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From: Breda Wall <briddebhal@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 2:40 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rental opportunities



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To whom it may concern:

And I hope that's you , as a multi decade renter and full time worker in elementary education I currently spend between 60 to 70 percent of my income on rent and am trying to support my local college student daughter.

It's unacceptable and I feel landlord's should not be allowed discriminate against pet owners especially at this time of mental health crisis.

Sincerely,

Breda.

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Max Golding <maxgolding1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 2:52 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Renoviction moratorium

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Please pass

1. A Renoviction Moratorium until this housing crisis is over (borrow from San Diego and LA Counties/Cities)
2. A One-Year Lease Offer Requirement for landlords (copy from SB City)
3. A Right to Rerent at the same rent long term (multiple municipal examples throughout CA)

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Maria Cincotta <mariaanncincotta@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 3:08 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: please prevent renovictions

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

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I am requesting that you take concrete and active measures to ensure the following:

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Thank you for your consideration and for advocating to maintain Santa Barbara's livability for all of its residents.

All the best,

Maria Cincotta

resident of Santa Barbara's Eastside (E. Gutierrez St.)

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From: Cristian Torres <cristiandtorres13@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 6:13 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Moratorium on Mass Evictions

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Hello County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Cristian Torres and I was a tenant at 6587 Cervantes Rd apartments formerly owned by Wollfe and Associates but now owned by D63 LLC. During my stay there my apartment was relatively upkept. There were no major issues with maintenance but nonetheless D63 decided to renovict all 20+ units in the 2 buildings in order to create luxury student housing.

When I lived in my apartment I was paying \$1500 for a 1 bedroom 1 bath apartment. Me as well as my roommate were no longer students but we were working members of the community. I am the manager at Freebirds and had the luxury of being able to walk to work. My roommate was a teacher apprentice working for the local elementary school. Eventually I found my apartment being advertised for new renters at \$2900 for the same single room apartment. Their justification? "New cabinets and marble tables".

Since Santa Barbara was already going through a housing crisis prior to my renoviction, I was unable to find any affordable housing for myself within the county and was forced to move to Lompoc and also forced to purchase a vehicle to drive to work as I am still at Freebirds today. Because of this I also now have to work part time as an Uber Driver to make ends meet.

After we moved out I started looking at possible ways to fight for my rights and to sue D63. Unfortunately, I couldn't find any lawyers that were willing to help me. During this Erin Murphy, one of the owners of D63, caught wind of my interest to sue her and called me. We had an hour long conversation about practically nothing. She started crying and accusing me of being homophobic and ranting about other things. I know not important to the point of this email but I just want to highlight how out of touch these people are. Just recently Chris Richards of Core Spaces gave an interview with the Santa Barbara Independent, in which she tried to show sympathy by saying her heart goes out to the children who have to move schools. Moving schools is the least of the children's worries at the moment.

Something else she brought up was about the fact she planned on selling the same building she just purchased and renovated within 2 years. Essentially admitting this idea of purchasing an apartment, renovating it, and then selling it back was all about money and nothing else.

Sidenote; When I showed up in person to the last county board meeting Supervisor Das Williams mentioned something about a mandatory payment of no less than \$7000 for moving assistance. Something that we never received from D63.

My experience was the same as the current situation happening at the CBC and the Sweeps. The fears that many tenants have been admitting to you about being homeless will in fact come to be. In my experience we were only 2 buildings. But at the CBC and the Sweeps, with nearly a thousand residents, how do you expect them to find housing in the area with a 1% vacancy rate?

D63 was able to do this because of the loopholes within the SB law. Thank you Supervisors for rapidly passing the urgency ordinance you did on April 4. You acted so rapidly and responsibly that we are all very grateful. However we're here today to ask that you take the next step and pass a moratorium on renoventions and no-fault evictions today.

Core Spaces management, executives, and their hired lawyers, have been lying to CBC & The Sweeps tenants about the law you passed. They have insisted the law doesn't protect them and that they have been misled by Legal Aid and SBTU, and many tenants have subsequently moved out of state for lack of ability to find affordable housing nearby. This is what your urgency ordinance was supposed to prevent.

During the pandemic it became common on a federal, state and local level for government bodies to pass moratoriums on evictions due to the public emergency which was then the coronavirus. In Santa Barbara we have the emergency of the housing crisis generally, where vacancy rates are typically below 1 percent and rent has roughly doubled in the last few years which means there is virtually no affordable housing for working families and working people.

There is legal precedent for moratoria on no-fault evictions with or without a pandemic in place. Los Angeles and San Diego are great examples that staff can study, so they can draft a no-fault eviction moratorium for SB County as quickly as possible.

I urge you to think of the community over the cash grabbing companies and pass a moratorium on renoventions and no-fault evictions today.

Best wishes,
Cristian Torres

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From: Madeline Kimlin <madelinejeank@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 2:48 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Support for Renoviction Moratorium

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Dear County Supervisors,

I am writing to share my strong support for a moratorium on renovictions in Santa Barbara County. As a long-time resident, educator and renter in our community, I have experienced firsthand how impossibly dire the housing situation has become.

