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Subject: AGENDA 29

-EXTERNAL-

Mayor Garcia and Council Members...

I ask for a resolution to our local Congressional delegation advocating for mortgage forgiveness for those that don't have a federally back loans due to lack of income and housing providers being required to pay property taxes and their maintenance crews to keep up their buildings.

The housing issue has become very stressful for all property owners. In my instance, my husband and I are 77 and 72 and we are in a tough situation because we are retired. We can not apply for new loans as we would not be accepted. Our credit is very good but our credit status does not make a difference to loan institutions since we do not have another source of full time income other then our apartment buildings. We are stuck with our mortgages and need rents to be made on a monthly basis in order to pay our monthly mortgages and keep the properties in good condition. Please consider the resolution for mortgage forgiveness as it will help many housing providers from losing their properties.

Respectfully,
Wendy and John Henning

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Subject: Council Meeting July 14, 2020: AGENDA ITEM 29

-EXTERNAL-

Mayor Garcia and Council Members,

I request Council adopt a resolution instructing our Congressional delegation to pass legislation granting mortgage forgiveness for housing providers who do not have federally-backed loans and have lost rental income due to tenants' claims of lost income due to Covid-19.

**Thank you,
Ray Mehler**

From: Daniel D. Kelson [<mailto:kelson@carnegiescience.edu>]
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Subject: Agenda item 20-0672 for City Council meeting, July 14, 2020

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

I have written previously about the importance of the moratorium on eviction from the standpoint of a concerned citizen living in District 6. I do not rent nor do I own properties for rent and thus write with no conflict of interest on this matter. As I see it—and as policy makers across California and this country see it—to resume evictions is both economically irresponsible and civically untenable.

Agenda item 20-0672 only extends the moratorium on evictions to the end of August (see <http://longbeach.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4591049&GUID=B2635E16-E456-480E-9E6A-8744F79FCBED&Options=&Search=>)

and this short an extension is simply cruel and inhumane to renters, most of whom are being buffeted by health and economic forces that are driving their income uncertainty on a much longer timescale.

The unemployment rate in Long Beach is still hovering near 20%, and to extend the moratorium on evictions by only one month is a slap in the face of those renters who need to plan around expectations of them. And it is not at all reasonable to expect affected renters to even have started recouping enough of their former income to resume sustainable payment of their housing expenses—and the dramatic increases in novel coronavirus infections and hospitalizations imply that the economic side of this crisis will in fact be getting worse. Renters need more certainty than a simple one month extension to the moratorium on evictions.

Certainly property owners are suffering, too, but they at least have their properties while renters have nothing. And while property owners will need to be made something close to whole again—and have their own versions of economic certainty—at some point other funds will have to be identified to support paying back missed rent at a level that will not place too much of the burden on renters who will by that time have lost many months of income. But that is for another day, a day when we are getting past this unprecedented health and economic crisis.

The large number of Long Beach residents who are housing stressed—a population skewed towards people of color and the working poor—will be devastated by any resumption of evictions. And surely the Council knows that so many of those who will lose their housing will be added to the roles of the homeless—a situation both inhumane and unnecessarily cruel to families and their children (something like half of the Long Beach homeless population currently are families).

I am offended that any property owners think that we are close to a time when the eviction moratorium can be allowed to terminate. Please extend the moratorium at least six more months—preferable a year—because we are still very much only at the beginning of the Covid19 crisis. *It is the least humane thing to do.*

Thank you,
Daniel Kelson, PhD
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Long Beach resident