

March 16, 2020

Mayor Mary Casillas Salas
Councilmember Jill Galvez
CC: Chula Vista City Council

276 Fourth Ave
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Dear Mayor Mary Salas:

We ask that you immediately docket an emergency ordinance that would provide a moratorium on all eviction filings and evictions within the County of San Diego. In light of the current public health crisis generated by coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and in order to respond to the public health guidelines and to prevent further economic hardships to working families, we respectfully request this emergency ordinance to address immediate policies to help San Diegans during this trying moment for our nation and for the international community. Because of the high cost of housing and homelessness, and requests by public officials, employers, and universities to work from home we ask that you take immediate action.

As a representative of the city with the 4th highest homeless population and in one of the most expensive rental markets in the nation the need to protect residents facing eviction and homelessness and the potential spread of this disease is of paramount importance to the health, safety and welfare of our friends and neighbors.

The County of San Diego's information on how to stop the spread of this disease lists the importance of "wash(ing) your hands often with soap and water" and if sick to "stay home." Tragically, for those families and individuals evicted into homelessness these suggestions become all but impossible to adhere too. Therefore, we urge you to immediately docket an emergency ordinance that would provide:

- A moratorium on all rental evictions and foreclosures, vehicle habitation fees and impounds, late fees and utility shut offs due to non-payment resulting from a loss of wages caused by the outbreak of COVID-19, and until public health professionals have determined that the Coronavirus outbreak has been contained. Rent payments would not be waived entirely; but just deferred, to prevent landlords from moving forward with unfair evictions and give time to tenants to earn enough income to pay their rent.
- Request the City Attorney to report back on a strategy with potential options to work with banks and lenders to halt mortgage payments for individuals who have suffered severe loss of wages due to the spread of COVID-19.
- Implement a 14-day paid sick leave requirement for workers who may be quarantined or are caregivers of someone who is quarantined and/or were laid off or furloughed as a result of COVID-19.

We look forward to working with you to protect the health and safety of San Diegans.

Sincerely,

Laura Ann Fernea
Executive Director
City Heights CDC

Nancy Maldonado
CEO
Chicano Federation of San Diego County

Grace Martinez
San Diego Director
Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE)

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LISC San Diego

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Dinora Reyna
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San Diego Organizing Project

Parent Voices
San Diego

Migrante San Diego

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Department of Dual Language and English Learner Education
San Diego State University

Sheree Kansas

From: Sheree Kansas
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Sheree Kansas
Subject: FW: Renters assistance

From: Jill Galvez <jmgalvez@chulavistaca.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Kerry Bigelow
Subject: Fwd: Renters assistance

Hi Kerry,

Can you please add this to public comments for tomorrow's council meeting?

Thank you.

Jill Galvez
Deputy Mayor, Councilmember, District 2 Northwest
City of Chula Vista
(619) 997-1016 cell

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joseph Navarrete <[REDACTED]>
Date: March 16, 2020 at 1:49:05 PM PDT
To: Jill Galvez <jmgalvez@chulavistaca.gov>
Subject: Renters assistance

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Hello,

I've recently become unemployed do to the virus. All though I do qualify for unemployment insurance. The payment will not be enough to cover my rent of \$1795. Please pass some sort of legislation saying we can break lease without consequences or allow some sort of payment plan for when the virus is over. Please help.

Best,
Joseph Navarrete

Sheree Kansas

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Any comments submitted will become part of the public record.

What are we doing to make sure business are implementing safe hygiene practices? Also the limit of 10 people in a public room? Because I work at a company that supplies amazon and other important food retailers and I don't see them implementing proper hygiene practices especially the 6 feet apart and handshakes.

The following information is optional, although we do request it for follow up purposes.

Name

Alex Rodriguez.

City of Residence

Chula Vista

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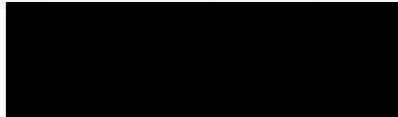
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City of Chula Vista

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