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Subject: Support agenda item 18 as is

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Dear Mayor Garcia and Council members,

Adding to an ordinance that continues to require private property owners to provide a service without compensation may be considered a taking of private property. There is also a possibility delinquent mortgage payments on 5 or more units will not be protected by the moratorium and loan default notices could start appearing in the next month or two.

I support item 18 on the agenda for Tuesday as it will help some rental property owners that have tenants earning 80% or less of the Area Median Income; but what it doesn't do is help out any rental property owners that have tenants earning more than that. I want to encourage you to identify other sources of funding that can help out all rental property owners impacted financially by COVID 19 including your very own policies that have deferred rent and payback for up to possibly a year.

In addition, I am adamantly opposed to Legal Aid and LIBRE's attempt to influence all of you to pass policy on a prohibition on rent increases and no-fault evictions. Rental property owners have been singled out by policies that have hurt us financially. Even with the possibility of a future agenda item requiring tenants to pay a certain percentage each month of the back rent owed; it is very clear to our industry that collecting back rent will be very difficult to say the least. The tenant advocacy letters continue to reference "evictions". There are no evictions taking place at this point. The Judicial Council for the State of California has adopted an emergency court rule that stops all evictions for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. The rule is applicable to all courts and to all eviction cases, whether they are based on a tenant's missed rent payment or another reason. This court rule will apply until 90 days after the Governor lifts the state of emergency

related to COVID-19 pandemic. So, letters that indicate the “threat” of evictions are purely emotional and not based upon any facts.

To reiterate, I am asking that you support item 18; find additional funding for those that don’t meet the criteria for item 18 and do not take anymore action that will impact our industry anymore than already has taken place. We are your constituent’s housing provider; help us out.

Thank you,



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