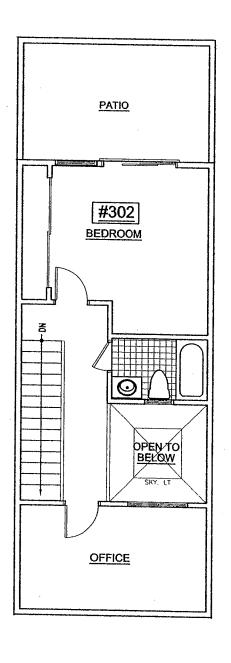




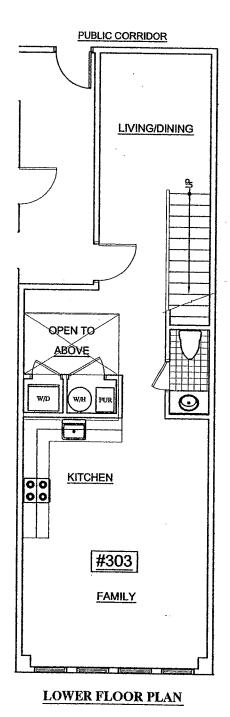


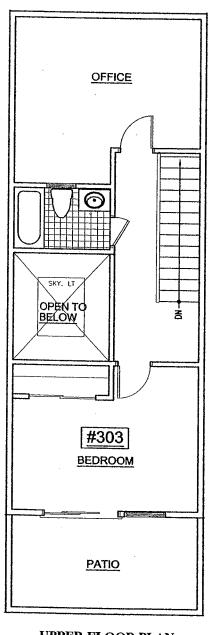
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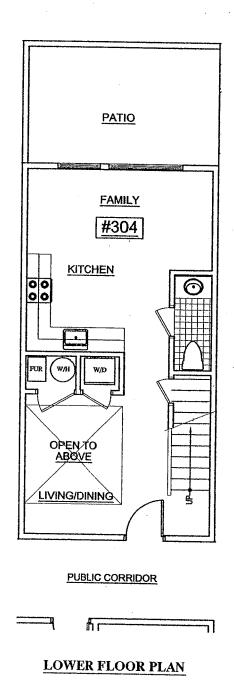


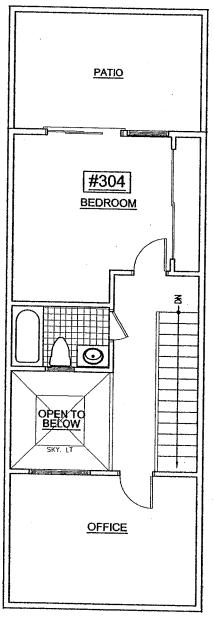
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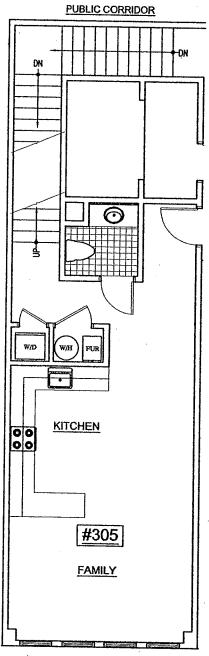


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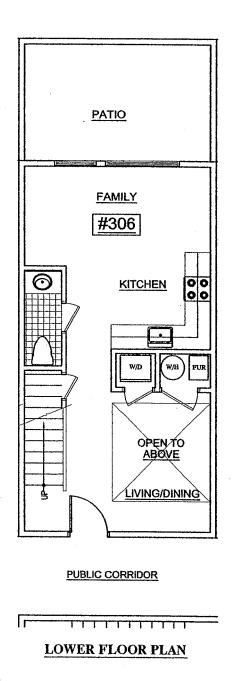
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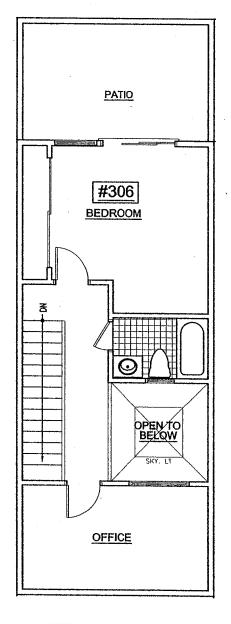


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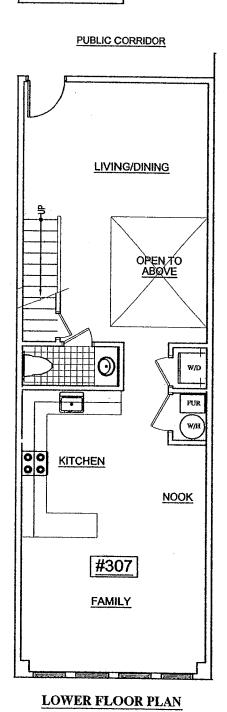
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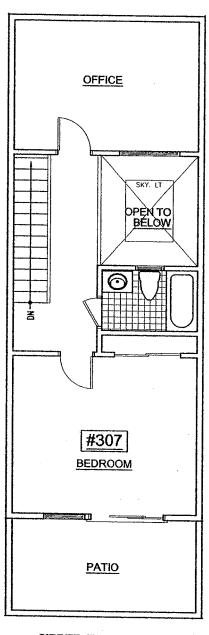
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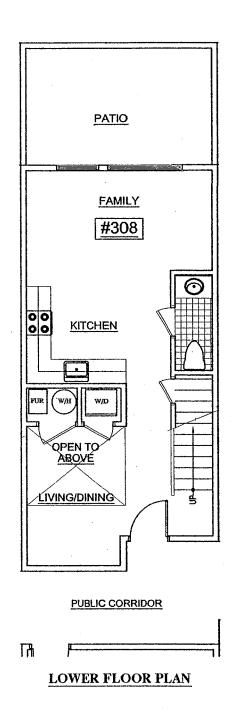


