

**James Chang.** KIMBERLY ALMANZA-GOMEZ: James brings a lot of energy into his work and in others around him. He has experience in affordable housing and knowledge in the community around him, and as a student that is an admirable accomplishment. FRED DODSWORTH: As a young, gay, politically-engaged, Asian-American student, it is imperative we support James. He represents diversity the rent board direly needs. BOB MARSH: James is very organized, young and enthusiastic, he will appeal to our student community. EDITH HALLBERG: James is acceptable as a student member oaf a slate but he seemed too new and naive to get a larger score. STEVE BARTON: James is a Student Cooperative leader, active in Robin Hood campaign, inclusive style, brings diversity & new networks to slate. AUDRA CARAVAS: James is an Active participant in Robin Hood Committee and Screening Committee. Diverse, great student network, passionate, dedicated GENE TURITZ: While James is New to Berkeley – he brings in new student and multi-cultural constituencies – enthusiastic energy for affordable habitable housing and a fresh perspective for the slate. DAVE BLAKE: James is the future: we’re lucky to have him running.

**Lisa Giampaoli.** KIMBERLY ALMANZA-GOMEZ: Lisa, a tenant’s right attorney, would be a great resource for Rent Board. Not as much experience in bringing people in though. FRED DODSWORTH: Lisa, a tenant lawyer, runs the risk of appearing biased and seemed disorganized. BOB MARSH: Lisa is very organized and well spoken. I think it would be valuable to have a tenant’s rights attorney on the Rent Board. EDITH HALLBERG: Lisa is another lawyer but one that is on the people’s side and would be an asset for the rent board. STEVE BARTON: Lisa has a strong personal commitment to tenants’ rights, now a practicing tenant lawyer, but did not show knowledge of Berkeley housing issues AUDRA CARAVAS: A Lawyer, Lisa is values/mission driven, but not as much knowledge of the issues as preferred. GENE TURITZ: While Lisa is a strong tenant advocate, it would be better if there were stronger connections with tenant community. DAVE BLAKE: Lisa is earnest, but I feel unseasoned. I’d like to watch her participation in our community in the next two years and ask her to represent us then.

**Katherine Harr.** KIMBERLY ALMANZA-GOMEZ: Kathy is another passionate candidate, she has taken the lead on several Rent Board projects. She is currently very involved in the Berkeley Tenants Union, Robin Hood Committee, and in being a Zoning Commissioner. FRED DODSWORTH: With active, current experience on the Berkeley Rent Board (previously in a similar position in SF), Kathy is a proven leader. BOB MARSH: We have two incumbents running, and we should support them completely. EDITH HALLBERG: Katherine shows great ability to continue the program of the progressive rent board. STEVE BARTON: Kathy is Vice Chair of the Rent Board, a leader in BTU & Robin Hood campaign, a history of fighting for tenants’ rights, and deep commitment & knowledge AUDRA CARAVAS: Kathy is an Incumbent, issue driven, collaborative, passionate, successful, hard working, strong willed and spirited. Strength/Organizer of Robin Hood Committee. GENE TURITZ: Kathy is a Strong hard working insider who wants to build a tenant union and knows the ropes of rent and eviction controls. DAVE BLAKE: Kathy’s energy and smarts has proven to be an invaluable asset to our community and the board.

**Paola Laverde.** KIMBERLY ALMANZA-GOMEZ: Paola has 15 years being a journalist and experience being a court interpreter. I can see bringing up questions that other people wouldn’t think of. I support her. FRED DODSWORTH: I’m impressed with Paola’s experience and compassion and believe she will excel while expanding the diversity on our rent board. JULIA CATO: Paola’s written responses were very impressive. STEVE BARTON: Paola has a Strong commitment to tenants’ rights & social justice, bi-lingual, video producer brings needed skills & diversity, good knowledge of issues. AUDRA CARAVAS: Paola Volunteered for the last Progressive slate, brings diversity to the slate, strong media skills. GENE TURITZ: Paola is Not an insider, she

is connected to and works with low income and Spanish speaking communities and knows the issues from being in the fight herself. DAVE BLAKE: Paola’s answers were overall excellent.

**Rebecca Renfro.** KIMBERLY ALMANZA-GOMEZ: Rebecca has lived in Berkeley since 1988, she has worked to educate herself and others in tenant’s issues and wants to get more involved. I would like to see what her spirit and drive brings to the table. FRED DODSWORTH: I was greatly impressed by Rebecca but would prefer to get a more diverse slate this election. I encourage her to remain engaged. BOB MARSH: Lots of experience as an abused tenant, but I thought Rebecca was the least qualified overall among these good candidates. She seemed rather centered on her own issues. EDITH HALLBERG: Rebecca shows that she has learned from the school of hard knocks and has shared the information with her friends to struggle against a notorious landlord. STEVE BARTON: Rebecca shows a Strong commitment to tenants’ rights & social justice, experience counseling tenants, long history in Berkeley, good knowledge of issues. AUDRA CARAVAS: Past experience has given Rebecca the tools to help others, well spoken, friendly, but does not give the board more diversity. GENE TURITZ: Rebecca is not an insider, she’s a community person who offers good “tenants perspective” developed from her own struggles and she is a new face to bring in new support. DAVE BLAKE: Rebecca has worked in the trenches and well understands the issues she’d face as a Commissioner.

**John Selawsky.** KIMBERLY ALMANZA-GOMEZ: I think regardless if John is on Rent Board or not, he will be very involved. FRED DODSWORTH: John is a proven progressive leader in our community. That he is committed to working to expand the Rent Board’s outreach, irrespective of his getting elected cinched the deal for me. BOB MARSH: John’s years of service on the Berkeley School Board show his dedication and attention to detail. We can’t have a better candidate. EDITH HALLBERG: John expresses pathos for a wide range of constituents he should make a better rent board person than he was a school board director. STEVE BARTON: Proven progressive vote-getter, ability to help Board work together, John understands the need for organizing, can help move Council to action. AUDRA CARAVAS: John is a Veteran local politician, has name recognition, good ideas, and is married to a retiring Rent Board Commissioner. GENE TURITZ: Selawsky has much to offer slate and board – however moving from one family member to another works against the idea of bringing new people into positions of decision making. DAVE BLAKE: John has been a stalwart in progressive politics as long as I’ve lived in Berkeley. Having been a multiply-elected School Board member, he has more name recognition than the rest of the slate combined.

**Jesse Townley.** KIMBERLY ALMANZA-GOMEZ: Jesse served as a Rent Board Commissioner in the past, and I would just like to give some of the other people the chance to serve. FRED DODSWORTH: Like Kathy, Jesse has shown his commitment to progressive tenant issues. As one of the few tenants currently on the Rent Board, his contined representation is imperative. BOB MARSH: We have two incumbents running, and we should support them completely. EDITH HALLBERG: Jesse is an acceptable incumbent. STEVE BARTON: Jesse was a Leader in getting Council to require upgrading “soft story” buildings to survive an earthquake, the major recent gain for tenants. AUDRA CARAVAS: Jesse is an Incumbent, community connector, 4 x 4 committee with the Mayor, good personality to balance intensity of discussions. GENE TURITZ: Jesse’s Work on Board has been good and important – he has much to offer the slate. DAVE BLAKE: I have no doubt Jesse will continue to apply his innovative approaches to improving our services to Berkeley’s tenants.