

Ramirez, Angelica

Public Comment - Group 1

From: Raquel Hicks <rhicks.rh5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 7:46 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please advise



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Hello;

According for what they said:

So I have a question. Only the owners can take moratorium action or the tenants as well.?

A concern resident.

“Santa Barbara County Supervisors Das Williams and Gregg Hart have put forward an Urgency Ordinance, calling for a moratorium on foreclosures and evictions as the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic is pulling the rug out from under thousands of workers who found themselves newly unemployed less than two weeks before rent is due. Evictions caused by a loss of income or medical expense related to COVID-19 would be prohibited, but the ordinance would not suspend a tenant’s obligation to pay rent, although some have called for a moratorium on rental and mortgage payments as incomes collapse due to the effect of the pandemic on the economy. Some authorities have already started to take steps in this direction, such as New York state, where Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued a 90-day suspension of mortgage payments.

In a press release, Hart and Williams stated, “We must avoid the creation of a greater public health emergency that would result from subjecting families to homelessness. It is imperative we do everything possible to make sure people are safe and secure in their homes and that we prevent eviction.”

The two supervisors will urge their colleagues to approve the moratorium at this Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting. Those wishing to watch the meeting can do so at <http://www.countyofsb.org/ceo/csbtv/livestream.sbcob> on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CSBTV20>. Those wishing to submit a comment can do so by emailing the Clerk of the Board at sbcob@countyofsb.org. Comments can be a maximum of 250 words.

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Raquel H.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Lenora Walter <lenorabwalter@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 8:42 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Eviction Moratorium, Please

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To the Clerk of the Board,

I have been a resident of Santa Barbara County my entire life. I have worked in the wine industry for the past many years and have been in sales and hospitality full-time at Pence Winery for the past two. Due to an unusually slow season I had just found two part-time jobs to supplement my income -- one at a restaurant, one at a bar. All three sources of employment are now suspended indefinitely.

I have been gainfully employed since I graduated college; I've always paid rent on time; I live within my means and put extra money towards my retirement. Before this crisis I intended to finish up my high-level wine certification course and go to graduate school next year. Now I am terrified that I will be unable to pay my half of rent (I live with a roommate) and default this month--and I definitely will next month.

Please postpone eviction action in the wake of this global crisis. I am a good, hardworking adult and member of this community. Me losing my home because I can no longer work at any of the three jobs I'd obtained will not better anyone's life and will put me in an unspeakable position.

I fully support Supervisor Hart and Supervisor Williams votes to place a moratorium on evictions.

Thank you.

--Lenora Walter

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From: chris madsen <justdoitchris@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 4:29 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Question re no eviction ordinance

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I am a local SB landlord of a few old cottages on one lot. I am a senior citizen raising two 15 year old daughters completely on my own (sole legal and physical custody). I am retired and on social security and medicare. My economic situation is grave. I have actually had a negative income for the past three years. I need the rents to survive. If the tenants stop paying, and I have no recourse, it would be catastrophic - then I and my daughters will be homeless. I agree that the tenants need to be treated with compassion but my question is: Are any financial protections going to be put in place to help a very small time landlord, such as myself, if a no-eviction ordinance is put in place. The loss of income could destroy me after working so hard my entire life.

Thank you

Chris

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From: Diane Siegal <dianesiegal@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 10:28 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: No evictions, please

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To the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, In the interest of public safety and stability, I support your position on preventing evictions during the current crisis and its aftermath. I wish to add I am a landlord, but more importantly I am a neighbor and a citizen. Thank you.

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From: Wendy Wu <wuwendy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 10:08 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rent issue with campus lockdown due to Covid-19

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Hello,

I have a rental house in Isla Vista renting to students. The students signed a one-year lease last year and they should be bind by the lease to pay rent regardless of the current situation. With the UCSB campus shutdown and classes going online, some students already moved out and returned to their parents' home. I am afraid they won't continue to pay rent. Rent is my only source of income as a divorced woman age 60. I can lose my house without the rental income and also won't to able to sustain my own living. According to the lease they signed, the students or their parents need to continue paying rent regardless whether the students choose to stay or go home and some already left. I have mortgage to pay and the rent is my only source of income. I can lose my house if my tenants don't pay rent. The proposed 90-day mortgage suspension does not help me if the students are gone and you take away my right to enforce rent payment. Please consider landlord's position too when you make any public announcement and make clear that student tenants and their parents who co-signed the lease need to continue paying rent regardless of the campus lockdown and coronavirus.

Does Santa Barbara have a fund that landlords can apply for lost rent due to the virus?

Thanks for listening.

Wendy Wu
Concerned landlord

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From: Trenton Doyle <trentonjdoyle@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Emergency Rent and Eviction Freeze

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Trenton Doyle, and I am a full time SBCC pre-med student and part time restaurant server in downtown Santa Barbara. I have no more income at this time due to the coronavirus emergency, and because of this I can't pay my rent in April. An eviction will cause me to have to drop out of school. Please take urgent action by voting to not only protect me from eviction, but also from owing the rent for the months of April and May, as I don't know when restaurants will be able to open again. Many families in my building are in the same situation.

Consider the consequences of large scale evictions and an increased homeless population in this already challenging time.

Thank you for your time,

Trenton Doyle

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From: MICHAEL NORRIS <805boba@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:27 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Locally owned small businesses at Paseo need your help

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Hello

Please consider the plight of locally owned small businesses at Paseo Nuevo.

We have paid our full rent without any relief through the Thomas Fire, the extended remodel and now the pandemic.