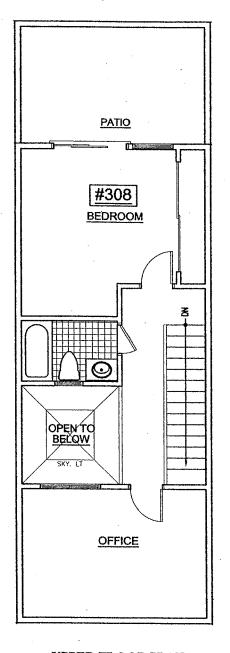
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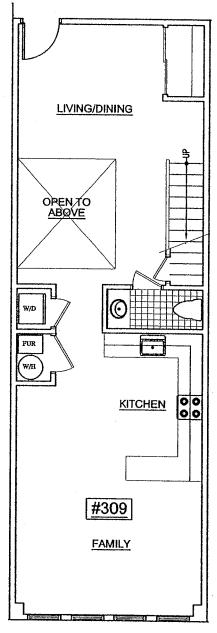


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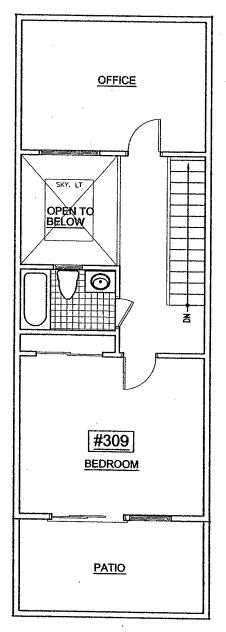




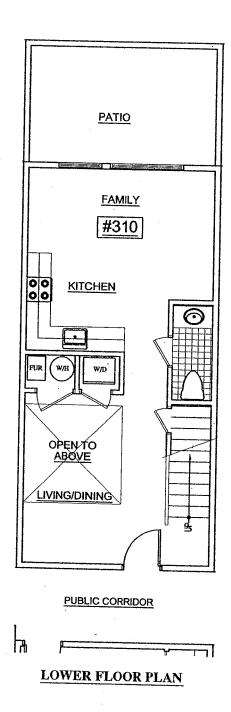
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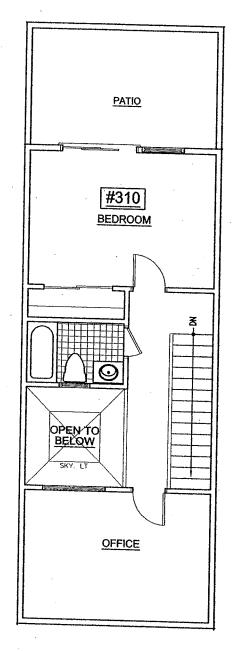


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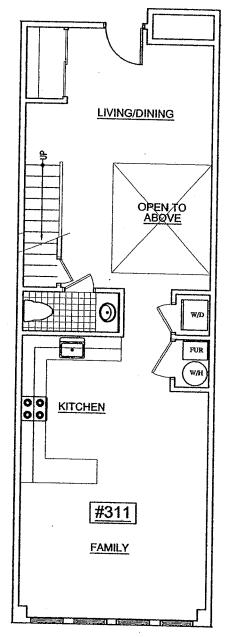


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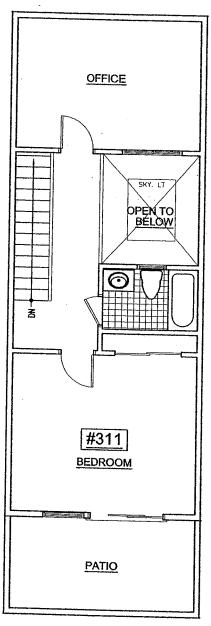




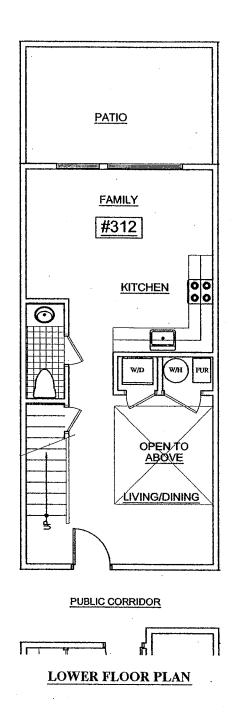
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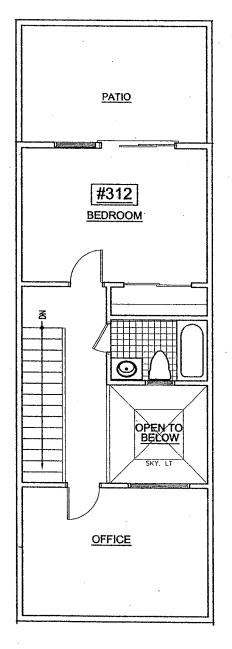


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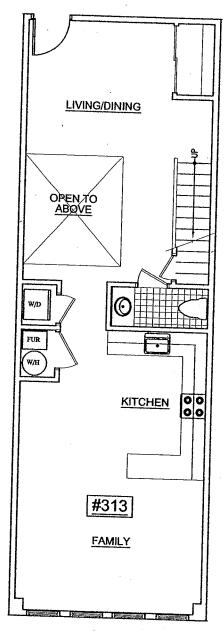


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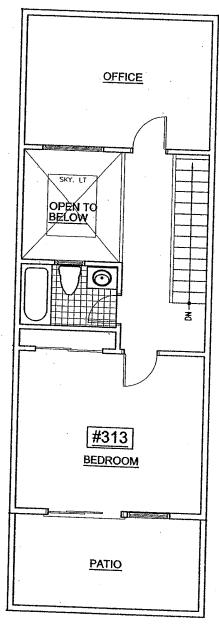




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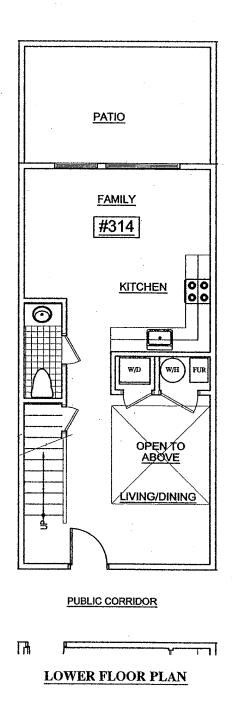


