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To: Public Comment; City_Council
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Name Anthony Manousos

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City Pasadena

State CA

Zip Code 91104

Meeting Date April 20, 2020

Agenda Item Number 25 d City Response to Covid 19 crisis, homelessness report

Comments

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I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. Yes

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PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

Name Connie Millsap

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City Pasadena

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Zip Code 91101

Meeting Date April 20, 2020

Agenda Item Number Special session PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR
GAVIN NEWSOM

Comments

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

It warmed my heart two weeks ago when one of our un-housed neighbors came to the Social Service Food Pantry at First United Methodist Church and shared he had a motel room provided for him by the City. Thanks be to God for the actions taken to assist our most vulnerable citizens in the time of Covid-19.

With this pandemic the conditions which make so many of our citizen's become homeless are only going to be exacerbated with the inability to pay rent or mortgages. Thank you for the actions already taken by the City. They do need to be strengthened and extended for a period of recovery.

I support a long term plan for motel conversions with supportive services. The the criminal activity that is often associated with the lower cost motels would be abated if there was a "living" environment with supportive social services. It would be a win-win.

I encourage action be taken to ensure that affordable housing property stay affordable through a legal and management vehicle of a Community Land Trust. I would like to see the City work in partnership with other community leaders to move in that direction.

Rev. Connie Millsap
FUMC

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comment read out loud
during the meeting.**

Yes

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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on April 20, 2020 about Agenda Item 25D

Name	Lara Schubert
City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91101
Meeting Date	April 20, 2020
Agenda Item Number	25D
Comments	<p>Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,</p> <p>I am glad to learn the Housing Department has housed 75 homeless residents in motels. Providing for homeless residents is essential both for their health and the health of all of the city's residents, as we are all using the streets for limited outdoor exercise while adhering to the six-foot protocol to avoid transmission of the virus.</p> <p>I want to urge the city council to consider strengthening the eviction moratorium to keep more people housed, using FEMA trailers to house our unhoused neighbors who are living on the street, and to take advantage of the availability of motels for potential purchase and consider purchasing them to create transitional or permanent housing for our homeless neighbors.</p> <p>I am proud of our city for its compassion and foresight with regard to those who find themselves homeless within our midst. I believe this response during the pandemic will improve all residents' lives.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lara Schubert</p>
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City Pasadena

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Meeting Date April 20, 2020

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Name	Donna Sider
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City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91106
Meeting Date	April 20, 2020
Agenda Item Number	25

Comments If ever there was a time to overcome traditional obstacles and look deep within for the courage to act decisively and swiftly, this Mayor Tornek, council members and staff, is that moment! Half of LA County is now unemployed. "The coronavirus outbreak could cost 47 million jobs which would translate to an unemployment rate of 32.1%." Forbes. Unemployment during the Great Depression peaked at 24.9% The Solidarity Economy, a movement of Mutual Aid, transparent cooperation, a redistribution of wealth — with policies for people and the planet is desperately needed.

In that spirit, I align with Teresa and Alison with Everyone In and Meridith Berkson with LAHSA; with Sonja Berndt and Bert Newton with GPAHG; with Rae of LA Voice.. Mr Mermell, Mr. Huang we're united seeking full transparency and complete data to the question: "HOW MANY sleeping on our streets have been housed?" We demand to know immediately. June 1 is not an option.

1. Utilize the trailers immediately
2. Ask State or FEMA for use of trailers indefinitely and convert to PSH.
3. Call Meridith with LAHSA for best practices convincing h/motel owners to sell & convert to PSH!!
4. Eviction moratorium as Teresa outlined.

Thank you for acting on behalf of ALL in Pasadena,

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comment read out
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Yes

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Name	Ferne E Hayes
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City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91106
Meeting Date	April 20, 2020
Agenda Item Number	25(d)
Comments	<p>Mayor Tornek and City Council:</p> <p>Recommended actions for abating the effect of Covid-19 on the homeless problem of the city. Broaden the eviction moratorium to include the points recently approved by L A County and being considered today by the City of Alhambra. Allow self-certification of inability to pay, increase payback time to 12 months and prohibit ways for landlords to attempt to get around the intent of the order.</p> <p>Create a Rental Assistance Fund. If people cannot pay their rent, they surely can't save up to pay later.</p> <p>Unsheltered homeless need to be sheltered soon and safely. Utilize the trailers at the Rose Bowl and attempt to purchase more.</p> <p>Negotiate for more motel rooms through Project Room Key. Some cities are resisting. Pasadena should lead the way in promoting same and in looking for opportunities to join with NPOs to purchase motels for permanent supportive housing.</p> <p>There will remain homeless who shelter in their vehicles. Restaurants where people have used lavatories are closed. Provide safe parking lot availability and more toilets, hand washing and shower stations.</p> <p>Pasadena does well in helping a small number of the reported homeless on our streets. We can do better. We must.</p>

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Name Teresa Eilers

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City South Pasadena

State CA

Zip Code 91030

Meeting Date April 20, 2020

Agenda Item Number 25d

Comments Last week, the County passed an eviction moratorium that goes above and beyond what Pasadena passed.

Today, April 20, the city of Alhambra is voting to overturn their local eviction moratorium in favor to adopt the County's. I ask Pasadena to do the same.

Statistics from the homeless count demonstrate that the majority of people who are homeless in LA County attribute it to financial reasons, and the major contributing factor is the cost of housing. Please consider adopting the County's eviction moratorium.

I also ask Pasadena to use COVID-19 as an opportunity to create long-term solutions to homelessness.

I fear for the individuals who have found temporary housing in motels, who will later be turned onto the streets once the pandemic passes. There is an opportunity here to create purchasing agreements with motels and utilize Pasadena's Motel Conversion Ordinance.

