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In some cases, raising rent is just as good as an eviction when the tenants can’t afford the new rent, and in any case, eviction during a time of global health crisis could be as good as manslaughter. Don’t leave vulnerable populations out in the cold during this pandemic!

2) Immediate End to Displacing Unhoused Encampments:

The homeless will be adversely affected by CoViD-19, especially if there’s nowhere for them to sleep or take shelter. Our police need to be focused on maintaining the well-being of the population, not making it more difficult to survive.

3) Emergency Rental or Mortgage Assistance:

Many people are losing their hourly wages including myself. I’m a baker at Companion Bakeshop, and I’m working as much as I can to supply bread to my community, but my hours are severely being cut. People like me won’t be able to afford their rent or their mortgage without some assistance.

4) Prevent Utility Shut-Offs and Halt Fees:

Rent? Mortgage? What about the dang bills?! Water plays a significant role in hygiene, gas and electric help us cook and stay warm. Our survival depends on these things continuing to serve us. The cleaner and warmer our houses are, the slower the spread of infection will be. So let’s keep the heater on, please!
5) Immediately Deploy More Public Hand Washing Stations and Port-a-Potties:

Santa Cruz has long seemed lacking in public sanitation and restrooms. Now is the time to improve that. Let's have a clean city, and give everyone the chance to be hygienic as they make their way between home and the grocery store, or other essential services.

Wesley Somers
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131 Myrtle St
Santa Cruz, California 95060-4938
Santa Cruz City Council,

Immediately house anyone off the street that will go with you. The time is now to do the right thing
Please please please

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Boulder Creek, California 95006
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Kristin Myers
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santa cruz, California 95060
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Geri Lieby
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sana cruz, California 95060
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Nora Hochman
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Soquel, California 95073
Santa Cruz City Council,

Please consider the following measures, for the safety and security of all Santa Cruz County residents, regardless of immigration status.

In this time of global crisis, it is an opportunity for our county to stand together for the health and well-being of all. We can do this, and we need the help of our governmental officials to ensure this.

As a low-income single mother of a young child, it is crucial that my housing remains stable during this time. I am a college student who has been directly impacted by the shut-downs of both school and work. I am caring for my family and friends during this time, and I need to know that my housing will not be compromised in the coming months.

Please, I urge you, to consider this necessary measure for the support of everyone in our county.

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Thank you and be well!

Sincerely,

Maria R. Hele
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Santa Cruz City Council,

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Cianna Popp

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Santa Cruz, California 95060
Santa Cruz City Council,

I am a senior and I vote in every election.

With a temporary ban on evictions, we can protect our community from both a housing crisis, by protecting ill workers from homelessness, and a public health crisis, by isolating them and mitigating the spread of a highly-contagious virus.

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Santa Cruz City Council,

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Lleymi Martinez
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628 Crown Rd.
Santa Cruz, California 95064
Santa Cruz City Council,

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Santa Cruz, California 95060
Santa Cruz City Council,

Hello,

I'm a single mom working 3 jobs and nearly all of my income goes to paying rent. With the COVID-19 crisis, I have lost income from all 3 jobs and I'm going to run out of savings soon.

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131 Pryce St.
Santa Cruz, California 95060
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Please help offer some kindness and humanity into the world during this unpredictable, uncertain, and downright unsettling time. It’s during moments like these that we need to be extra attentive to our community, and ensure that everyone is taken care of to the best of our abilities.

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration.

Emily Madigan
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Santa Cruz City Council,

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These issues are extremely important to me as a UCSC alum concerned about my UCSC community who already has enough trouble with accessing housing, as well as all the vulnerable communities within Santa Cruz county. Please have a heart and stand for what’s right!

Gabriella Darlak

[Email Address]

Santa Cruz, California 95060
Santa Cruz City Council,

Santa Cruz needs to follow the lead of other cities during this time by HALTING evictions. If we are sheltering in place and losing jobs or having hours cut, it's cruel to allow evictions to continue in a city where we already face rampant houselessness.

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Kelsey Hill
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Santa Cruz, California 95062
Santa Cruz City Council,

I am a homeowner and a landlord in Santa Cruz. This is an honest-to-God crisis and we need all hands on deck, and waffling will not get us through it intact.

Right now, immediately, I call on you to enact:

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David Bolger
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Santa Cruz City Council,

Dear Councilpersons,

You need to legislate a rent increase moratorium, and also an eviction stoppage, lest you turn the town into an enormous pile of misery and lost housing. Most people I know can barely pay the exorbitant rents here as it is. When unemployed because of COVID-19, they have no ability to pay rent. Federal aid is coming too slowly, and many will not be able to pay rent come April 1st.

You will, of course, also have to urge banks to stop mortgage payments, and you will need to figure out how to stop property taxes, because not all landlords are rich, and some of them require rents from tenants to afford mortgages and taxes. This is made more exigent by the tanking of the stock market.

Other Bay Area cities have made these decisions; it's your turn.

On the topic of currently-homeless people: get more port-a-potties and hand washing stations out there, like, yesterday. Figure out a new way of coping with homeless people because their individual health is part of our collective health. If you will not aid homeless people out of basic humanitarianism, at least make the calculated and logical leap that a sick homeless person will take health resources that can be ill-spared right now.

You need to work on this at this exact moment.

Thank you,
Blaize Wilkinson

Blaize Wilkinson
stblaize@gmail.com
Santa Cruz City Council,

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dandrysdale96@gmail.com

Santa Cruz, California 95060
Santa Cruz City Council,

I am writing to you to implore your action at this time of great instability and crisis. I like you are privileged to have access to the shelter of our homes right now which provides us protection and provides the community protection from the potential spread of COVID-19. Our houseless community members would like to have that protection and privilege as well. I call on you, our elected officials, to enact the following measures for as long as all residents of Santa Cruz County, regardless of immigration status:

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Thank you for your timely action to protect our health and survival as a broader community.

Michelle Glowa
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120 Rathburn Way
SANTA CRUZ, California 95062
Santa Cruz City Council,

As a school leader, a parent, a homeowner, and a long-term member of this community, I call on you to enact the following measures for all residents of Santa Cruz County, regardless of immigration status:

1) A Moratorium on Rent Increases and Evictions without a specific sunset

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We are in a crisis. We were in a crisis before, but this in now undeniable. It is past time for a crisis level response. Now is the time to act and these are humane, reasonable, and important measures to support and to take to avoid worsening this complex situation.

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Read Out Loud at Meeting

Food and housing are essential to everyone and as a community/country we should make sure that all that are affected by financial hardships related to COVID-19 should be assisted. Some residential tenants will specifically need rental assistance. But the help should come from governmental agencies not from the backs of small business owners that may own a triplex, 4-plex or small apartment complex. Apartment owners are small businesses just like the corner grocery store, the laundromat, a plumber or roofer. We have expenses such as mortgages, property taxes, utilities and maintenance that must continue to be paid. No one is asking the grocer, laundromat or plumber to defer payment for goods or services. Tenants’ hardships may last for months. If two out of three or two out of four of my tenants stop paying rent then I’m going out of business and there will be fewer rentals available. If tenants need food assistance they apply and receive assistance. If a tenant needs housing assistance they should be able to apply and receive that assistance as well. “We are all in this together” and the assistance should come from “all of us.” As a community we should be making sure that apartment owners are able to stay in business and provide the housing that our community needs.
Mayor Cummings
City Councilmembers

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You might as well include a moratorium on bank failures too.

I am sure that you are fully aware of the consequences of your orders to suspend business and shelter in place--they may be justified, but they don’t just affect the tenants.
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Thank you for your time & consideration to this crucial matter.
Jewel Auvinen
Long time Santa Cruz resident
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If I don’t receive rent payment, I’m not sure how I’m going to pay my mortgage payment.
If you pass this ordinance, will you please call my mortgage company and tell them I will pay them when my tenant pays me.

