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Madam Mayor, Members of the City Council and City Attorney Ariel Calonne;

Please consider the fact that the Governor extended for over a year the state of emergency caused by the fire and the flooding in our county.

The housing market simply could not withstand a prohibition on evictions for that length of time. Housing providers would lose their rental properties because lenders will not excuse non-payment of mortgage payments for that length of time.

Please instead continue this item until your last City Council meeting in May to see what action the Governor takes and make your decision accordingly. If no action is taken, please consider an extension for one month until the Governor does take action. This would also allow input by your constituents on their loans and what "forbearance" they may or may not have received. My information is that those banks or other lending institutions that have offered forbearance are allowing only one month.

Sincerely,
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