Perhaps Pasadena can convert the 40 trailers from FEMA that are at the Rose Bowl to create permanent supportive housing long after the pandemic passes.

Unfortunately, we know there will be an increase in homelessness due to COVID-19. Please consider what other long-term solutions we can create to solve homelessness and create permanent supportive housing.

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during the meeting.**

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Name Jaylynn Bailey

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City Pasadena

State CA

Zip Code 91106

Meeting Date April 20, 2020

Agenda Item Number 25d

Comments Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jaylynn Bailey, a tenant in District 5 since 2014. I've never missed a rent payment in 6 years. I've never been evicted. I've always paid my bills. On March 29, 2020, hours after receiving my partial rent payment with a promise to pay the balance as soon as possible, my landlord began relentlessly harassing me and my disabled roommate. Even after providing her with documented proof of financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis, she said she intends to confiscate our \$3100 security deposit in lieu of rent and told us we must move out before June 1. She has threatened to evict us by any means necessary. She has hired a lawyer.

Thank you for passing the Eviction Moratorium, but we need more help. Please stop all evictions to keep people in their homes during this crisis. Suspend all rent payments to prevent thousands from ruinous debt. If you do not act now our city will see homelessness, displacement and death at unimaginable scales.

Many of us continue to face invasive documentation demands, such as months of bank statements. Please abolish the documentation requirements. Please, do something. We are desperate for help.

Sincerely,

Jaylynn Bailey

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Yes

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Name	Angel M. Castillo
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City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91104
Meeting Date	April 20, 2020
Agenda Item Number	25D
Comments	<p>Dear Mayor and City Council,</p> <p>My name is Angel Marti Castillo and I am a tenant in District 5.</p> <p>I am glad the council began seriously addressing the needs of Pasadena's working class in passing the COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium ordinance. Notice I say "began" because I strongly believe there is room to improve. Specifically, we need to fix the current provisions in the eviction moratorium that require tenants who can't pay rent during this crisis to pay back the rent at a later date.</p> <p>If a tenant is not able to pay rent during this crisis because they've lost income, how is the equivalent income supposed to magically appear later after this crisis is over? If they can't pay it now, they won't be able to pay it later on top of their regular rent. Same thing goes for mortgage payments for homeowners. It's not like everyone is just choosing to not pay their rents right now so they can save for later. They literally have no jobs and money right now. We need rent and mortgage FORGIVENESS, not deferral, otherwise we're only deferring the disastrous effects on people's lives.</p>
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Name Nathaniel Sagman

Email

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City Pasadena

State CA

Zip Code 91104

Meeting Date April 20, 2020

Agenda Item Number 25d

Comments Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Nathaniel Sagman and I am a PhD student at Caltech and a tenant in District 1.

Thank you for your passing the COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium ordinance. This has given me some temporary peace of mind, but far more needs to be done to protect me and my neighbors. We need to stop all evictions to keep people in their homes during this public health crisis. Furthermore, we need to suspend all rent payments, to prevent thousands of households from going into ruinous debt. It is not an exaggeration to say that if you do not act boldly, our city will see homelessness, displacement, and death at unimaginable scales.

Many of us are also still facing onerous and invasive documentation requests from landlords, such as several months of bank statements. Please abolish the documentation requirements and communicate clearly to landlords in the city that they cannot harass and threaten us with eviction if we don't turn over private information.

Sincerely,
Nathaniel

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Yes

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Name Charles Xu

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City Pasadena

State California

Zip Code 91101

Meeting Date April 20, 2020

Agenda Item Number 25d

Comments Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Charles Xu and I am a Caltech grad student, Pasadena Tenants Union organizer, and resident of District 7.

Thank you for your passing the COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium ordinance. This has given us some temporary peace of mind, but far more needs to be done to protect me and my neighbors. We need to stop all evictions to keep people in their homes during this public health crisis. Furthermore, we need to suspend all rent payments, to prevent thousands of households from going into ruinous debt. It is not an exaggeration to say that if you do not act boldly, our city will see homelessness, displacement, and death at unimaginable scales.

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Name	ARETA CROWELL
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City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91106
Meeting Date	April 20, 2020
Agenda Item Number	25
Comments	<p>Thank you for the work you have been doing to help persons experiencing homelessness . However I understand that the FEMA trailers which have been provided remain unused and that very few people have actually been moved off the streets while the motel/hotel use has mainly been for those who had already been sheltered.</p> <p>It seems that moving people off the streets is not being treated with the urgency which is appropriate. The city should use all available resources as quickly and expeditiously as possible even if it means using reserves.. There are many funded outreach workers who report that the biggest problem is that there are no places to shelter the folks they see on the streets. Let us use all available spaces to provide shelter. This is a crisis. We have many resources. Let us use them with the urgency the crisis demands. It is discouraging to see bureaucracy get in the way of creative solutions.</p>
I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.	Yes
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Name	Larene Woo
City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91101
Meeting Date	April 20, 2020
Agenda Item Number	25d
Comments	<p>Dear Mayor and City Council,</p> <p>My name is Larene Woo and I am a tenant in District 3. Due to the on-going pandemic, my company severely reduced hours for many of our employees, including myself. As this will adversely affect my financial situation in these uncertain times, I hope that you will keep all your constituents in mind to provide the necessary support needed for us to survive these difficult circumstances.</p> <p>I also want to thank you for your passing the COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium ordinance. This has given me some temporary peace of mind, but far more needs to be done to protect me and my neighbors. We need to stop all evictions to keep people in their homes during this public health crisis. Furthermore, we need to consider suspending rent payments for our most vulnerable community members to prevent thousands of households from going into ruinous debt. It is my hope that you will consider all sides of this challenging situation and vote with us in your hearts.</p> <p>Sincerely, Larene Woo</p>
I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.	Yes
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