Thank you  
Phil
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Sent from my iPhone
Julia Wood

From: michael zelver <zelvermichael@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 5:16 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Temporary Halt of Evictions

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Julia Wood

From: Andrea Williams <awilli7297@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 5:34 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Temporary Halt of Evictions

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City Councilmembers

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Thank you,

Lori

Lori Stoll
Bookkeeper
lrs.constructionservices@gmail.com
831-325-4500
Mayor Cummings
City Council members
Would you consider holding off on our impending property taxes, water and sewer bills, repairs etc. some also depend on rental income to live.
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I agree that these are stressful times and everyone is affected. While I understand that you are addressing Governor Newsom’s Executive order N-28-20 neither you or the Governor recognizes that some landlords may be in the same position as their tenant. They may have lost a job, been affected by COVID-19 or have family affected by the virus that prevents them from making mortgage payments on their rental property. We already reached out to our tenants regarding assistance if needed. At the same time I’d like local jurisdictions to ask Governor Newsom how landlords may be assisted during this time since joblessness could be a longterm issue and asking landlords to bear the brunt of rent relief may mean economic ruin for the landlord, as well as the tenant.

I agree with the statement from Santa Cruz Together and have added it below.

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Jackie & Peter Whiting
Julia Wood

From: Kati King <kkingpositiveone@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:11 PM
To: City Council
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From: Marita <maritas@pacbell.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:12 PM
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Wishing everyone good health, stay mindful of others and shelter in place is all of our responsibility.
Regards,
Marita Scontriano

Marita's

iPhone
Mayor Cummings  
City Councilmembers

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What about the property owners that count on the rent to be able to pay their mortgage and other bills for their property. Seems like just passing the burden on to the mom and pop Landlords.
Julia Wood

From: Andrea Williams <awilli7297@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:24 PM
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And what about discussing temporary mortgage relief for those that depend on rental income to pay their mortgages? That needs to be addressed as well.

Deborah Joyce
Mayor Cummings  
City Councilmembers

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If you pass your new ordinance.
Will you please call my mortgage company and ask them to wait until I get paid from my tenant so I can pay my mortgage company.
How do you expect me to pay for my mortgage without payment from my tenant.
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Sincerely,
Laurie Rivoir

Sent from my iPhone
Mayor Cummings
City Councilmembers

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Is Santa Cruz City going to also direct the banks from requiring the landlords from paying their mortgage at the same time?

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Vicky & Christian Culver
Mayor Cummings  
City Councilmembers  

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The ordinance should include a repayment period of 60 days to help the tenant know how much time they have to pay back rent. Anything more than 60 days and we cannot make our mortgages  

Thank you for considering our family’s input. We care about our tenants but we also have family needs to take care of.  

Dale and Caren Spencer
Mayor Cummings City Councilmembers

FYI; there are many great landlords in Santa Cruz. I myself am giving $100 off monthly rent for April and May. Please create a law that allows for the notice requested below; it’s only fair and reasonable. I have mortgage payments and taxes and insurance plus other upkeep that I need to pay; knowing my tenants situation will allow me to accommodate their need better.

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Thank you,
Rossana Bruni
831-227-5846
Mayor Cummings
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831-227-5846
Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am writing to you in support of Item #15 on your March 24, 2020 agenda. Any actions you can take to limit evictions during this epidemic will be useful. As a city (and a state) we are faced with the enormous task of figuring out how to safeguard the health of our community members who are homeless, which will of course safeguard the health of our entire community. Any evictions now will only exacerbate the problem of homelessness and of preventing disease spread. People cannot "shelter in place" when they do not have a place to shelter.

I urge you to pass as strong and broad a set of protections as you deem possible. An eviction for almost any reason will incrementally worsen the problem. I also urge you to consider this measure for a time period longer than the end of May 2020 - if not now, then soon. All indicators suggest that both the epidemic, and the concurrent economic crisis will by no means be resolved by then. Please take this first emergent step on Tuesday, but then look at expanding it in time and scope urgently.

All of us are counting on your leadership to get us through this. Thank you for taking this on.

Respectfully,

Matthew Nathanson

818 Western Drive

Santa Cruz CA 95060
Mayor Cummings

City Councilmembers

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Julia Wood

From: Quinn McLaughlin <quinn@coincidence.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 8:37 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Temporary Halt of Evictions

Mayor Cummings
City Councilmembers

In these stressful, uncertain, and difficult times, we are all in it together. The temporary moratorium being proposed obviously concerns me. Please also consider delaying the requirement to pay property taxes on April 10. When no income comes in from rentals, it is an extreme burden to have to pay property taxes, especially for people who purchased recently.

Thank you

Quinn McLaughlin
Julia Wood

From: Amory Langmo <amorylangmo@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 8:41 PM
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Amory Langmo

Sent from my iPhone
To Whom it Concerns:
I understand the intent of the new evictions motion, however, doing so without the entirety of the economic chain on board is short sighted. I would be more than happy to extend this offer to my renters, but only IF my bank extends me the same courtesy. At this point my bank has not done this, which means that if my renters stop paying their rent, I cannot pay the mortgage and I will be in default.

The larger economic supply chain needs to be on board with this type of local decision, otherwise, you will be forcing people into foreclosure which means, in the end, the folks who are currently renting will lose their housing anyway due to bank take overs. Please wait for and consider the upcoming federal and/or state governments’ actions in regards to help for landlords, renters and small business owners before you make this decision.

Making this decision so early on in this situation and without the action of the rest of the supply chain will only create another economic problem that will push bigger issues down the line. This is not just a “landlord” problem, this is a whole scale, economic system issue and falling only on the side of the renters at this moment in an effort to protect them, only jeopardizes the other side of the economic system in Santa Cruz. Helping this one particular group without considering the impact on the rest of the community is short sighted and dangerous.

Furthermore, I own a small business in Santa Cruz that is doing EVERYTHING IT CAN to keep our people employed at this perilous moment. As owners, we have stopped taking a salary in order to make payroll, we have shut down our office to limit expenses. We were on track to have our best year ever, but as of the last two weeks, we have absolutely zero revenue coming in and see none in the distant future. Still, we are fighting to survive by limiting every possible extraneous expenditure in order to keep our employees and not go under.

PLEASE, please understand that small business owners and landlords are also a part of the economics of the Santa Cruz Community and we are, in earnest, trying to keep everything afloat in order to retain our renters and employees as well as remain contributors to the larger economic ecosystem. We beg you, do not add this new evictions order to the list of financial burdens to bear at this moment. PLEASE.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Boom Boom!

Mary Beth Campbell
the boomerang project
you get back what you give

800.688.7578
www.boomerangproject.com
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Warmly,

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Will the city give the landlords an extension on paying their property taxes which are due April 10th? And how about an extension on the utility bills? Why does the private sector have to take all the pain here?

We all need to share in this crisis.

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Thank you,
Vicky & Christian
There are other options for renters that provide resources to pay rent.

Families in transition will pay renters rents if they have kids. And there is no wait to get the money. The, housing authority also has numerous spin off programs for low income housing money. Fema is looking at grants for everyone and the feds will be sending out money to all of us.

Sure some renters will need relief. But think of the damage you can do if you are going to let all renters forgo rent for two months. You would need to force banks to forgo interest and principal payments. Not to mention the city and PG&E forgoing their respective utilities fees, insurance companies their premiums and taxes just to not put landlords into default.

Instead of that if the city simply set up a task force to help renters get access to the free federal monies such as I do for a lot of my tenants you would find millions available to pay their rents and keep the housing stock on good financial footing.

Not everyone needs help, for example, I have two tenants that have asked for rental relief. One is a US citizen and has unemployment, he has also been saving for decades to buy a house and he told me he has over 40k in the bank. He can afford to make up the difference out of his savings. Plus he works in construction and on numerous occasions has been out of work for a few weeks to months at a time so this is just the norm for him. The other unit has three illegals whom got laid off from the food service industry. I know that they can make this months rent but next month I expect to reduce their rents using the check I get from the federal government. The rest are a mix of section 8, UCSC students and staff, retired seniors or ones that have jobs that have not shut down. None of the latter will have any issues paying rent.

Meaning putting a moratorium on evictions and in effect letting tenants forgo rent without some form of limit on whom qualifies is excessive and unnecessary at this time. Landlords are just as concerned about loosing renters as renters are about paying rent.

Chelsea Wagner
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WE DONT GET TO KEEP THE RENT MONEY. DO THE MATH.

PLUS MANY ELDERLY LANDLORDS ARE DEPENDENT ON OUR RENT AS OUR PLANNED SOURCE OF RETIREMENT INCOME. SO WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EAT OR LIVE EITHER. AND BECAUSE WE "OWN" PROPERTIES WE ARE DENIED ANY "GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE" REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT BANKS OWN OUR PROPERTIES FOR 30 YEARS AND WE HAVE ONLY COSTS NOT INCOME.

OTHER WORKING LANDLORDS MAY BE OUT OF WORK AND OR SICK TOO BECAUSE OF THE VIRUS AND BE UNABLE TO COME UP WITH THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE LOSS OF INCOME CAUSED BY NO RENT.

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As a land lady I have no intent to evict anyone. That would be illogical and self defeating. It is more logical to forgive rents where needed and find government monitory support for people without income.

Instead of targeting help for a minority the city would be better served to pursue a FEMA loan and grand financial support to renters, home owners and businesses whom can show they really need it. And in that way keep the economy on life support till this blows over.

As opposed to compounding the issue by making things worse down the road for struggling people down the road.
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Landlords already have 100% responsibility to pay the mortgage and fixed costs that provide shelter for residents and we can not be the first line of defense in the enormous financial impacts of COVID19. Our staff is responsible for cleaning properties with upgraded products and safety measures for the health and safety of residents. We are already issuing lease renewals at $0 increases which is a long term commitment, and waiving late fees for rent payment.

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Again, the landlord can not realistically be the party In this equation that pays the mortgage and fixed expenses and receives no rental income. That will result in a domino of owners defaulting on their mortgages. The majority of owners are barely able to cover all of their fixed expenses with 90% receipt of rent each month. Don’t fall for the false assumption that ownership of rental housing is a cash flush endeavor. The fixed expenses in California mean that property owners live on low margins while responsible for large expenses like roof and hot water heater replacements, with the long run goal to make a profit on appreciation of land values. The missing variable in all of the rent ordinances and hearings has been the owners’ annual increase of expenses. The majority of landlords compete to provide clean well maintained housing but the public pressure to bear more and more of the financial responsibilities will continue to degrade the quality of housing owners can afford to provide. This isn’t a matter of rich people being greedy. Please take the time to understand the profit and loss statements of property owners. Financial numbers are the data missing from the public conversation, including the potential halt on evictions.
Due to the tight rent control restrictions in Mountain View for example, my 8 unit property can only absorb 15% reduction in rent collection before it is negative cash flow. My primary source of income is also shut down. The stress and responsibility to pay the mortgage and utility bills when none of my residents might pay rent and I may not know when, is untenable. In San Jose, the fees and property taxes result in only a 24% rent drop before the property is negative cash flow. That means if 1.5 residents don’t pay rent I can not cover my expenses.

Thank you for looking at this matter from a multi pronged approach.

Christie Johnson
Élan Multifamily Investment Services
Cell # 408-590-0449
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Dear City Council Members,

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Property owners have overhead to pay regarding the properties they own. There are repair and maintenance expenses as well as mortgage, taxes, rental property fees, and often utility payments that depend on rental income for many of us to meet those obligations. These overhead expenses and property owners are not being treated fairly with this ordinance.

If a tenant cannot afford to pay the rent that they agreed (in writing) to pay, then they should either vacate, or the city should write a check to the property owner for what they owe. It should not be a property owners
responsibility to suddenly become "The Santa Cruz Housing Authority" and subsidize their renters who are unable to pay their rent in a timely manner.

It is difficult enough already to own rental property in the City of Santa Cruz without this new unfair additional burden put on the shoulders of those who are trying their best to provide housing in our city.

Yours truly
Bob Widmann
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To: City Council
Subject: Temporary Halt of Evictions

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Robert Williams  
Williams Family Properties  

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Pete
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Santa Cruz City Council

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Nick Stoll
Controller
Growers Ice Company
831/419/0810
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Sent from my iPhone
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Linda Burroughs
831-818-0218 cell
Mayor Cummings
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Russell Weisz
319 Laguna St.
Santa Cruz CA 95060

Virus-free. www.avast.com
From: Heidi Kozlowski <wretchedenglish@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:47 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Temporary Halt of Evictions

The city council continues to make decisions that cause home owners to hesitate to put anything on the rental market or rent rooms or ADUs in their home. I am one of them, and so are many of my neighbors.

This wouldn't be such an issue if there wasn't already a lot of distrust of members of the city council regarding Measure M.

A lot of landlords renting their homes, rooms, and HOAS are also living paycheck to paycheck, despite what you seem to believe. Many do NOT have a stash of savings sitting around, either.

The reason they rent is to pay their bills! No rent= inability to make their mortgage payments, property taxes, HOA, and credit card bills.

Landlords renting to make their own bills and payments should not penalized. It isn't the solution.

The city can subsidize rent if they want to protect its citizenry. Or some other idea. like deferring property tax as well.

If it doesn't, a deferment of a month of rent will result in greater and greater debt to the renter, and the renter will eventually face eviction anyway. which will destroy their prospects of renting again.

Heidi Kozlowski
Resident of the City of Santa Cruz
Mayor Cummings
City Councilmembers

I support the temporary halt to evictions in both residential and commercial property for inability to pay rent. It is an appropriate emergency measure in these difficult times.

I urge you to supplement it with a corresponding HALT TO FORECLOSURES in both residential and commercial property.

Santa Cruz Together is supporting a payback period of 90 days to be included in the ordinance. IT IS PREMATURE TO ESTABLISH THE ENDGAME FOR THIS EMERGENCY, and I do not support including a payback period at this time.

I do support the following reasonable measures advocated by Santa Cruz Together:

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Contrary to the Santa Cruz Together proposal, ANY recent loss of income should be presumed to be covid-related, without the need to establish proof of the reason. Furthermore, some care is needed as far as establishing documentation requirements, since missing a paycheck completely (hence no pay stub) it is hard to document.

Finally, the City, in its role of caring for its citizens, should ask its state and federal representatives to marshal resources for the residents of Santa Cruz.

