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Name: Ruth McNevin   **Email:**   **Phone:**   **Address:**

Comments:

I am a realtor concerned with protecting private property rights.. I speak on behalf of myself and my mom & pop owners. By helping tenants with rents during Covid 19 Pasadena helps my clients too! Without the rental income they risk losing their property They.cannot pay mortgages, taxes, insurance & repairs.. The owners worked hard to secure their investment properties as a way of insuring income for retirement. It is unfair to expect them to bear the burden of the shutdown and to force them to incur additional expenses associated with trying to collect rents due them under legal contracts. The likelihood of collecting these rents is slim and will only waste time and additional funds for lawyers and court fees adding stress to all concerned parties. We are all in this together and should all share in the responsibility to help each other through these difficult times. Please do not unfairly burden the property owners who diligently pay their taxes, mortgages, insurance and maintenance fees on the properties that provide homes for the citizens of Pasadena.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Natalia Govoni   **Email:** I   **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

Good Afternoon, Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers:

As a long-time renter in East Pasadena, I am URGING all of you to DO MORE in terms of helping tenants. I have not paid rent in May and have no money to pay this month. My unemployment insurance has yet to arrive and my Stimulus Check is long gone.

Passing this 6 month Repayment Program that you all unanimously passed is ABSOLUTELY ridiculous!! How in the HELL do you think we are going to be able to pay back all of our rent within a six month period!?!?!?!

Instead, I would suggest that you ALL dig VERY DEEP within the pit of your souls and push for RENT FORGIVENESS! Show some damn compassion for the people out there who wash your cars, clean your homes, and bag your groceries!

And, lastly and most importantly, why in the HELL is Councilmember Masuda and Kennedy being allowed to participate in this meeting as they are both landlords? They NEED to recuse themselves from this meeting!

Thank you,

Natalia Govoni

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Henry			91104

Comments:

My name's Allison Henry, I live in District 3. It's great that $1,000,000 in federal money is for rental relief. I ask the city commit funds also. The city spent $400,000 on a no-bid contract for a police helicopter camera. Pasadena has an opportunity to model moving money from a large police budget to an investment in its community by adding city money to the rental fund.

Other questions/concerns:

1) The process drawn up in the Housing Department's report is labor intensive for the city's Housing Department, tenants, and even landlords.

2) Many long-term tenants are on month-to-month leases. Also, some properties include utilities in rent. What is the process for these tenants?

3) How is the city going to notify residents of the program? The city's notification system for recent tenant protections has been lacking—no mention of the COVID moratorium in ANY community mailers. None!! Please ensure wide notification from the city.

4) The total payments, should tenants be able to avail of each amount, for 3 months is $4500. Where in this city is anyone living with a rent of $1500/month?

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Name: Jill
Suzanne
Shook

Email:

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Address:

Comments:

Dear Pasadena City Council Members,

Thank you for creating this opportunity for some of those most in need to be provided with rental assistance. To prevent further eviction and hardship for both renters and landlords, please seriously consider expanding the opportunity to more residents by moving some of the funds for police (such a helicopter) into this fund. Affordable housing is listed as a tool to prevent crime on the national crime prevention website. In light of the response to the killing of Mr. Floyd, with close to $80 million allocated for Police and $1.3 for our Housing Department, this needs to be more balanced. Thank you for considering this.

Jill Shook, Making Housing and Community Happen

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Name: David Chavez   **Address:** District 1, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

My name is David Chávez and I am resident in District 1 and also a PCC instructor. While the Emergency Rental Assistant program is a good step in the right direction it does not go far enough and leaves many low-income renters in danger of eviction. An important amendment should be to forgive ALL back rents for tenants who have a COVID-19 reason for their inability to pay. And instead have landlords and property owners be the ones who must apply. This ensures that our undocumented, low-income, seniors, and renters with disabilities are not evicted. Thank you!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes