

Kimberly Luna

From: CityClerk
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Pablo Rubio
Cc: Alyssa Campos; Kimberly Luna
Subject: FW: Support Rental Assistance Program with Additional Tenant Protections (Agenda Item 11, June 9, 2020 Council Meeting (Council File 20-0495))

From: Emma Portillo [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:04 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: RE: Support Rental Assistance Program with Additional Tenant Protections (Agenda Item 11, June 9, 2020 Council Meeting (Council File 20-0495))

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I support the City's efforts to establish the Long Beach CARES Rental Assistance Program to assist low-income renters and their landlords, but in order to stabilize myself and my

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Thank you.

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From: Grace Lorentzen [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
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Please support the rental assistance program so that people aren't losing housing as a result of illness or loss of jobs.

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Thank you.

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From: Elsa Tung [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
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From: Anais Sandoval [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:22 PM
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Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:10 PM
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Thank you. Your humanity is cherished and appreciated amongst our communities and within our families, God Bless.

John Trent

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I am also adding, that I am in favor of total rent cancellation including back rent forgiven, so that the weight of Covid-19's economic burden does not fall on renters alone.

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Thank you.

Ashley Kron

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As a previous resident of Long Beach whose family still lives in the city, I support the City's efforts to establish the Long Beach CARES Rental Assistance Program to assist low-income

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To: Pablo Rubio
Cc: Alyssa Campos; Kimberly Luna
Subject: FW: [Scan] Rental Assistance Program SCIC letter
Attachments: Rental Assistance Program SCIC letter.pdf

From: Sara Deen DDS [mailto:sara.deen@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:40 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Diana Tang <Diana.Tang@longbeach.gov>; Mary Zendejas <Mary.Zendejas@longbeach.gov>; Raymond Morquecho <Raymond.Morquecho@longbeach.gov>; Jeannine Pearce <Jeannine.Pearce@longbeach.gov>; Karla Estupinian <Karla.Estupinian@longbeach.gov>; Suzie Price <Suzie.Price@longbeach.gov>; Jack Cunningham <Jack.Cunningham@longbeach.gov>; Daryl Supernaw <Daryl.Supernaw@longbeach.gov>; Barbara Moore <Barbara.Moore@longbeach.gov>; Stacy Mungo <Stacy.Mungo@longbeach.gov>; Summer Smith <Summer.Smith@longbeach.gov>; Dee Andrews <Dee.Andrews@longbeach.gov>; Isabel Arvea <Isabel.Arvea@longbeach.gov>; Roberto Uranga <Roberto.Uranga@longbeach.gov>; Celina Luna <Celina.Luna@longbeach.gov>; Al Austin <Al.Austin@longbeach.gov>; Jonathan Kraus <Jonathan.Kraus@longbeach.gov>; Rex Richardson <Rex.Richardson@longbeach.gov>; Matthew Hamlett <Matthew.Hamlett@longbeach.gov>

Cc: SCIC Office Email <office@scinterfaith.org>; Milia Islam-Majeed <milia@scinterfaith.org>

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Our board and staff thank you for your continued kind service to our communities.

Sincerely,

Sara H Deen
President, South Coast Interfaith Council

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From: Estefania Gallo [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
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To: Pablo Rubio
Cc: Alyssa Campos; Kimberly Luna
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Monique De La Garza,

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