Best regards,

David Williams
114 Limestone Lane
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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Sincerely,
Ruth Moe
Housing Provider

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Dear Council members,

As the mother of a recent college graduate living in the town of Santa Cruz, I see the struggle that my daughter and her friends are engaged in just to afford basic housing with multiple roommates. Many of them are working multiple jobs and often in hourly “non-essential” positions. They work hard to afford simple lifestyles and unfortunately do not have much remaining to save in an emergency fund. As a concerned resident of Santa Cruz county, I am asking that you consider the following:

In light of this public health crisis, when it’s imperative that families be stably housed, I call on you, our elected officials, to enact the following measures for as long as all residents of Santa Cruz County, regardless of immigration status, are substantially affected by COVID-19:

1) An Immediate Moratorium on Rent Increases and Evictions

2) Immediate End to Displacing Un-housed Encampments

3) Emergency Rental or Mortgage Assistance

4) Prevent Utility Shut-Offs and Halt Fees

5) Immediately Deploy More Public Hand Washing Stations and Port-a-Potties

Angela Keller
Santa Cruz County Resident
To Members of the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz, I have read the proposed ordinance and find it, in general, to be appropriate and timely. Though I do not think that the vast majority of local landlords would evict tenants in the current state of our community, I know that clear policies are necessary during this crisis for the benefit of both tenants and landlords. I do have some suggestions which may be meaningful and provide clear paths to the use of the ordinance by tenants and landlords. There should be some requirement for the tenant to exhaust any available governmental programs which could help avoid the need to postpone the payment of rent, provide for a partial payment of rent or aide in the later payment of rents due. It is my understanding the such programs will likely be forthcoming in the near term from both State of California and Federal sources. The City should make it a priority to facilitate the quick delivery of any available programs for rent assistance, existing or forthcoming to aide tenants and landlords. It should be made very clear that the rent is not being forgiven and will have to be paid at a later date by the tenant. I fear that tenants will not fully understand the requirement to repay rents due. Perhaps in Section 3, item C of the proposed ordinance where it is stated that the tenant is not relieved of obligation for payment of rent and landlords are not restricted from ability to recover rents due, it should be further stated that rent will be due at a later time and perhaps include a suggested time period for repayment, so that it is clear to both parties. I have been approached by one of my tenants who is self employed and has suffered substantial loss of client base in a very short time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The tenant and I are in agreement that an arrangement between us will be necessary to continue the tenancy, which is to both of our benefits. The tenant is a good tenant and one that I do not want to lose. In short, we will work it out, whatever it takes in these trying and historic times.

Landlords will have to continue making payments on mortgages and may need help from governmental programs to continue to provide housing.

Simply asking banks to forgo foreclosure, which I am not convinced they will do unless they are compensated in some fashion, will not likely protect the landlord’s loss of the property, decreased credit standing and ability to maintain the property in the future. I can support this ordinance because it has a clear end date, however, in the statement of the ordinance, Section 6, the ordinance will be automatically extended should Executive Order N-28-20 be extended. I believe that the local ordinance should be brought back to the City Council for any extension so that the people of Santa Cruz can speak to that extension.

Thank you for your service and leadership in this most unusual, historic and trying time.

David Plumlee
Julia Wood

From: Rebecca Arnesty <rebaarnoka@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 1:01 PM
To: City Council
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Dear Santa Cruz City Council,

I am in favor of stopping all rent collection and evictions for all of Santa Cruz County. I am in favor of the

**Emergency Ordinance Preventing Residential or Commercial Evictions for Non-Payment of Rent as a Result of Economic Losses Related to the Coronavirus Pandemic**

Thank you for voting with the people that are not able to even use there offices but landlords are still wanting to collect rent from them!

Thank you

Charmian Traynor LAc LMT
Mayor Cummings  
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While you are proposing to pass legislation to halt evictions, assuming all landlords are only concerned about getting their money, you might want to consider another viewpoint.  
I know your intentions are admirable, but the outcomes on housing, historically, have been lacking.  
As a landlord of a single family dwelling (fortunately not in the city of Santa Cruz) I have told my property manager to keep me informed of the employment status of the tenants so I can make rent adjustments if necessary. I want them to stay in the house and will make significant discounts to their rent (don’t have to pay it back) for a few months.  
Your solution of a “one size fits all rule” is to continue to promote an adversarial relationship between tenant and landlord. Some landlords have high mortgage and property tax payments.  
Since your methodologies to date, in the area of housing, have resulted in Santa Cruz being the least affordable place, I suggest you might want to try something different for a change.  
I propose you ask the Mom and Pop landlords of the city to VOLUNTARILY do what they can to help their tenants should they become unemployed. The Fed govt is going to help, the tenant can help and the landlord can help...so, together we can all get through this together. You might be surprised on the result.  
Henry Cassady  

Sent from my iPhone
Mayor Cummings
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I am a single family resident that is able to stay in Santa Cruz as the rent I receive from my ADU enables my mortgage payment. If I cannot pay my mortgage I lose my home and my tenant loses their home as well. Additionally my credit will be destroyed, and will not have credit in a standing that would allow a landlord to rent to me, additionally this would increase the number of rentals needed as although opportunity would continue to decline. As property owners in Santa Cruz, we are striving to be as flexible as we can knowing that the economic strain is affecting everyone.

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Philip and Darcy Mekis
Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

No owner wants to evict a good tenant that is not causing trouble but has fallen on rough times, especially when everyone is now falling on rough times. The crisis clearly calls on everyone to work together. A landlord versus tenant ordinance that makes rental property owners the exclusive source of rent-relief is exactly the wrong message. I think a better approach is a sixty (60) day stay on evictions for any cause, excepting causes that are criminal and threaten the life and safety of other surrounding residents. A stay on evictions will keep folks in place while both owners and renters try to get a handle on what is going on and what to do going forward. I also think each County should create a body of arbitrators available to owners and renters that are in disagreement about payment. There could be a sliding-scale fee schedule, by which the parties pay in accordance with their current income.

If you must stay the course, please consider the changes below.

**Drop the inclusion of commercial properties.**

The proposed rent and eviction moratorium interferes in commercial contracts between parties of potentially equal standing. Commercial real estate law is exceptional as compared to residential real estate law. Commercial law has its own widely held principles. One of these is that the parties in a commercial contract are considered to be of equal standing. The parties have outlined their mutual covenants and considerations and have come to mutually-agreeable terms. Unlike people seeking a place to live, commercial businesses do not feel captive. They can choose from a variety of alternatives. Commercial businesses will walk and/or seek legal remedies if they feel hard done by. Legal and financial equality is often a characteristic of commercial rental relationships. A city seeking to cut off the rent from only one side of the relationship, the property owner, is significantly unequal and unjust.

**Make sure ambiguity is minimized and the terms and conditions for residential rent relief are clearly specified, equitable, and just.**

The Ordinance must state it only applies to rent and eviction due to non-payment of rent. Clarify that the Ordinance is for a rent deferral and not a rent cancellation. Specify deadlines and timelines.

New law that is poorly worded and highly ambiguous will lead to expensive and time-consuming legal challenges. Make sure the Ordinance has a clear beginning and end date. Terms like “significant” need to be defined otherwise who knows whether the meaning is significant to the City, the rental property owner, the tenant, or all the parties?

Do not sweep under the carpet the fact than a large percentage of commercial businesses have far greater cash flow and resources than the rental property owner. Is there a way to allow for that as a consideration? For example, a millionaire can stop paying rent by simply showing that they had a “significant loss of income” due to COVID. To them, a significant loss is $10,000. They can now take a rent holiday and pay no rent to a retired veteran that depends almost entirely on the rental income. I think the Ordinance should only apply where the verified monthly income of the tenant is now equal to or less than fifty percent (50%) of the monthly rent.

Businesses cannot survive when ambiguity is dominant. The City does not do its revenue collections without detailed payment schedules and terms. It is not fair to expect rental property owners to risk
zero rent for basically any drop in a renter’s income and have only the vaguest of language regarding time lines for repayment, late fees, and interest.

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**Avoid language that implies tenants can cause damage and chaos without fear of eviction.**

Many owners have experience with commercial and residential tenants that were or are engaging in criminal activity and/or posing a serious threat to the peace and well being of their neighbors, including psychological and physical violence. These parties are often difficult to evict. They often have no qualms about subtly and even overtly threatening others to remain silent. They have no qualms about taking advantage of a government and advocacy that assumes all landlords are criminal and all tenants are angels.

**Beware language that divides and angers.**

Many advocates for the end of something, such as rent, evictions, private property, landlords, etc., see this as an opportunity to create conflict and take advantage of government distraction and disequilibrium. So do advocates for complete commercial freedom from government. Avoid language that builds stable platforms from which these factions can set to work to advance their agenda at the expense of some other group. Any persons using shock doctrine to take advantage should be relieved of their ability to do so, and that especially means people in positions of power endowed with the public’s trust and police or military powers.

