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Public Comment- Group 1

From: Kenny Morris <kennethmorris@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 2:29 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment for 5/19 Board Mtg

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Dear Clerk of the County of Santa Barbara,

My name is Kenny Morris and I'd like for this comment to be read on to the record at the meeting tomorrow, and distributed to the board if possible. Thank you!

As the COVID crisis continues, and people lose out on more and more hours of work, it becomes all the more important to address tenant needs after the pandemic. The current eviction moratorium, Ordinance 44-5, does not say anything on when deferred rent needs to be paid back. While this could help some people find a plan that works for them, it does not stop large management companies to impose a payment plan that people cannot make, thus leading to their eviction that you tried to prevent at the onset. Right now I worry that it is just kicking the issue down the road, but passing a 12 month repayment plan for tenants could help alleviate some of the burden. The City of Santa Barbara just amended their Eviction Moratorium Ordinance N-28-20, which covers that issue. This goes to show that it is within your power to pass a measure like this and I hope to see it on the agenda next meeting. If broader protections for tenants are not put in place before the end of the pandemic, this could be the last nail in the coffin of houselessness and extreme poverty for a lot of people.

Thank you again!
Kenny

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From: Derek Yang <derekyang@ucsb.edu>
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Dear Clerk of the Board of Santa Barbara,

My name is Derek Yang, and I would like to submit the following public comment for the City Council Meeting on 05/12/2020 for Item 7: Temporary Eviction Moratorium Ordinance No. 5941.

With no clear future in sight with the current pandemic and as businesses remain closed, one thing for certain is that many people will continue to be unemployed for an indefinite amount of time. Many homeowners and landlords are being given mortgage forbearance options. Renters must continue to have protection from eviction, especially with the high costs of living in Santa Barbara County. We trust that you will give renters at least one year to pay back rent-related debt.

Thank you very much for your time.

Best,
Derek

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From: Cristina Awadalla <cawadalla3@gmail.com>
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Subject: Board of Supervisors Meeting Comment

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Hello,

I would like to submit a public comment to be read into the record:

"I would like to voice my support for a county-wide ordinance that provides tenants with 12 months to repay deferred rent due to the impacts COVID-19 has had on our community. Cities like San Diego, Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara have enacted similar measures, providing tenants a 12 month repayment deadline after the official end of the state of emergency. This is a necessary measure, as many have seen significant loss of income due to the crisis. As people start returning to work, we must recognize that not everyone has a job to return to, will have reduced hours, and continue to deal with the loss of income as they try to make the next month's rent. It is prudent to provide tenants across the county with protections so that we do not see a wave of evictions in a county already rent-burdened. I encourage the Board of Supervisors to take the realities and needs of their constituents into account and provide the protections we need. Thank you."

Best,
Cristina Awadalla