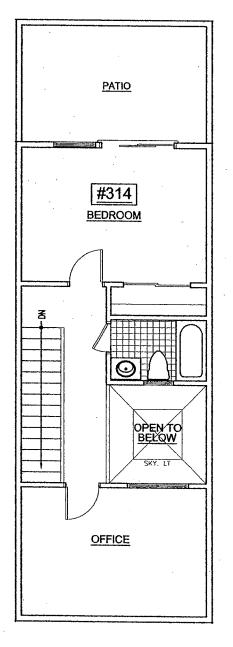
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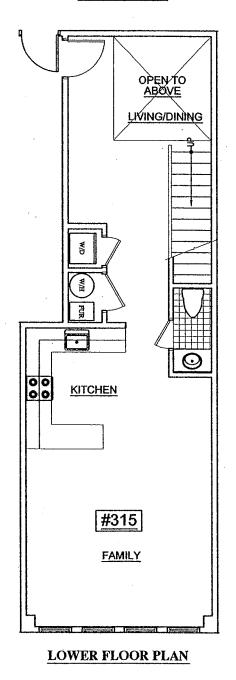
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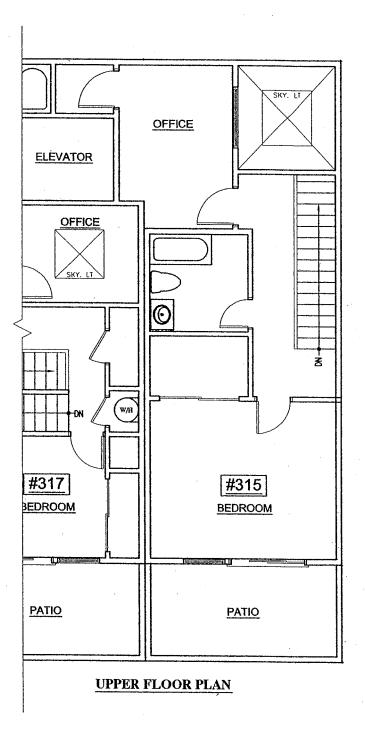
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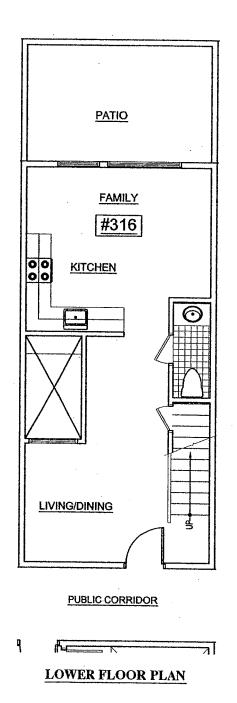


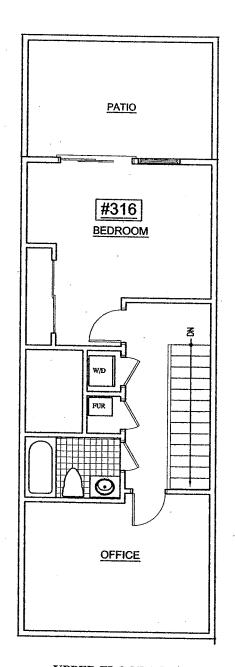


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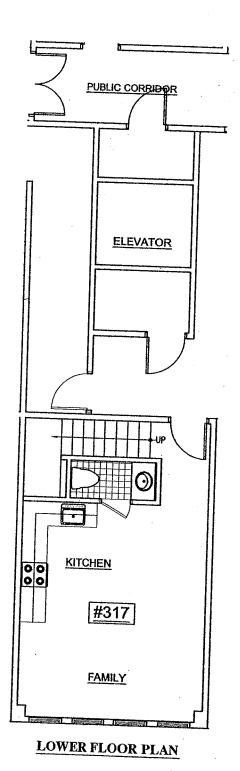






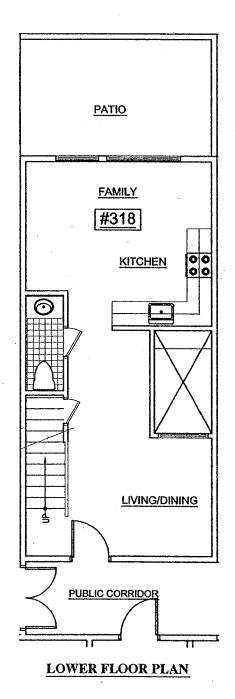


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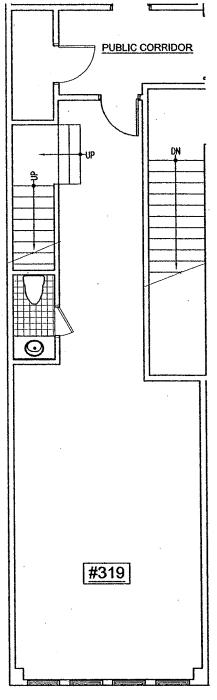
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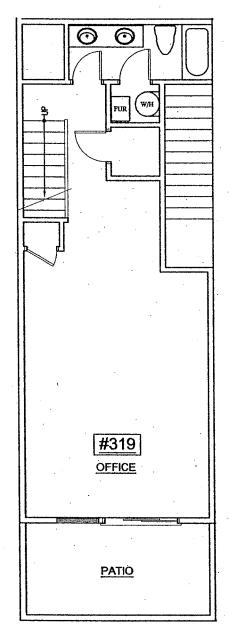


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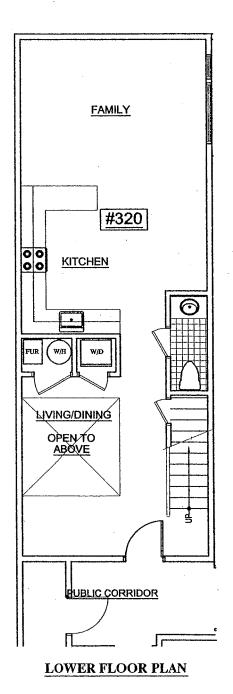
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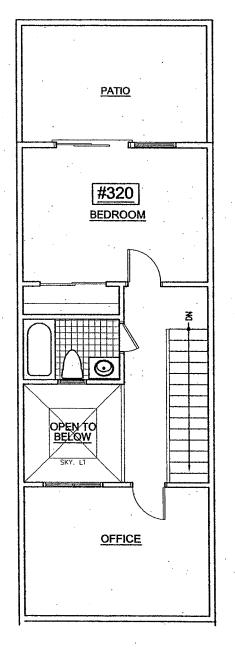