My husband and I, both working educators in Santa Barbara, are living in a single room cabin an hour outside of town just to continue working in our city. We hope to start a family soon, but it would be impossible for us to afford the going-rate to move somewhere more suitable for raising children. This crisis will either crush our hopes of having a family, or push us out of the county altogether. Housing in Santa Barbara is no longer within reach for a young family.

Renters need protection and relief, and we need your help! Please considering supporting these protections for renters in Santa Barbara County:

1. A Renoviction Moratorium until this housing crisis is over.
2. A One-Year Lease Offer Requirement.
3. A Right to Re-rent at the same rate long term.

Thank you all so much for your service to the people in our county! I hope you will consider these ideas, because the housing crisis will only get worse if we don't act now.

Sincerely,
Madeline Kimlin

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Mariella Stockmal <stockmalm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 10:38 AM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: RENOVICITONS - HIGH RENTS!

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

My name is Mariella Stockmal and I'm a tenant at 970 E Carrillo Rd, Apt. B, Santa Barbara, CA 93103 since November 1, 2022.

My husband and I were evicted from our "home" of 23 years, (175 San Angelo, Apt. E, Santa Barbara, CA 93111) after KotoGroup told us that they need to make "substantial" renovations! They had the nerve to charge us rent for the 10 days of November we needed to move out, they NEVER paid relocation fees.

It's been 7 months, and their workers are partying and barbecuing in our old home, which is NOT ok! Replacing carpet floors with vinyl and changing a sink IS NOT SUBSTANTIAL RENOVATION!!!!

We vote for you, we support you when you run for office, now we demand your support in return!!! ALL the rich landlords, and property management companies NEED us to make revenue. We are needed to teach your children, work at your companies, bag groceries, deliver mail, and clean your garbage!!!

It is INHUMANE to look at hard working people as dollar signs ONLY!!!! In order to work for you greedy people, we need a decent roof over our heads, food on our table and this is NOT too much to ask!!!!!!

If you allow such high rents, then make our salaries 10 thousand a month so you can take it all from us with the high prices!

THIS MUST STOP NOW!!!

Thank you for rapidly passing the urgency ordinance you did on April 4. You acted so rapidly and responsibly that we are all very grateful. However we need to ask that you take the next step and pass a moratorium on renovictions and no-fault evictions IMMEDIATELY.

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From: Pat Henry <2017country@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 11:35 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: All the fallen trees MUST BE REMOVED from the Alisal River Bed by the County of SB

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Good afternoon esteemed Board of Supervisors.

My name is Patrick Henry.

This afternoon I am writing as the President of our Alamo Pintado Village HOA in Solvang CA and also as a concerned citizen.

January 09, 2023 was a day to remember

The Alisal River once again overflowed and scoured the river bed, heading downriver with all the debris collected along the way, where it finally ended up, stuck under the bridge at Highway 246, and thereby flooding out the Solvang Animal Hospital, the parking lot at Valley Fresh, and the Union Bank across the road.

Afterwards, the County of Santa Barbara did the bare minimum, the **least amount of work**, in order to reopen the clogged mess under the bridge at Highway 246 and Jim's Service Station.

The County decided to **just push** the debris to the sides of the riverbanks **INSTEAD OF REMOVING** the debris from the basin. The debris is piled up on the banks!!

Lazy? Cheap? Just doing the bare minimum? Is that acceptable?? Do we just accept the bare minimum?? **WHY** is that acceptable??

And, What happens when the next flood comes?

And what season is next?? **Fire season!!**

There are more dead trees and brush lining the banks of the river because they only contracted to “**MOVE THE DEBRIS**” instead of “**RE- MOVING** the Debris”!

I implore **YOU**, our elected officials, to do everything that you can do, by twisting the proverbial arms of our elected county officials, to get off their respective derriere’s and **REMOVE THE DEBRIS** before the next flood and certainly before the next fire since those happen, as you know, all too frequently!!

WE implore you, our elected officials to do **all that you can**, to **help all** of us, and **do the right thing**:

CLEAR the **CREEK BED** of all the fallen trees, in order to keep us all safe!

Please let us know when you will properly address this matter.

We await your reply.

Thank you.

Patrick Henry

2129 Village Lane

Solvang, CA

805-708-0744 cell

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From: A W <aballiet@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 2:47 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Re: please prevent renovictions

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Kind regards,

Amy Balliet

1127 1/2 E. Gutierrez St.

SB, CA 93103

On Sun, Apr 30, 2023 at 3:18 PM Maria Cincotta <mariaanncincotta@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Maria Cincotta

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From: Heather J. Rose <rosehj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 3:46 PM
To: Heather Rose
Subject: Please pass a renoviction moratorium

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please protect renters in Santa Barbara County by passing a renoviction moratorium.

Many renters like myself are ONE forced relocation away from having no choice but to leave Santa Barbara. The county will continue to lose educators like myself who can not continue to pay the ever increasing cost of living here. A renoviction moratorium and other protections must be put in place immediately.

Sincerely,
Heather Rose
1411 Salinas Place
93103

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Heather J. Rose, Ph.D.