

COURT AUTHORIZED NOTICE OF PENDING  
CLASS ACTION

The Court has certified a class of all persons who currently own or have owned residential units in the City of Berkeley at any time from January 1, 2021, and are covered by Measure MM, subject to certain exceptions. Individuals who only owned units that were not covered by Measure MM, or only owned certain affordable-housing units that were subject to a lowered, Measure MM fee are not part of the Court's class definition.

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By Order of the Court Dated: February 13, 2025

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**  
**ALAN WOFSY & ASSOCIATES, DBA HEARST COMMONS v. BERKELEY RENT STABILIZATION**  
**BOARD**

Case No. 23CV043503

**NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION LITIGATION:**

This notice is being provided in connection with a class action lawsuit pending in the Superior Court for the State of California in the County of Alameda called Alan Wofsy & Associates, dba Hearst Commons v. Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, Case No. 23CV043503. This lawsuit challenges fee imposed by the City of Berkeley's Rent Stabilization Board onto owners of Berkeley rentals units under a law called Measure MM. Plaintiffs allege that these fees are unconstitutional. The Court has certified a class of units owners, and appointed the law offices of Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP as class counsel.

The Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board disputes these allegations and maintains that the Measure MM fees it charges are constitutional and otherwise appropriate under the law.

You are being provided this notice because you may be a member of a certified class of unit owners affected by the Board's Measure MM fees. If you are member, your legal rights and options are affected and you have a choice to make now. No money or benefits are available now because the lawsuit is not resolved. There is no guarantee that money or benefits ever will be available. If they are, you will be notified about how to ask for a share of any recovery. Unless you exclude yourself or your business from the lawsuit, you may be bound by the outcome of the case and you will not be able to file a lawsuit or be part of any lawsuit against the Board concerning or relating to the claims and allegations that were or could have been raised in this lawsuit.

**LITIGATION CLASS DEFINITION:**

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**YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS:**

If you are a member of the class, you may take one of two options in connection with this action:

- (1) Exclude Yourself: You may write to the Administrator, Berkeley Registration Fees Notice Administrator by **March 15, 2025** to exclude yourself. If you ask to be excluded from this lawsuit and money is later rewarded, you will not be allowed to request a payment. But you will keep your right to file your own lawsuit against the Board for damages concerning or relating to the claims and factual allegations that were or could have been raised in this action.
- (2) Do Nothing: If you do nothing, you will be bound by the outcome of the case, whether a judgment is rendered for or against the Board. Unless you exclude yourself, you will not be able to file a lawsuit or be part of any other lawsuit asserting claims against the Board concerning or relating to the claims and factual allegations that were or could have been raised in this lawsuit.

Further Information: Important information about this litigation is available in the Long Form Notice at [www.berkeleyregistrationfees.com](http://www.berkeleyregistrationfees.com) or by request from the Notice Administrator. You can contact the Administrator by mail at: Berkeley Registration Fees Notice Administrator, c/o SSL, an Epiq Company, P.O. Box 2715, Portland, OR 97208-2715, email at [claims@ssiclaims.com](mailto:claims@ssiclaims.com), or phone at 888-868-8642. The deadlines contained in this notice may be amended by the Court, so please check the website for any updates.

You should review the Long Form Notice at [WWW.BERKELEYREGISTRATIONFEES.COM](http://WWW.BERKELEYREGISTRATIONFEES.COM) to inform yourself of your rights in this Action. Please do not call the Court or the Clerk of the Court for information about the lawsuit.