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EXHIBIT "B"

NOTES AND DEFINITIONS:

- 1. THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED IN LOT 1 OF PARCEL MAP NO. 5016 IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS PER MAP FILED AUGUST 26, 1988 IN BOOK 178, PAGES 66 & 67 OF MAPS, ALAMEDA COUNTY RECORDS. THIS PROJECT IS COMPOSED OF A COMMON AREA, 75 COMMERCIAL UNITS LOCATED ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS AND 20 LIVE-WORK UNITS LOCATED ON THE THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS.
- 2. THE CONDOMINIUM DELINEATED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE DAVIS-STIRLING COMMON INTEREST DEVELOPMENT ACT, TITLE 6 PART 4, DIVISION SECOND OF THE CIVIL CODE.
- 3. THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CONDOMINIUM UNITS AS SEPARATELY SHOWN, NUMBERED AND DESIGNATED HEREIN, ARE THE INTERIOR UNFINISHED SURFACES OF THE WALLS, THE INTERIOR UNFINISHED SURFACES OF THE CEILINGS, THE INTERIOR UNFINISHED SURFACES OF THE FLOORS, AND THE WINDOWS AND DOORS THEREOF, INCLUDING THE PORTIONS OF THE BUILDING SO DESCRIBED AND THE AIR SPACE SO ENCOMPASSED. EACH UNIT ALSO INCLUDES: (I) ALL FIXTURES, APPLIANCES, AIR HEATING, WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT, AND VENTILATING FANS, AND THE OUTLETS THEREOF, WHEREVER LOCATED, WHICH ARE PART OF A DISCRETE AND COMPLETE SYSTEM INTENDED TO SERVE ONLY THE UNIT; AND (II) THE FINISHED COMPONENTS OF THE UTILITIES SERVING THAT UNIT, SUCH AS THE ELECTRICAL OUTLETS, SWITCHES AND FIXTURES, AND ALL THE PLUMBING FIXTURES AND FAUCETS. THE UNIT DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY POST, COLLUMN, GIRDER, BEARING WALL, ROOF SUPPORT, ROOF TRUSSES, FLOOR JOISTS, OTHER STRUCTURAL PORTIONS OF THE FLOORS, OR OTHER STRUCTURAL MEMBER WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN THE AIRSPACE OF THE UNIT AND WHICH PROVIDES STRUCTURAL SUPPORT TO THE COMMON AREA OR ANOTHER UNIT, EXCEPT FOR THE FINISHED SURFACE OF SUCH STRUCTURAL SUPPORT, WHICH FINISHED SURFACE SHALL BE IN PART OF THE UNIT WHICH IT FACES. THE COMMERCIAL UNIT LINES ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR ARE THE CENTERLINES OF THE PARTITION WALLS. THESE DIMENSIONS ARE AS SHOWN ON THE CONDOMINIUM PLANS RECORDED AS EXHIBIT C TO THE DECLARATION, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR EXCELLENT COMMERCIAL CENTER RECORDED AUGUST 26, 1988, SERIES NO. 88-217375, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY AND HAVE NOT BEEN VERIFIED AS ACCURATE BY BAY AREA LAND SURVEYING INC. NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE PARTITION LINES FOR THE COMMERCIAL UNITS EXTEND TO THE CENTER OF THE PARTITION WALL AS SHOWN ON THE ORIGINAL CONDOMINIUM PLANS, THE COMMERCIAL UNITS SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE DESCRIBED TO THE INTERIOR UNFINISHED SURFACES OF THE PARTITION WALLS AND ALL UNIT PARTITION WALLS SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE COMMON AREA.
- 4. THIS PLAN AND THE DIMENSIONS SHOWN HEREIN ARE TO CONFORM TO CIVIL CODE 1351(e), WHICH REQUIRES A THREE DIMENSIONAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO IDENTIFY THE COMMON AREAS AND EACH SEPARATE INTEREST. THE DIMENSIONS SHOWN HEREIN ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE SUFFICIENTLY ACCURATE TO USE FOR THE COMPUTATION OF FLOOR AREA OR AIR SPACE VOLUME IN ANY OR ALL OF THE UNITS.
- 5. THE DIAGRAMMATIC PLANS INTENTIONALLY OMIT DETAILED INFORMATION OF INTERNAL PARTITIONING WITHIN INDIVIDUAL UNITS. NOT INTENDED TO BE REFLECTED ON THIS PLAN.
- 6. FOR ALL OTHER DEFINITIONS REFER TO THE "DECLARATIONS OF THE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE EXCELLENT COMMERCIAL CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION".
- 7. IF THERE ARE ANY MATTERS OF CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THIS CONDOMINIUM PLAN AND THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, THEN THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND

SURVEYOR'S STATEMENT:

I HEREBY STATE THAT I AM A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; THAT THIS CONDOMINIUM PLAN, CONSISTING OF SIX (6) SHEETS, CORRECTLY REPRESENTS A TRUE AND COMPLETE DEPICTION OF THE PROJECT MADE FROM PLANS UNDER MY SUPERVISION IN DECEMBER OF 2005 AND THE PLAN REFERS TO OR SHOWS MONUMENTATION ON THE GROUND AND A THREE DIMENSIONAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CONDOMINUM PROJECT IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO IDENTIFY THE COMMON AREA AND EACH SEPARATE INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE REQUIRMENTS OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE, SUBSECTION 135(E).

