

Rent Control

As the housing affordability crisis deepens, RWG's experience in both mobilehome and apartment rent control becomes increasingly significant. As a firm, we assisted the City of West Hollywood in the formation of its apartment rent control ordinance, and recently advised the City of Beverly Hills in the comprehensive update of its rent control ordinance, and the cities of Yucaipa and Calimesa in the formation of their mobilehome rent control ordinances.

We have successfully defended such ordinances for almost 40 years, including representing the City of Carson in the landmark case of *Carson Mobilehome Park Owners' Assn. v. City of Carson* (1983) 35 Cal.3d 184, where the California Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of Carson's mobilehome rent control ordinance. In addition, we defended the City of West Hollywood against a challenge to the constitutionality of the City's increase in rental housing registration fees (*West Hollywood Concerned Citizens v. City of West Hollywood* (1991) 232 Cal.App.3d 486). More recently, our firm prevailed in both state and federal court challenges to the City of Oceanside's decision denying a rent increase, including *Dunex, Inc. v. City of Oceanside* (9th Cir 2012).

We currently represent the cities of Beverly Hills, Yucaipa, Calimesa, Palmdale, and Indio with respect to their administration of their rent control ordinances. These services include representing staff before rent control boards, advising both rent control boards regarding decisions and city councils on appeal, and, of course, litigating those decisions when the need arises.

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