

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION**



RH-TP-23,31,621

In re: 1500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Ward Two (2)

RIFAT SHAFIQUE
Tenant/Appellant

v.

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT, LLC
Housing Provider/Appellee

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED HEARING

The Rental Housing Commission scheduled for hearing the appeal filed by the Tenant/Appellant from the Final Order dated September 7, 2023. The Commission will hold the hearing on **Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 11:00 am. The hearing will be held in person at 441 4th Street, NW, Washington DC 20001, Suite 1140BN.**

The Commission hears appeals from final decisions and orders of the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) and the Office of the Rent Administrator under the authority of, and in compliance with, the Rental Housing Act of 1985, as amended, D.C. OFFICIAL CODE §§42-3501.01-3509.07 (2001), the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act (DCAPA), D.C. OFFICIAL CODE §§2-501-510 (2001), and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), 14 DCMR §§3800-4399 (2021). Hearings before the Commission are conducted in a manner similar to proceedings before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Commission hearings ordinarily do not exceed one hour in duration.

The failure of either party to appear at the scheduled time of the hearing will not preclude the Commission from hearing the oral argument of the appearing party and/or disposing of the appeal. Failure of an appellant to appear may result in the dismissal of such party's appeal.

Before February 15, 2024, the public is encouraged to contact the Clerk of the Court, Ms. LaTonya Miles, for assurance about the specific date and time of the hearing on this case. Absent good cause demonstrated by the moving party, the Commission will deny requests for continuances of hearings. However, the Commission may grant a party in this appeal a

continuance of the hearing shortly before or on the hearing date, thereby precluding timely prior public notice of a new hearing date as such notice is provided herein. Upon the granting of any continuance, notice of a future hearing date will be published in the same manner as this notice, as required by law.

The public is requested to direct all inquiries about the hearing or Commission proceedings by phone, letter or email to the Clerk of the Court, Ms. LaTonya Miles, at any time before February 15, 2024, during regular business hours of the Commission, 8:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Monday to Friday, except for legal holidays. The Commission's phone number is (202) 442-8949. Emails for the Commission can be directed to latonya.miles@dc.gov or rhc.clerk@dc.gov. Any written inquiries mailed to the Commission should be directed to the attention of the Clerk of the Court at the address of the Commission stated above.

Copies of minutes, transcript, or an electronic recording of the hearing, will be posted online as soon as practicable.