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Ramirez, Angelica Public Comment Group 3

From: Isla Vista Housing Crisis Coalition <islavistahcc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 4:08 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment for BoS Meeting 5/5



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Hello,

I'd like to submit this public comment to be distributed to the Board, and please be read on record at the meeting. It is within the 250 word limit without the "Dear.." and ending "thank you." Please let me know if there's any issues. Thank you!

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the current housing situation during the pandemic. I'm Kenny Morris, a UCSB student who is organizing with my fellow IV tenants as apart of the Isla Vista Housing Crisis Coalition.

I'd like to raise concerns over the lack of a hard date for repayment of deferred rent in Ordinance 44-5. While often a property manager may be flexible in rent repayment, we could see it being potentially exploitable by the property owner. There is a stark power imbalance between landlords and tenants, and we don't want some of the larger property owners to use that to strong arm tenants into a deadline that they can't make.

Both San Diego and Los Angeles have enacted similar measures with their eviction moratoriums. LA has given tenants a 12 month repayment deadline after the official end of the emergency, and thinking of the countless people who keep our city running that are living paycheck to paycheck in SB, that should be the minimum. If the crisis continues past June, we may need to revisit.

If you'd like to maintain the flexibility of the ordinance you may consider this deadline to be the minimum time, and empower parties to extend further if needed.

You've all done a lot of work to make sure that people are taken care of at this time, and I think that setting this deadline could be a beneficial way to make sure that people are taken care of after as well.

Thank you,
Kenny

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From: Ruth Alcantara <ruth.alcantara120@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 4:17 PM
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Subject: Read into the record

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Hello clerk of the board,

"In this time of crisis surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, it is unsurprising that the prisoners of Lompoc federal prison are witnessing the most extreme miscarriages of public responsibility in the county. As leaders of our county community, we implore you to stand as our allies to advocate for the basic human rights of prisoners in Lompoc. We ask for your help in working with the Santa Barbara Public Health Department to create a health equity task force, to hire a cultural competency director, and to outfit prisoners and prison personnel with adequate personal protective equipment and hand sanitizer. We ask for your help in working with the warden of Lompoc to ensure that prison personnel who are displaying symptoms of COVID to stay home until they are well, and to waive fees for phone calls. We ask for your help in lobbying for the release of prisoners who are medically fragile, elders, nonviolent and minor offenders, adherents and advocates of the Agreement to End Hostilities, and anyone within a year or two years of their release date. We ask for your help in advocating for expedited parole hearings and a reduction of jail admissions through the redirection of people to community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services. These are just a few of the changes that we hope we can count on you to implement. We look forward to future conversations wherein we can work together to end the moral crisis of mass incarceration in our county."

Thank you,
Ruth