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**Subject:** Continued Support for Economic Relief Package (Item 2)

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Dear City Clerk, Mayor, City Councilmembers, and Acting City Manager:

I am writing on behalf of Long Beach Forward to express our strong support for Item 2 on the March 24th agenda of the Joint Meeting of the City Council and Housing Authority. Amid the COVID-19 global pandemic, it is critical that City Council puts the needs of Long Beach residents and small businesses first, especially the thousands of people whose health or livelihoods have been affected by COVID-19.

**Please pass the eviction moratorium as currently drafted by the City Attorney with one minor amendment for clarity and legal consistency.** Sec. 8.100.030 B. requires notice and supporting documentation by the tenant. However, Sec. 8.100.040 only tells tenants to provide notice and does not mention the requirement to also provide supporting documentation. The 3-day notice to "pay or quit" needs to state both requirements so that tenants know what to do. This inconsistency can be fixed by inserting 4 words to Sec 8.100.040 (see **bold underline** below):

*8.100.040 Pay-or-Quit Notices.*

*Any pay-or-quit notices dated between March 25, 2020 and May 31, 2020 shall include the following language (or substantially similar): "The City of Long Beach has declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19. If you cannot pay your rent due to a loss of income or medical expenses resulting from COVID-19, you need to notify **and provide supporting documentation** [provide owner or agent contact information] immediately. You may qualify for protections against eviction and you may have a right to delay your rent payment and to repay such delayed rent over a six-month period".*

Now is the time for real leadership in addressing the needs of our most vulnerable residents for the common good of our city and beyond. Thank you to the Councilmembers who brought this item forward, and thank you in advance to those who will support it tonight.

Wishing you some serenity in these uncertain times.

Sincerely,  
Christine

On Tue, Mar 17, 2020 at 4:57 PM Christine Petit <[christine@lbforward.org](mailto:christine@lbforward.org)> wrote:  
Dear City Clerk, Mayor, City Councilmembers, and Acting City Manager:

I am writing on behalf of Long Beach Forward to express our strong support for item 27 on tonight's agenda. Amid the COVID-19 global health crisis, it is critical that Long Beach City Council puts the needs of Long Beach residents first. We need an eviction moratorium for all evictions, no matter the circumstance. A moratorium on all evictions, retroactive to March 4, 2020, is the appropriate response given the urgency and scale of the COVID-19 outbreak. Families cannot practice social distancing if they don't have a home, and putting families on the street will jeopardize their own health and the health of others. Eviction-moratorium proposals that are limited to nonpayment-related evictions or that require a demonstrated loss of income are simply unrealistic and fall short of protecting our residents and communities.

We are supportive of the other components of the relief package as well. Now is the time for real leadership in addressing the needs of our most vulnerable residents for the common good of our city and beyond. Thank you to those who brought this item forward, and thank you in advance to those who will support it tonight.

We wish you health and peace during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,  
Christine

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