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To the members of the City of Pasadena Finance Committee

Item 6 on today's agenda proposes a budget of $2,876,232 for the Rent Stabilization Board, and notes that this will entail a "temporary negative cash balance for the department will occur until the Rental Housing Fee can be collected".

So far, the Rent Board has failed to meet any of its operational deadlines for providing advice, setting up hearings, hiring staff, or creating a rental registry. Instead they have focused on their own pay, to the extent that one member asked at the January 10th meeting whether it would be possible to halt rent payments on their office if money was needed for Board member salaries.

In view of the Board's consistent failure to meet its own deadlines, what is the City's plan to deal with funding the new Department if the rent registry is delayed even further?

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