THE EXCELLENT COMMERCIAL CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

MICHAEL J. FOSTER, L.S. 7170 EXPIRATION DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2007

BEING A PORTION OF BLOCK 141,
KELLERSBERGER'S MAP OF OAKLAND (7 M. 3),
CITY OF OAKLAND, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
MAY, 2006

OWNERS:

4 CH INC., ET AL 320 10TH, STREET OAKLAND, CA 94607 SURVEYOR:

BAY AREA LAND SURVEYING INC. 1828 BONITA ROAD RICHMOND, CA 94806

A.P.N. 002-0061-077 SHT. 1 OF 6 F.B. #207 /10TH1083CP.DWG JOB NO. 05-1083



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CITY OF OAKLAND

Department of Housing and Community Development Rent Adjustment Program

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HEARING DECISION

CASE NUMBERS:

L15-0061, 4CH, Inc. v. Tenants

T15-0554, Liu v. 4 CH, Inc.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

324 10th St., Oakland, CA 94607

DATE OF HEARING:

April 27, 2016

DATE OF DECISION:

May 31, 2016

APPEARANCES:

Fanglan Zhong, Tenant (Unit #306)

George Tsang, Tenant's friend (Unit #306)

Nancy Tan, Tenant (Unit #317) Rui Qiong Liu, Tenant (#307) Jose Plascencia, Tenant (#316)

J. Ching, Tenant (#311) Wing K. Cheung, Owner

Joyce Wan, Property Manager

Gordon Chiu, Owner

Steven Rood, Owner's Attorney

SUMMARY OF DECISION

The Owner's Petition for Certificate of Exemption is granted. The subject property is exempt from the Rent Adjustment Program as new construction.

CONTENTIONS OF THE PARTIES

On October 15, 2015, the tenant (Unit #307) filed a Tenant Petition, alleging that (1) the proposed rent increase exceeds the CPI Adjustment and is unjustified or greater than 10%; (2) no notice of the existence of the Rent Program was given with the notice of rent increase and at least six months before the effective date of the rent increase; and (3) the housing services have decreased.

The owner filed a timely response, alleging that the subject property is exempt from the Rent Adjustment Program (RAP) as new construction with the Certificate of occupancy issued after January 1, 1983.

On October 19, 2015, the owner filed a Landlord Petition for Certificate of Exemption based on new construction of twenty (20) units. All residents were notified of the landlord petition. The following tenants filed a Tenant Response, contesting the exemption: Nancy Tan (Unit #317); Rui Qiong Liu (Unit #307), and Jose Plascencia Unit #316). Tenants Zhong (Unit #306) and Ching (Unit #311) did not file written responses but appeared for the hearing.

The tenants in the remaining fifteen (15) units did not file any documents and did not appear at the hearing.

Because the cases involve the same parties and the same subject property, they were consolidated into a single hearing.

ISSUES

(1) Is the subject unit exempt from the jurisdiction of the Rent Adjustment Program?

EVIDENCE

The owner testified that he purchased a third floor in the "Excellent Commercial Center", a commercial building. The commercial building consisted of three floors, all consisting of commercial space and offices. The owners applied for and obtained permits from the City of Oakland in 2005 to convert the third floor and add a fourth floor to create new residential space and build twenty (20) new split-level residential units. The construction project began in 2005 and finished in 2008. The Certificate of Occupancy for all twenty (20) new residential units was issued on March 14, 2008.

The following documents were admitted into evidence:

1. Certificate of Occupancy for 20 residential units located on the 3rd and 4th story, located at 324 10th Street, issued on March 14, 2008; also describing the retail space and mercantile space with zero (0) habitable rooms on 1st and 2nd story - Exhibit A;

2. Permit Inspection Record, showing conversion of 3rd floor into 20 live/work units, with inspections for building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical dated from November 2005 through March 2008 (4 pages) – Exhibit B;

3. Address History from the City of Oakland building department confirms conversion of 3rd floor into 20 live/work units and additional residential living on the 4th floor, including issuance of permits in 2005 – Exhibit C;

4. The Excellent Commercial Center Project plans showing the layout of each floor (1 through 4), each residential unit on 3rd and 4th floors, designating 1st and 2nd floors for commercial space and 20 units located on the 3rd and 4th floors as residential live/work units – Exhibit D;

5. Grant Deed, showing 4CH Inc. as the owner grantee of the subject property, with Assessor's Parcel No. 002-0061-095– Exhibit E.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Exemption

The Rent Ordinance exempts certain dwelling units which were newly constructed and received a certificate of occupancy on or after January 1, 1983. The unit must be newly constructed or created from space that was formerly entirely non-residential. Newly constructed units include legal conversions of spaces that were formerly entirely commercial.

All twenty (20) residential units, located on the 3rd and 4th floors in the Commercial Center were newly constructed, and the certificate of occupancy was issued on March 14, 2008. The Certificate of Occupancy lists all twenty (20) units. There was no evidence of prior residential use; the units were newly created and converted from a commercial space. The permits were issued for converting this non-residential space on the 3rd floor into 20 residential units on the 3rd floor and creation of the 4th floor. The permits were issued in 2005 and the construction was completed in 2008. The Certificate of Occupancy states that 1st and 2nd story remain commercial (retail and mercantile space) with zero habitable rooms and that only 3rd and 4th stories include habitable residential space.

Because the owner has met the requirements of the Rent Ordinance, the subject property (20 units located on the 3rd and 4th floors) is exempt from the Rent Ordinance. Therefore, it is not necessary to consider other issues in the tenant petition.

ORDER

- 1. The Owner Petition L15-0060 is granted. The subject property is exempt from the City of Oakland Rent Adjustment Ordinance as new construction.
 - 2. The Tenant Petition T15-0554 is denied.
- 3. A certificate of exemption for the subject building shall be issued upon expiration of the appeal period.

Right to Appeal: This decision is the final decision of the Rent Adjustment Program Staff. Either party may appeal this decision by filing a properly completed appeal using the form provided by the Rent Adjustment Program. The appeal must be received within twenty (20) days after service of the decision. The date of service is

¹ O.M.C. §8.22.030 (A)(5)

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shown on the attached Proof of Service. If the Rent Adjustment Office is closed on the last day to file, the appeal may be filed on the next business day.