In closing, the **government should be looking at all avenues of relief and assistance for all people** based on actual need and not on whether the person or business is a renter or a landlord. Consider that within your own City a large multi-national corporation might now have the opportunity to pay no rent to a mom and pop property owner for no other reason than a loss of some income.

Thank you for reading,

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Tom Powers
Santa Cruz

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Dear Council Members,

I greatly appreciate your leadership in considering a moratorium on evictions during the COVID-19 crisis. My questions:

- It appears that the renters will still owe the full amount of rent, that this is not a debt forgiveness measure. What mechanism will be in place to allow landlords to collect that rent, either during the declared emergency or afterward?

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Please take swift and thoughtful action to prevent the public health crisis from becoming a major social calamity.

Andrew Davis
Centennial Street
Santa Cruz CA
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Julie Francis
Julia Wood

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Carly Lohnberg
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Sent from my iPad
Julia Wood

From: Anthony Loero <anthonyloero@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 6:45 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Temporary Halt of Evictions

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From: john markytan <jmarkytan@gmail.com>
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Honorable Council Members:

Attached please find Tenant Sanctuary's public comments regarding the proposed eviction moratorium for Tuesday's meeting.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Torres-Gil
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e-mail: attorney@tenantsanctuary.org
(831) 200-0740
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I wonder if you realize your proposed ordinance gives license for people to not pay rent and leave landlords in a bad position of losing their property if they can’t evict a non-paying tenant. I wish you didn’t always see landlords as evil. I’m a 23-year public school teacher who has made lots of sacrifices to own 3 rentals in town, all of which have mortgages and for which I can’t have six months of nonpayment or whatever it turns out to be. My wife and I provide great housing to our tenants and we have a great relationship. So I hope they will continue to pay or leave if they can’t. It’s not fair that according to you, it’s okay for property owners to lose their homes to the banks but not okay for a property owner to try to save their property through the one means at their disposal. And the disincentives for moms and pops to own rentals grow. Someday only corporations will be landlords because the rest of will been driven away.

-Mike Tyler

Sent from my iPhone
Mayor Cummings and City Council members

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Barbara Avona
Mayor Cummings  
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Landlords understand the need for people to say in place. With that said, tenants understand how to abuse the system.

Placing a no eviction policy is prudent for the virus but include some sort of substantial consequence for renters whom will take advantage of it. It is no different than someone whom over inflates the price of dust masks.

I have one tenant that needs help and one that is asking for help whom i know has 40k in the bank. The former needs the help the latter would be more than happy to take advantage of the situation.

Chelsea
March 23, 2020

Dear Council Members,

Landlords and Tenants are all in this together, as are Doctors and hospitals and the local grocery store owner. Gas stations and Grocery stores are not asked to forgive payment for the goods they provide.

I realize that there will be those who honestly need the delay in payment of rent, and those that will take advantage.

Should you decide to implement an ordinance on this issue, please take care to use balance for all.

I would like to suggest that you:

1. Have the tenant provide a letter to the landlord explaining the situation, outlining the reason they cannot pay, and providing a date to repay the entire rent.
2. put into place a time limit for the deferred rent payment to be paid in full, such as May 1st or May 15th, with a requirement that the tenant sign a stipulated agreement wherein the parties agree that possession of the unit will be delivered on ____ if the rent is not paid. An eviction can add 3 -4 months on top of the time granting for a repayment plan. The stipulated agreement would stop the tenant from claiming another reason to postpone the eviction, such as habitability; and puts the deal square in writing for a judge to decide at the appropriate time.

   ** This will limit the unscrupulous tenants who may wish to take advantage of the eviction system, Anything beyond that will adversely affect some property owners with their mortgages, and their personal living expenses. The majority of my 400 clients are elderly and depend on the rent to live.

3. Tenant must provide verifiable proof that the ability to not pay Rent is directly related to the Covid 19 Pandemic, keeping in mind that they have only been out of work for approximately 2 weeks now.  A letter from the employer showing they were temporarily laid off, or a copy of the filing for unemployment.
4. If the date to repay is missed, Landlords need an avenue to regain possession of the property without additional delay. An eviction can add 3 - 4 months on top of the time granting for a repayment plan. 3 to 4 months of no rent will bankrupt most owners. A stipulated agreement is a good option.

Thank you,

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3/24/20 Agenda Item #15 Emergency Ordinance

Dear Council,

I would mention crisis has been used by government in the past to violate individual rights, pick winners and losers, favor the bad guys, and hold the public hostage to promote an agenda of the powerful and ideologically driven.

We know in the financial crisis government rewarded the very corporations who caused the crisis with actions that were really criminal. The criminals never paid for their deeds, they were bailed out, gave themselves bonuses, and used profits to buy stock to enrich themselves at public and investor expense.

Such is occurring again. Already the Federal Reserve is saying companies who pay timely interest on borrowed money are still allowed to buy stock, etc. This is a slight improvement, but not much. They are also printing money and buying all the soon to be bad debt they can swallow. Sometimes bad debt should be allowed to go bad as the bad actors who didn't save for a rainy day but instead enriched themselves should suffer the consequences.

As of this writing we don't know what borrowed monies are going to go for, but it doesn't look good.

The Democrats are pushing stronger unions, parts of the Green New Deal, and blatantly admit this is the time to hold the public hostage to suit their agenda.

The Republicans are no better as they focus mostly on breaks for bad actor corporations like airlines that in the last quarter alone bought more stock back than the buyouts they seek. They have collectively bought hundreds of billions back in the last few years that is now gone, poof, and could have been used for situations like this.

It is clear small business will take the brunt of this, the engine of an honest economy. I suspect in any case this will be devastating and last far longer than we would like, and many people will die.

I cannot urge in any stronger terms not to succumb to the temptation to use fear to misuse authority and pursue an ideological agenda which serves to punish those who frankly I think you misidentify as bad actors and by that I mean middle class landlords.

Somehow ability to pay or withstand financial crisis burden by all along with individual rights are getting thrown under a bus. Somehow the usual arbitrary and indifferent approach to ideological agendas must be avoided while maintaining the best outcome for community. I don't pretend to have those answers as to how. In any case, unusual authoritarian actions must be temporary and you must look to other answers.

The government is demanding people not work. The government must then provide the credit that is needed to those who need it most. Notice I said government not landlords no matter what his highness Gavin Newsome says.

One hopes the Federal government will do right in this true emergency. I doubt it, but I can hope. The same goes for you.

Feel free to share these thought with our Congressional representatives.

Sincerely, Garrett Philipp - Santa Cruz
From: rkabat@aol.com  
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:42 AM  
To: City Council  
Subject: Fairness Questions Related to Financial Impacts From Uncollectible Rents Caused by A Temporary Halt of Evictions

3/23/2020

Mayor Cummings & City Council members:

Before you vote on this measure, please answer the following questions so that your answers are clearly recorded on the video at the City Council meeting:

1.) IN ALL FAIRNESS - Will Santa Cruz property owners have financial recourse against the City and/or each individual member of the City Council if, after May 31st is reached, the government once more extends this 'temporary moratorium' and, as a result of your extended actions, property owners suffer uncollectible financial damages and/or loose their rental property?

2.) IN ALL FAIRNESS - Will Santa Cruz property owners have financial recourse against the City and/or each individual member of the City Council if, as a result of passing this moratorium and/or its extension, the property owners cannot afford to pay for earthquake insurance or repairs needed due to a Santa Cruz rental property damage caused by an earthquake?

3.) IN ALL FAIRNESS - Will the City Council allow the City of Santa Cruz, and themselves personally, be liable for any financial damages that property owners, as a class, might suffer as a result of your vote if any parts of your actions are found to be unconstitutional?

4.) IN ALL FAIRNESS - Have you created a study to see if the City of Santa Cruz could go bankrupt if a large group of property owners formed a class action lawsuit to go forward for financial damages and was successful proving negligence and unconstitutionality on the government's part?