Rents continue to increase every year despite sales dropping year over year due to circumstances beyond our control.

We need significant rent relief or we will be forced to close and terminate employment for our staff members.

We have asked management for rent relief but had either negative or no response.

Please help.

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From: Bobs MLWDIS <bob.california@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 8:07 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] Is there something in place for renters?

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I rent from the Meridian group and they are savages about rent.

3 days is all you get for being late and then they welt you a \$75.00 late fee.

What is being done for us in Santa Barbara.

I am self employed and work has come to a grinding halt. Thank God I don't have employees.

I currently don't have the money to pay my bills.

Business slowed back early in December and super light on service calls. At the end of February It looked like it would pick up. Well slow at best and just getting rent paid with the damn \$75.00 late fee in tow.

So back to what are you doing for renters? If I loose my my one car garage with all my equipment and also loose my apartment that has my office equipment and all my study material and personal stuff then what in hell do for me then along with 1000s of others?

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From: Bobbi McGinnis <c21bobbi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:06 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Delay property Taxes by 90 days like Fed Government Income Taxes

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Dear Board of Supervisors and Treasurer Harry Hagen,

Dear County Supervisors and Treasurer Harry Hagan,

Recently, Governor Newsom declared "shelter in place" for all people living in California. This order, while well intended, has decimated many local small business. Commercial and residential tenants have been told by local officials to simply not pay rent. This greatly impacts landlords and property owners. Please follow the President Trump's lead and extend property tax due date to July 15th, 2020 without penalty to give property owners a chance to catch up with cash flow from rental income. This helps everyone in the County. I have already contacted the State Legislature and they have said it is up to the individual Counties.

In this time of crisis, please help your hard working landlords and home owners.

Respectfully,

Bobbi McGinnis
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From: Mary Frink <marykcake@yahoo.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: Urgency Ordinance



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I fully support the Urgency Ordinance on evictions and foreclosures that will be proposed by Supervisor Das Williams and Supervisor Gregg Hart at tomorrow's Board of Supervisors meeting.

Thank you,

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Sent from my iPad

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Corinna Bernasko <bernasko.c@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment to the Clerk of the Board - Agenda Item: 20-00203 - Departmental Agenda 4)

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Comment to the Clerk of the Board

Agenda Item: 20-00203 - Departmental Agenda 4) HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding an Urgency Ordinance to temporarily prohibit evictions

Dear SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS, SUPERVISOR HART & Board of Santa Barbara,

My name is Corinna. I have been a resident of my beautiful choice of home, Santa Barbara, for 12 years. I was a student here and now am building a business to make our community and the world regenerative & sustainable. To support myself financially during this time I am currently a server at Santa Barbara's top rated restaurant on Yelp - The Black Sheep. Thus I am directly affected by the city & state mandates. I am grateful that Santa Barbara and CA has stepped in to assure the health of our community and state. I trust that you continue to assure we are all safe and taken care of.

Although our restaurant is one of the few that has chosen to offer delivery & take out, our income, the majority of which is tips, and our hours are largely compromised. It is a bit early to make fully accurate estimates, though it looks like I can expect to make anywhere from \$400 to a maximum of \$800 monthly. I am one of the lucky individuals within the affected industries who has at least a little income. Needless to say, that this amount will be just enough to pay necessities such as food, gas, and bills that may not be able to be paused, while I will make the effort to pay the largest amount I can spare for rent (in my case \$1000/mth).

With this I am expressing my support for the 'temporary prohibition of evictions' for the thousands that are impacted and support our community with the services that nourish our local community and drives tourism and business to this town every day.

Furthermore, I want to propose a complete forgiveness of any rent that people impacted are not able to pay. When we do go back to 'regular' business we won't suddenly make more, perhaps even less, as economy and the service industry will need to recover. We can all expect that we will need to recover financially for some time to come.

Also, I would like to see clear protection, assuring landlords are not able to evict renters or ask them to move under 'regular terms' after the ordinance dissolves, for seemingly unrelated matters or no reason. I urge the board to discuss and determine a comprehensive plan to assure renters cannot be asked to move without just clause.

I trust you hear our voices and make the best decision for the highest good and well being of all.

Thanks,
Sent with Love,

Corinna Bernasko

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Thomas.Fitzgerald@L3Harris.com
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:54 PM
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Subject: temporary moratoriums on evictions

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We have a 2 rental properties in Santa Barbara. Do you have any thoughts on this legal position to have a temporary moratorium on evictions. Sounds bad if a tenant is laid off or refuses to pay rent. Probably the same everywhere. Where is the relief for mortgages and property taxes and utilities land lords are paying?

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From: Edward Hardy <edhardy1970@gmail.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: Comment on Departmental Agenda Planning Items and Public Hearings 20-00232 item 4

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Comment on Item #4 - Hearing recommendations to temporarily prohibit evictions.

I encourage the board to temporarily prohibit evictions.

If evictions are not prohibited, many of those evicted will not be able to find replacement housing due to the shelter in place order from the Governor.

If evicted or facing threat of eviction, those affected will be forced to violate the shelter in place order and will spread the virus when they are looking for replacement housing.

If replacement properties are removed from the market because the owner does not wish to be exposed (rightfully so) to the virus from possible tenants, then there is a higher likelihood that the eviction will result in increasing the county homeless population. And furthermore the owner will not be able to rent or sell their property anyway due to the shelter in place order affecting virtually all rental and sale activity.

This is not the time to evict anybody.

Respectfully submitted for comment,

Edward Hardy