Dated: May 31, 2016

Linda M. Moroz

Hearing Officer, City of Oakland Rent Adjustment Program

PROOF OF SERVICE

Case Number L15-0061

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Tenants

Nancy Tan 324 10th St #317 Oakland, CA 94607

Resident 324 10th St #311 Oakland, CA 94607

Resident 324 10th St #301 Oakland, CA 94607

Resident 324 10th St #302 Oakland, CA 94607

Resident 324 10th St #304 Oakland, CA 94607

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Resident 324 10th St #307 Oakland, CA 94607

Owner

4 CH Inc 2219 9th Ave Oakland, CA 94606 Resident 324 10th St #308 Oakland, CA 94607

Resident 324 10th St #303 Oakland, CA 94607

Resident 324 10th St #310 Oakland, CA 94607

Resident 324 10th St #320 Oakland, CA 94607

Resident 324 10th St #312 Oakland, CA 94607

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Resident 324 10th St #318 Oakland, CA 94607

Resident 324 10th St #319 Oakland, CA 94607

Resident 324 10th St #309 Oakland, CA 94607

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Wing King Cheung 2219 9th Ave Oakland, CA 94606

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Excleyel Esther K. Rush

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for Date Stamp Only

P.O. Box 70243 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 5313 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 238-3721ti

CASE NUMBER L15-0061

Tenant Response

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Your Name NANCY TAN	Complete Address (with Zip Code) 320 10 5 St., #317 Oakland, CA 94607	Telephone (4/5) 53 9 8988 Day SAME Evening SAME
Your Representative's Name	Complete Address (with Zip Code)	Telephone Day
		Evening
Is your rent subsidized or controlle Initial Rent: \$ 1,600	greement for this unit: MAY	ing HUD (Section 8)? Yes \(\sum \) No \(\sum \) check all that apply) \(\operatorname{O} \) Gas
Did you receive the City of Oaklar unit?	d's NOTICE TO TENANTS at any	time during your tenancy in this Yes No
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If you want to submit your case to mediation, pleas	se check the appropriate box and si
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Muce Tan	3-14-16
Tenant's Signature (for Mediation Request	Date
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Address History

DATE_OPENED >= 1/1/1980 DATE_OPENED <= 12/31/2020 APN = (blank)ADDR_PARTIAL Begins With 324 10TH

RECORD_TYPE_SUBTYPE <> Soft Story Retrofit Validation

324, 10TH, ST				
APN Unit #	Record ID	Date Opened	Status	Status Date
002 011302800	ZC141987	8/22/2014	Approved	8/22/2014 12:00:00 AM
002 011300100	ZC140900	4/7/2014	Approved	4/7/2014 12:00:00 AM
002 011300100	ZC140484	2/21/2014	Approved	2/21/2014 12:00:00 AM
002 229 011502000	ZC131207	5/22/2013	Approved	5/22/2013 12:00:00 AM
002 223 ^11502000	ZC130543	3/1/2013	Approved	3/1/2013 12:00:00 AM
02 301 011201100	1300745	2/6/2013	Abated	9/10/2013 12:00:00 AM
002 011502000	1206839	12/12/2012	Abated	12/21/2012 12:00:00 AM
002 006113100	ZC111356	5/27/2011	Approved	5/27/2011 12:00:00 AM
002 006102000	ZC110837	3/29/2011	Approved	3/29/2011 12:00:00 AM
002 006102000	ZC110796	3/24/2011	Approved	3/24/2011 12:00:00 AM
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Description

Zoning clearance traffic violator school (person instruction)

Retail store for Chinese herbs, medicines, heat pads etc.

Medical service activity for an Osteologist traditional chinese sports medicine, on the ground floor, over 30' feet away

Group Assembly for tutoring and training classes for casino Jobs, in a small space less than 7,500 sf.

CBD-P CH administrative office / consultative services law firm

PLUMBING PROBLEMS IN KITCHEN, UNABLE TO USE SINK DEFECTIVE GARBAGEDISHWASHER WATER DOES NOT DRAIN, SECURITY DOOR MISSING HARDWARE INTERIOR WORK ON FORST FLOOR , WITHOUT REQUIRED PERMIT

Administrative office for a business that provides study abroad consulting services including paper work assistance in obtaining visas and high-school and university enrollment

Meng, seperate f rom business owner) permitted in CBD-P above ground floor. Proposal for a consumer service activity (massage therapy - State Certification for masage therapist Wei

Office for a driving school. No cars stored at this site. Administrative activities only. Business located on second floor.

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METER RESET	5/8/1992 12:00:00 AM	Final	5/7/1992	Y9200724	002 006102000
floral arrangement, retail sales	7/23/2001 12:00:00 AM	Approved	7/23/2001	ZC011483	006102000
Zoning Clearance for business license for General Retail Sales Activity (retail clothing store)	2/18/2004 12:00:00 AM	Approved	2/18/2004	ZC040488	002 135
Convert 14380sf of 3rd floor into 20 units of live-work & add 10638sf of residential living floor on existing roof	3/13/2008 12:00:00 AM	Final	12/16/2004	mi	J2 300 J06109500
Convert 14380sf of 3rd floor into 20 units of live-work & reserve meter for construction	1/26/2005 12:00:00 AM	Permit Issued	1/26/2005		002 006109500
Convert 14380sf of 3rd floor into 20 units of live work & reserve meter for construction	3/1/2005 12:00:00 AM	Permit Issued	3/1/2005		002 006109500
Plumbing/4380sf of 3rd floor into 20 units of live-work & add 10638sf of residential living floor on existing roof	10/19/2006 12:00:00 AM	Final	3/15/2005	P0500784	006109500
Mechanical/4380sr of 3rd floor into 20 units of live-work & add 10638sr of residential living floor on existing roof New Central furnace units, ducts, flues:	11/30/2006 12:00:00-AM	Пna	3/15/2005	M0500525	00500500
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Acupuncture - medical service/personal service is permitted within the C.51/Zone.	1/3/2006 12:00:00 AM	Approved	1/3/2006	ZC060007	006102000
NOTICE TO ABATE: Sidewalk blocked w/o permit Convert 14380sf of 3rd floor into 20 units of live-work & add 10638sf of residential living floor on existing roof	3/24/2006 12:00:00 AM	Permit Issued	3/24/2006	OB060255	002 006109500
Medical Service - ethinese medical care - permittee in the C-51 zone.	6/5/2006 12:00:00 AM	Approved	6/5/2006	ZC061560	002 006102000
ONGOING UPPER FLOOR(3&4) CONSTRUCTION(80405623) HAS CAUSED NOISE, DUSTAND ACCESS PROBLEMS FOR ON SITE BUSINESS OWNERS/TENANTS ON 1ST/2ND		No Violation Found	1/24/2007	0/00588	006102000
REPLACE EXISTING ELEVATORS WITH A NEW STRETCHER READY ELEVAR INCLUDING RECALL SWITCH and a reg elevator.	3/17/2009 12:00:00 AM	Expired	3/20/2007	E0/00952	006109500
REPLACE EXISTING ELEVATOR'S WITH A NEW STRETCHER READY ELEVAR INCLUDING RECALL SWITCH and a reg elevator.	3/17/2009 12:00:00 AM	Expired	3/20/2007	E0700952	002 006107700
Zoning Clearance for Administrative Commercial Activity (property management company)	3/24/2008 12:00:00 AM	Approved	3/24/2008	ZC080772	002 206 006102000
CONSULTATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES (PARALEGAL SERVICES, TAX AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES) MORE THAN 30 FEET FROM ABUTTING STREET LINE.	10/7/2009 12:00:00 AM	Approved	10/7/2009	ZC092042	002 006102000
Zoning Clearance for General Retail Sales (Jewelry etc)	1/8/2010 12:00:00 AM	Approved	1/8/2010	ZC100059	102000
Description Zoning Clearance for Consumer Service Activity (Chinese body treatments: foot bath, cupping, gua sha, and hot & herbal pack. Special Activities Permit 509-157 for massage)	Status Date 4/22/2010 12:00:00 AM	Status Approved	Date Opened 4/22/2010	Record ID ZC100975	APN Unit # 002 309 006102000
					324, 10TH, ST