5.) IN ALL FAIRNESS - A current review of page 'BUDGET 8' of the City of Santa Cruz proposed city budget informs and leads one to conclude:

A.) TAX REVENUE DECREASES: There will be a further acceleration of decreases in
   1.) Transit Occupancy Tax revenues due to a halt in tourism,
   2.) Sales Tax revenue decreases due to lower gasoline/oil prices and lower volume of sales of other items subject to the sales tax, and
   3.) Utility Excise Tax revenues decrease due to the absence of U.C.S.C. students and other related utility users,(ie Closed businesses.)

B.) PENSION LIABILITY INCREASE: The General Fund is on pace for a second doubling of CalPERS pension costs, driven by Great Recession losses and subsequent market under performance by the State pension investment fund. As noted in the May 8, 2019 Budget Hearing presentation, if the State had earned their historical averages or average returns from various index funds, the pension system would be fully funded. Instead, the City has seen its share of investment shortfalls increase by over 1,700% since the early 2000s.

The aforementioned tax and pension liability information leads me to ask you why are you not focusing on the impact of these issues but instead focusing on shifting a new financial liability (the moratorium) upon the shoulders of property owners?
6.) IN ALL FAIRNESS - I believe that the City and City Council will be placing a financial burden on the shoulders of property owners. Therefore, I propose that the City insert an indemnification clause in its proposed bill to indemnify property owners who fail to collect rents as a result of government actions.

Do you recognize the potential financial burden you are placing upon your property owners and, IN ALL FAIRNESS, will you insert an indemnification clause for those property owners and their families who are financially harmed by your vote?

Sincerely,

Ronald Paul Kabat
Mayor Cummings  
City Councilmembers

The coronavirus is causing severe strains on all of us and I applaud your effort to help renters and landlords through these tough times.

I own six rentals in Santa Cruz city and strongly agree with the Santa Cruz Together suggestions listed below for dealing with loss of rents due to coronavirus issues (renters give notice before rent due date, renters verifiable income loss, 90 day repayment period). This will give relief to renters that lose their income or have severe medical costs due to the coronavirus. It will also give stability to our rental housing market in these tough times.

Jeff Vesey
Santa Cruz resident and landlord since 1984

Santa Cruz Together posting below:

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Your hearts are in the right place during these terrible times. Once again though it seems that the small mom and pop landlords are being singled out. Why would we evict a good tenant? We are sheltered. It would be impossible to replace a tenant anyway until the crisis is over. This type of legislation should be on the federal and state level to protect everyone. Right now landlords have to pay property tax in 2 weeks as well as mortgage, insurance and maintenance. We are still on call 24/7 for our tenants. I can’t believe anyone would evict a tenant during this time. On the other hand if a tenant has been a problem previous to the crisis it would be unfair to give them a “pass” for 2 more months.

Last year there was a strong push for just cause eviction during the Christmas period. The scare was many people evicted during holidays. I had a below market rental at this time and did not get 1 application from an evicted person! Please let state and feds handle this matter.

Sincerely Joe De Meo
City Council:

The ordinance needs more specific criteria and evidence for documenting income loss or other hardship listed and safeguards for landlords being able to collect past due rent.

The issue the City Council attempts to address with this ordinance can only be accomplished at the state or federal level with cash payments to tenants for rent. Short of that the Council is reinforcing a negative economic feedback loop of coronavirus pandemic and maybe once again reducing the supply of rental housing with one-sided onerous rules.

Without specific and quantifiable criteria for when tenants are allowed to not pay rent, then paying rent becomes optional. The ordinance must spell out specific criteria for how income loss will be documented and that that loss is solely related to the employer's business loss due to the virus. And what about savings? Can tenant savings be spent on rent?

Further, the City should state clearly the time period during which the past due rent should be paid. If property owners can't in fact collect past due rent after a certain amount of time is there support the City can offer?

Best,
Bruce Dykaar
Mayor Cummings
City Councilmembers

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Scott Rogers
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Honorable Mayor Cummings  
City Councilmembers

Thank you for serving the community during the extremely difficult time of this hopefully once in a lifetime pandemic. We appreciate everyone in the City that continues to work to keep essential City services up and running.

Thanks to those already engaging our Congressmen to identify potential State housing resources for the residents of Santa Cruz. Clearly state and federal government resources and policies are critical here.

Santa Cruz Together, SCT, is concerned about the Moratorium on Evictions. Clarifying the exact process and conditions where it applies, will both stabilize housing and send a message that this action is temporary and not open-ended.

Specifically, please communicate that neither Governor Newsom’s Executive Order or this City Moratorium “relieve a tenant of their obligation to pay rent, nor restrict a landlord’s ability to recover rent due”. Given this condition, the Moratorium should clarify how the process will work:

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Lynn Renshaw  
Santa Cruz Together
Julia Wood

From: Neighborly Santa Cruz <neighborlysc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:52 PM
To: City Council; ryan.coonerty@santacruzcounty.us; Justin Cummings; Donna Meyers; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Martine Watkins
Subject: COVID-19 Community Protections

Dear Santa Cruz City Council:

On behalf of the organizations signed on to this letter, we call on you to take the measures outlined below to limit the potential exacerbating effects of the coronavirus on Santa Cruz’s housing crisis.

Californians take care of each other. In moments of crisis, Californians know how to pull together. Whether helping our neighbors during an earthquake or opening our homes during a wildfire, we show up for one another. We know that our families and neighborhoods are stronger, safer, and healthier when we show up and represent one another in moments of illness and crisis.

No matter what we look like, where we live, or what’s in our wallets, getting sick reminds us that we’re all human. But today, as you know, due to the lack of preparation by the Trump administration, most of us do not have access to the testing, vaccines, and treatment we need to get and stay well.

We must stand with and for each other, against anything used to divide us, to demand the care and paid time off every one of us needs, no exceptions. Only by standing united can we rewrite the rules to ensure better health for all.

In light of this public health crisis, when it’s imperative that families be stably housed, we call on you, the City of Santa Cruz, to enact the following measures for as long as all residents of Santa Cruz, regardless of immigration status, are substantially affected by COVID-19:

1. **An Immediate Moratorium on Rent Increases and Evictions**- The need to protect residents that live paycheck to paycheck from the economic fallout of this virus includes protecting them against facing price gouging, eviction and homelessness. Rent increases, even minimal ones, during this time is tantamount to price gouging given the potential for lost wages, and would make tenants more vulnerable to evictions. Eviction would only further spread this disease and make its containment harder because people would not have a home to care for the health, safety and welfare of their families. In addition, forcing tenants to defend themselves in crowded courts at this time is directly at
odds with government guidance emphasizing the critical importance of social distancing to contain the spread of the virus.

2. Immediate End to Displacing Unhoused Encampments - We must put an end to the enforcement/displacement actions against encampments of the unhoused during this crisis.

3. Prevent Utility Shut-Offs and Halt Fees - Widespread loss of income will also likely cause increased numbers of people to fall behind on bills and risk having their water, gas, electricity, and other basic utility services shut-off. All public and private utilities doing business in Santa Cruz should halt all utility shut-offs and related fees during this crisis.

4. Immediately Deploy More Public Hand-Washing Stations and Port-a-Potties - Hand-washing is a critical public health safety measure at all times, but especially now, during this pandemic. More public sanitation facilities will help limit the spread of the virus, especially for our vulnerable unhoused population.

As organizations representing the people of Santa Cruz affected daily by our housing affordability and homelessness crisis, we agree with these measures and sign in support.

City Council, help us stop the coronavirus from exacerbating our housing crisis!