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RENTAL AGREEMENT

LANDLORD:

4CH. Inc., a California Corporation

TENANT:

Nancy L. Tan

Date for Reference Purposes:

May 15, 2014

Premises:

Unit # 317

the Excellent Commercial Center Condominiums

320 10th Street, Oakland CA94607

Make checks payable to and send to:

4CH INC.

A. Terms 11 months

B. Commencement Date:

October 1, 2015

C. Termination Date:

August 31, 2016

D. Monthly Rent:

\$1800.00

E. Deposit Receipt: Upon execution of this Agreement Landlord has received from Tenant the sum of One thousand eight Hundred Dollars (\$1800.00). evidenced by personal check, As a deposit which shall belong to Landlord and shall be applied as follow:

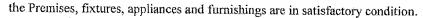
	Total	Received	Balance
Rent for the period from 10/1/2015 to 8/31/2016	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,800
Security Deposit 1 month	\$1,800	\$1,600	\$ 200
Total	\$3,600	\$1,600	\$2,000

Any balance due must be paid prior to move in date:

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the 1st day of October, 2015 BY AND BETWEEN LANDLORD AND TENANT. Tenant agrees that each of the terms of this Agreement constitutes a condition of Tenant's right to possession of the Premises.

- Premises. Landlord hereby leases the Premises to Tenant and Tenant hereby leases the Premises
 from Landlord, for the term and subject to the agreements, covenants and conditions hereinafter set
 forth. The Premises is a condominium unit, and is located within the Excellent Commercial
 Center Condominiums. The Premises is a live/work condominium. The condominium building
 and grounds shall be referred to herein as the "Property", there is no off street parking.
 - A. The Premises is exempt from Oakland rent controls pursuant to tent Adjustment Regulation 8.22.030 B2.
 - B . Personal Property: The following personal property is included with the Premises 320 $^{\rm th}$ street, Unit # 317 , Oakland CA94607.
 - C. Acceptance of Premises. Landlord and Tenant have jointly inspected the Premises and have noted the condition thereof and of all fixtures, appliances and furnishings. Except agrees that Initials Tenant Landlord

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- D. Keys. Tenant acknowledges receipt of on sets of keys to the Premises.
- Terms. The term hereof shall be 11 months, 0 days ("Term") commencing on 10-1-2015 (Commencement Date) and ending on 8-31-2016 (Expiration Date)
- 3. Rent. Monthly Rent shall be \$ 1,800.00 per month. Tenant shall pay to Landlord the Monthly Rent in advance on the first day of each month commencing on the Commencement Date at Landlord's address, or such other place as Landlord may from time to time specify by written notice to Tenant. If the Commencement Date is a day other than the first day of the month, the Rent will be prorated to the first day of the succeeding month. All monetary obligations of Tenant to Landlord under the terms of this Agreement are deemed to be Rent.

 Rent payments or checks from persons not named in this Agreement will not be accepted. Rent must be accepted. Rent must be paid each month by single check.
- 4. Late Charge/Interest. Tenant acknowledges that late payment of Rent will cause Landlord to incur posts and expenses, the exact amount of such costs being extremely difficult and impractical to fix and ascertain. Therefore, if any installment of Rent due from Tenant is not received by Landlord by the third(3rd) day of the month, Tenant shall pay to Landlord an additional sum of six percent(6%) of the Rent due as a late charge which shall be deemed additional Rent. The parties hereby agree that such late charge represents a fair and reasonable estimate of the costs Landlord will incur by reason of late payment by Tenant. Acceptance of such late charge by Landlord shall in no event constitute a waiver of Tenant's default or breach with respect to such overdue amount, Not prevent Landlord from exercising any of the other rights and remedies granted hereunder. Also, unpaid installments of Rent or other sums due hereunder shall bear interest from the date due at the rate of 12% per annum.

Tenant agrees to pay Landlord for any bank charges incurred by Landlord if Tenant's bank returns a Rent check for insufficient funds. If Tenant's bank returns a rent check for insufficient funds, rent shall be deemed late and subject to a late charge. Also, if Tenant's bank returns a Rent check for insufficient funds more than once, Landlord may serve thirty (30) days' written notice that all future Rent be paid in cash or by certified check or money order.

As required by law, Tenant is hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on Tenant's credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if Tenant fails to fulfill the terms of credit obligations by failing to pay Rent or other sums due hereunder on time.