Respectfully,

- Neighborly Santa Cruz (co-sponsor)
- Santa Cruz Homeless Union (co-sponsor)
- Food Not Bombs (co-sponsor)
- Pajaro Valley Pride (co-sponsor)
- UCSC NAACP
- ACLU of Northern California
- Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers GSCFT 2030
- Robert Taren, Chair, Senior Citizens Legal Services (for identification purposes only)
Honorable Mayor Cummings, City Councilmembers:

In considering the Eviction Moratorium intended to give relief to renters directly affected by the COVID 19 pandemic, please consider that many in Santa Cruz are being affected, not just renters. Restaurant owners, retailers, other small businesses and professions just lost some or all of their income. For example, Realtors and many other independent contractors are considered “nonessential” and now have zero new income. Some of these affected people may own a single duplex, or an ADU, or some other very modest rental. Please understand how unbalanced it will be to require one person without income to cover the expenses of another person without income.

Thank you for your consideration. Wishing you and your families wellness at this unprecedented time.

Best regards,
Debra

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Dear Council,

Like many issues the details are what matter in an issue such as this. As a small landlord who relies on rental income to supplement social security, it should not be forgotten that without a willingness for banks to sign onto a non foreclosure measure, landlords should have equal protection if they face losing a property for inability to make mortgage payments, while renter's rights are being advanced in lieu of owner's rights via not paying rent. I know personally that I do not have adequate financial reserves to go 2 months without receiving the below market rents, I charge for housing and losing my property would be a lifelong disaster of monumental proportions as I am past my earning years.

There are going to be many individuals that decide to leave Santa Cruz and the Bay Aea once this emergency passes and to have government set the table where with some but not substantial evidence required to not pay rent, there will be those that take advantage of this measure to bank dollars to fund their future plans. Sad but true.

Personally, if and when I am approached by my tenants, I will suggest using a portion of their deposit (possibly 25% per month for 2 months) to fill in for an equal amount of rent reduction until we are past the emergency stage which would help both landlord and tenant.

The biggest problems with the measure is that it takes a long process and considerable expense to evict someone and having a grace period via the measure actually extends the landlord's losses past the May 31st deadline. Very few owners can shoulder a 3+ month loss of rent. It also does not account for access to funds, savings, 401k's, parents help etc. that tenants may have as a financial back up but could be exempt from using, when shielded by this measure. This measure gives those with other means a free pass just because they click off other boxes in the process. I also recognize that there are and will be those in dire need and why we should not paint this issue with a broad brush because it is more complex that it appears on the surface.

We all hope for no need for evictions and it's been an extreme rarity in my case yet we need a fair measure that treats tenants and landlords equally.

Regards,

Gary Whitney
Dear Council Members,

We are the owners of Barceloneta, a Spanish Restaurant at the top of Pacific Avenue in Downtown Santa Cruz. We are a new business, barely five months old, and unfortunately had to temporarily close due to the public health crisis. We have reviewed the proposal on a moratorium on rent evictions for residential and commercial tenants and are in SUPPORT of the ordinance.

We have begun communications with our landlord regarding our rental situation and we are encouraging all businesses to start that conversation.

We have heard of landlords who have demonstrated incredible decency and are advocating for their tenants with rent forgiveness and rent abatement. We have also heard stories of hardship leading to fears about inevitable closure and personal financial ruin. Small business run on meager margins and only have small resources to draw from in emergency situations. A sensitivity to the vulnerability of small businesses will help Santa Cruz survive this pandemic.

We are all working so hard to re-bound after this public health crisis. With compassion and vision, our landlords can be the heroes for Santa Cruz’s small business community. Decisions we make now will decide the fate of Mom and Pops across Santa Cruz.

Thank you for SUPPORTING THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS.

No paella tonight,

Elan and Brett Emerson
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As a concerned member of the Santa Cruz community, I am unable to work with the shelter in place ordinance, and therefore have been put under financial stress. WE NEED RENT RELIEF for the entire duration of time we are unable to work. We need relief for renters where we live and relief for rent towards buildings of business. I personally am a hairstylist and cannot afford to pay rent towards my establishment if I am not bringing in an income.

WE NEED RENT RELIEF for both homes and businesses!!!!
Santa Cruz is made up of locally owned small businesses and we will ALL struggle if we are not getting the help we need!!!!

Take care of your community!!!
HELP US OUT!!!! We NEED RENT RELIEF so we as a community can continue after all of this!!!

Thank you,
-Suzanne T.
Small business owner in Santa Cruz
Dear Santa Cruz City Council,

I understand the topic for an ordinance for tenants who cannot pay their rent during the Corona Virus pandemic may be able to forgo paying rent. It would be wise if the city of Santa Cruz does adopt a tenant ordinance that part of the ordinance would include a payment plan from the tenants to the landlords for replaying any rent the tenant missed. This is important for landlords to be able to pay their mortgages.

Please include the above in the ordinance if you decide to make one for the city of Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Sarah
Julia Wood

From: Mark Seasholes <seasholes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:27 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Very Important: Temporary Halt of Evictions

Dear Mayor Cummings and City Council Members,

I’m worried about the temporary rent/eviction moratorium that is being proposed. Specifically, it is not clear why property owners are being asked to bear the majority of associated costs. Along with others, I hope you can send a message to property owners that any such action is short term and not meant to cause harm.

To send a message that there will be a shared burden, we suggest the following actions:

- The City should ask its state and federal representatives to marshal resources for the residents of Santa Cruz.

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- The advanced notice should contain objective and verifiable evidence of that loss of income.

In addition, and MOST importantly, I would like to suggest (A) to (C):

A) The county of Santa Cruz agrees to forego property taxes on any property in which the renter(s) has stopped paying rent due to Covid-19 hardship.

B) The City of Santa Cruz agrees to provide free services (SCMU) to any property in which the renter has stopped paying rent due to Covid-19 hardship.

C) The City of Santa Cruz agrees to pay all utilities for which an owner cannot re-coup costs when there is a rent moratorium due to Covid-19 hardship (PG&E, etc.)

Thank you for your consideration,

Mark Seasholes
Mayor Cummings and City Council Members,

We are all affected and must find solutions together during these difficult and uncertain times. The temporary halt of evictions being proposed concerns us all. I suggest the following actions to help assure the tenant community that the City is doing everything they can to help stabilize the City while sending a message to property owners that this action is temporary and not meant to cause harm:

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• The ordinance should include a repayment period of no longer than 90 days to give the tenant clarity on how much time they have to pay back rent.

As housing providers in Santa Cruz, we want to be as flexible as possible, knowing that the economic strain affects everyone - housing providers and tenants alike. For our part, we plan to work with our tenants on the best options forward for both sides, knowing that they may need some flexibility and with the understanding that we also have our own payments to uphold.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Nicole Karon
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Best,

Eli Karon

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Mayor Cummings and City Council members,

In these stressful, uncertain, and difficult times, we are all in it together. The temporary moratorium being proposed obviously concerns us. However, with the right guide rails, you can help assure the tenant community that the City is doing everything they can to help stabilize the City while sending a message to property owners that this action is short term and not meant to cause harm.

To send that message, we would suggest the following actions: The City, in its role of caring for its citizens, should ask its state and federal representatives to marshal resources for the residents of Santa Cruz. Renters should be required to give notice to their housing provider of their inability to pay rent from covid-19 related income loss. That notice should be on or before rent is due to allow the owner to prepare for a loss in rental income. This will assist the owner to plan for upcoming expenses.

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Thank you for considering our input. Many of us Mom and Pop houseowners are paycheck to paycheck and cannot pay mortgages without rent being paid on time.

We are striving to be as flexible as we can knowing that the economic strain is affecting everyone.

Please be thoughtful about the trickle down effect of rent not being paid on time. Some Federal, state and county assistance that would be available to renters who are short on the rent to access money to pay rent, will not be available if you put this ordinance into place. If no rent, then no mortgage payment, then house on the market and wealthy 2% owner who doesn't give a crap about Santa Cruz.

Thank you.

Julia McDermott
jreamcd@yahoo.com
Dear Mayor Cummings and the Santa Cruz City Council,

Thank you for your leadership during this challenging time. I am writing to thank you for considering an emergency ordinance to protect renters from eviction during the coronavirus pandemic. I grew up here in town, and feel lucky to have been able to stay, but I constantly feel on the verge of moving away because of the cost of living here.

Our community relies on those of us who rent — we’re caring for children, serving and delivering food, teaching students, staffing grocery stores and hospitals, driving buses, and so much more. And I believe that no matter their role, all members of our community deserve safe and stable housing. Allowing evictions to move forward during a time of unprecedented crisis and instability seems cruel. I urge the council to move forward with the Emergency Ordinance and I also hope that the council will consider developing strategies to support tenants who may struggle to pay back their rent beyond the scope of these next few months, due to the difficulty of working during this time.

Thank you again for your service!
Haley Brown

haley brown  
she/her  PATREON ~ WEBSITE ~ CRICKET  
Know the land: I live on occupied Amah Mutsun land and pay a voluntary monthly land tax in a commitment to redistribute resources. Whose land are you on?
Dear City Council,

It seem clear to me that no one should be evicted in the midst of a pandemic. We want to have as few people move around as possible so as to reduce the vectors of the disease. And it seems clear to me that our local government needs to prioritize our public health over the usual mechanism of capitalism right now. Moderating capitalism so as to support the public good is one of the primary functions of modern government, at all levels. Please do your job and support the eviction ban.

Micah Posner

Landlord and concerned citizen
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Thank you for considering our input. As property owners in Santa Cruz, we are striving to be as flexible as we can with the understanding that our mortgages still needs to be paid.

Ginger Dykaar
Sent from my iPhone
Dear Council members,

I am writing you because Santa Cruz County is facing a historic public health crisis and families need stability now more than ever. Just over the past week, I have seen friends lose their jobs, one of whom has had to move out of state because he and his partner will not be able to pay rent next month. As our elected officials, I implore you to enact the following measures for as long as all residents of Santa Cruz County, regardless of immigration status, are substantially affected by COVID-19:

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4) Prevent Utility Shut-Offs and Halt Fees
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Thank you for your service to our community,

Zeki Schwartz
Dear Council members,

I am deeply concerned about the destabilizing and potentially catastrophic impact the current public health crisis can have on the members of our community who are out of work or simply underemployed because of COVID-19. Our community need stability and safety in order to properly impede the spread of this virus and that means housing protection. In light of this public health crisis, when it’s imperative that families be stably housed, I call on you, our elected officials, to enact the following measures for as long as all residents of Santa Cruz County, regardless of immigration status, are substantially affected by COVID-19:

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Families need secure housing and access to resources to follow the Shelter In Place order. We need strong leadership to ensure that the costly impact of this pandemic not fall on the working class, causing destructive and lasting harm.

Thank you,
Rose Strasen
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- Rose
Dear Council Members,

As you know, we are in the beginning of a crisis unlike anything this country has known for generations. It is beyond the scope of the Council to address the dire healthcare situation that is emerging. But you do have the power to help address the dire economic impacts of this crisis.

This looks to be the beginning of an economic crisis which may be as severe as the Great Depression. Our government has told us to stay home and closed many of our places of work, but people still have to pay the rent or mortgage, among other bills.

We already have been suffering from extreme income inequality and skyrocketing rents. Already people have been getting tossed out of their homes. Please in this critical period of "sheltering in place", with people losing their jobs, or having to weigh going to work sick vs losing income, please do not allow evictions to continue.

It is rumored that the greedy landlords who mobilized opposition to rent control, and then funded a spurious recall campaign to oust pro-tenant candidates have now organized over a hundred letters to the Council advocating they should still be able to evict people even in the midst of this historic crisis.

We've heard so much about how bad it is that this community is so divided and polarized. Well, it can plainly be seen now that Santa Cruz Together is a sociopathic organization dedicated only to their own betterment, with a complete inability to consider the greater social good.

So yes, please let's stop being divisive and polarized, and the best way to do that is to stop granting undue influence to this small group of sociopaths. This is an emergency beyond anything we've known for generations. As our public leaders, we're looking to you to act and lead us through this crisis.

Therefore, please take immediate actions to stop evictions for those who are currently renting, such as a freeze on evictions and protections against late fees, etc.

As for our brothers and sisters who have no housing, I've seen that some steps have been taken to get people into hotels. Thanks for making progress on that. At this point I'm not clear on how far it's gone, but my impression is there is still a huge amount of work to do to get people off the street where they are vulnerable to contracting the disease, not to mention spreading it to others, and get them into shelter.

Also please take into consideration along with sheltering people, to account for any other changes in meeting their needs, such as distributing meals vs everyone congregating in one large hall to get a meal.

Thanks for your leadership and public service,

Steve Schnaar
Dear City Council,

Technical challenges appear to have prevented our campaign to stop rent increases and evictions from reaching you directly. Attached is a spreadsheet of 228 people who have each written a letter (or used a form), with this basic message:

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I have lived my whole life as a poor or lower working class person. My family has spent time living in temporary housing as we were unable to afford the first, last and deposit to rent a long term home. The impact of the anxiety and fear is very real.

When I was young, my family didn't have anyone to advocate for itself. I am writing for my current family and all those who are suffering and struggling right now.

Thank you for caring about this, and for helping our communities.

Jesse Forrey
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Santa Cruz, California 95060
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I am sure that by now you have been receiving many letters that express the same or similar requests for action as the ones I list below. I urge you to take these seriously as not just generous and humane actions which can be take during a public health crisis, but necessary ones which protect all of us in this community from the harms of coronavirus and the economic consequences that are already underway.

I live in a house with seven other people, including my wife who does not have healthcare. All of us are either students or teachers, including someone who teaches incarcerated youths, and another who teaches at a local outdoor education facility. Many of us have already lost our jobs. We are the lucky ones compared to those who already are jobless and houseless.

Most of us could survive the coming weeks - and more likely months - if the singular burden of rent was not hanging over our heads. That rent is only necessary because of the property owner's mortgage. Were there to be a moratorium on mortgages, there could be a moratorium on rent, and thus no reason for evictions and the inevitable homelessness that would follow for most renters in Santa Cruz County. The unregulated and exorbitant rent that we face in our homes and businesses were a crisis for most of us before COVID 19. This is beyond imagination.

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Thank you in advance for your action.

Gabriel

Gabriel Mindel
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If those don’t answer your question, please check out our help documents: https://help.actionnetwork.org/hc/en-us

In the help section we have tutorial videos about each section of the site, and a search bar in the lower right.

If you’ve read the help documents and haven’t gotten an answer to your question, reply to this email and we'll reply back to you as soon as we can. (We generally work normal business hours, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm ET, and we try to reply as quickly as possible.)

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Please make sure to email us links to the things you have questions about so we can answer your question more quickly. For example, if you're having trouble with a group, send us the link to the group. If you're having trouble with an action, send us the link to the action. You can reply to this email with those links so we have them.

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Hello,

I’m a tenant renting here in the city of Santa Cruz. I was hit very hard & early on in this crisis, I work in Santa Clara co. All sources of income have ceased & my landlord is threatening eviction. I will surely be out on the streets if this happens.

Not only have I had to deal with this stress but my landlord is trying their hardest to intimidate & manipulate me into leaving because it’s “easier for them” not taking into consideration that I’ll be on the streets. No-one will let me in due to the lockdown & paranoia of spreading CV19.

I have filed for unemployment and am waiting to hear back. I’m seeking council on the state of affairs with the city as far as what is being done to ban evictions at this moment. My situation is dire and time sensitive. I appreciate your correspondence.

Thank you,
Johanna McGuire
415-515-1855

Sent from my iPhone