5. Security and Cleaning Deposit. Upon execution of this Agreement, Tenant shall pay to Landlord the Security Deposit stated above. Landlord may use there from such amounts as are hereunder, including late charges, to repair damages cause by Tenant, or by a gust of invitee of Tenant, to clean the Premises, if necessary, upon termination of this Agreement, and to replace or repair personal property or appurtenances exclusive of ordinary wear and tear, If any portion of the Security Deposit is used during the term of this Agreement, Tenant agrees to reinstate the amount used upon five(5) days written notice delivered to tenant in person or by mail.



for Date Stamp Only	

P.O. Box 70243 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 5313 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 238-3721ti

CASE NUMBER L15-0061

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Your Name	Complete Address (with Zip Code)	Telephone
Jose Plascencia	320 10th St Ste 316	Day 415 264-8589
	Oakland CA 94607	Evening
Your Representative's Name	Complete Address (with Zip Code)	Telephone
		Day
		Evening
Are you current on your rent?	Yes No □	
Number of Units in this Building: _	20°	
Rental History	g	
	greement for this unit: November	2010
Date you moved into this unit: Fe	bruan 2009	
Is your rent subsidized or controlled	by any government agency, including	g HUD (Section 8)? Yes \(\sum_{No} \)
Initial Rent: \$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	Initial rent included (please cl ge () Parking () Storage () Cable	neck all that apply) () Gas TV () Other (please
Did you receive the City of Oakland unit?	I's NOTICE TO TENANTS at any tir	me during your tenancy in this Yes No 🕻
Please list the date you first receive	d the Notice to Tenants	
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Banking		Debt Service	
Capital Improvement	メ	Uninsured Repair Costs	
Increased Housing Service Costs		Constitutional Fair Return	

For the detailed text of these justifications, see Oakland Municipal Code Chapter 8.22 and the Rent Board Regulations on the City of Oakland web site. You can get additional information and copies of the Ordinance and Regulations from the Rent Program office in person or by phoning (510) 238-3721.

The property owner has the burden of proving the contested rent increase is justified. If the landlord is claiming the unit is exempt from the Rent Adjustment Ordinance, do you contest the Yes No 🗆 claim of exemption?

Verification

I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of California that all statements made in this Response are true and that all of the documents attached hereto are true copies of the originals.

	4-11-16
Tenant's Signature	Date
Tenant's Signature	Date

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		LANDLORD PETITION
		FOR CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION
		(OMC §8.22.030.B)

Please Fill Out This Form Completely As You Can. Failure to provide needed information may result in your petition being rejected or delayed. Attach to this petition copies of the documents that prove your claim. Before completing this petition, please read the Rent Adjustment Ordinance, section 8.22.030. A hearing is required in all cases even if uncontested or irrefutable.

Section 1. Basic Information

Your Name	Complete Address (with zip code)	Telephone				
ACH INC	2219 975 AG OBELAND, 94606	Day: 50.908.9366				
Your Representative's Name	Complete Address (with zip code)	Telephone				
WING KING CHEUNG	h	Day 510-908 9380				
Property Address		Total number of units in bldg				
324 10 m	4T	or parcel.				
	mily Residence Condominium	Apartment or Room				
one) If an SFR or condominium, can the	(SFR)					
deeded separately from all other units		No				
Assessor's Parcel No.						

<u>Section 2. Tenants</u>. You must attach a list of the names and addresses, with unit numbers, of all tenants residing in the unit/building you are claiming is exempt.

<u>Section 3. Claim(s) of Exemption</u>: A Certificate of Exemption may be granted **only** for dwelling units that are **permanently** exempt from the Rent Adjustment Ordinance.

New Construction: This may apply to individual units. The unit was newly constructed and a certification of occupancy was issued for it on or after January 1, 1983.

<u>Substantial Rehabilitation</u>: This applies only to entire buildings. An owner must have spent a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the average basic cost for new construction for a rehabilitation project. The average basic cost for new construction is determined using tables issued by the Chief Building Inspector applicable for the time period when the Substantial Rehabilitation was completed.

Single-Family or Condominium (Costa-Hawkins): Applies to Single Family Residences and condominiums only. If claiming exemption under the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act (Civ. C. §1954.50, et seq.), please answer the following questions on a separate sheet:

- 1. Did the prior tenant leave after being given a notice to quit (Civil Code Section 1946)?
- 2. Did the prior tenant leave after being a notice of rent increase under Civil Code Section 827?

3. Was the prior tenant evicted for cause?

- 4. Are there any outstanding violations of building, housing, fire, or safety codes in the unit or building?
- 5. Is the unit a single family dwelling or condominium that can be sold separately?

6. Did the current tenant have roommates when he/she moved in?

- 7. If the unit is a condominium, did you purchase it? If so: 1) from whom? 2) Did you purchase the entire building?
- 8. When did the tenant move into the unit?

I (We) petition for	or exemption on the following g	rounds (Check all that apply):	
	New Construction		
Section 4. must sign this	Substantial Rehabilitation Single Family Residence or (Verification Each section.	petitioner
I declare under to the laws of the true and that all the originals.	Costa-Hawkins) State of California that everythof the documents attached to the	penalty of perjury hing I stated and responded in this pe ne petition are correct and complete co	4:4:
Owner's Signature	fall	10/19/15 Date	
Owner's Signature		Date	

Important Information

Burden of Proof The burden of proving and producing evidence for the exemption is on the Owner. A Certificate of Exemption is a final determination of exemption absent fraud or mistake.

<u>File Review</u> Your tenant(s) will be given the opportunity to file a response to this petition within 35 days of notification by the Rent Adjustment Program. You will be sent a copy of the tenant's Response. Copies of attachments to the Response form will not be sent to you. However, you may review any attachments in the Rent Program Office. Files are available for review by appointment only. For an appointment to review a file, call (510) 238-3721. Please allow six weeks from the date of filing for notification processing and expiration of the tenant's response time before scheduling a file review.

CITY OF OAKLAND - COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY Inspection services - 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 2340, Oakland, California 94612 (510) 238-3102

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY C.O. NO. 08-0038

Jobsite Addre	ss <u>324 10</u>	oth Street		Property Owne	r Wing Ki	ng Chung	
Permits BO	0405623		E0700952	Permite	e King's C	onstruction	·
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I certify that the information is from a record on file in the office of Assessor. County of Alameda, as of 311

Attest:

RON THOMSEN, ASSESSOR COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

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