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Public Comment for Meeting on March 30, 2020 about Agenda Item AR.18

Name

Diana Stahl

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Address

City

Pasadena

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CA

Zip Code

91106

Meeting Date

March 30, 2020

Agenda Item Number

AR.18

Comments

Dear Mayor Torney and City Council Members,

My name is Diana. I am a Pasadena Resident and front of house employee at the Pasadena restaurant Union Pasadena in Old Town. Because of the Stay-at-Home measure. I have been out of work since Thursday, March 12th. I have applied for federal support for individuals, and am still waiting to hear back from the State of California. That said, it isn't enough. I personally am not able to pay my rent for April and I'm not sure how to pay rent in May. Our incredible staff is in the same position.

I am calling for an immediate moratorium on evictions and foreclosures in Pasadena for the duration of this global public health crisis. Any moratorium must extend to all, regardless of the type of work, immigrant status, or source of income, and must make requirements accessible to those with nontraditional employment status, such as gig economy workers and restaurant employees.

We are all in this together. Let's hope we are all here when the COVID-19 pandemic has passed. Please consider my recommendations as you deliberate Pasadena's response to the Coronavirus crisis.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Pasadena and your constituents.

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Moratorium

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Anthony Manousos

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City

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91104

Meeting Date

March 30, 2020

Agenda Item Number

Eviction Moratorium

Comments

While I support the eviction moratorium ordinance in principle, and applaud the City for giving it serious consideration, I feel that it needs to be strengthened so that tenants have a year to pay back rents that they can't afford because of this emergency.

Let's do the numbers. Suppose tenants paying \$2500 lose 50% of their income due to the Covid 19 pandemic and can pay only half of rent during that period. That would be \$3750 that would have to be paid back over a six month period, according to the current ordinance. That means paying back \$625 per month--the equivalent of a 25% rent increase.

It's virtually certain that most low-income renters would end up being evicted during this six month pay back period. The current ordinance merely postpones, it doesn't prevent evictions.

On the other hand, if renters had a year to pay back, they would have to pay \$312 extra per month--a 12% increase. This would be a huge hardship for most low-income renters but would probably result in far fewer evictions.

Please extend the pay back period to one year so this ordinance can help low-income tenants stay housed.

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Meeting Date

March 30, 2020

Agenda Item Number

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Comments

I am a Pasadena resident who is apart of the Pasadena Tenant Union. Due to COVID-19 it has put undue hardship on countless families who have had the stress of trying to decide between paying rent and putting food on their tables as well as other household essentials. I am out of work right now with no supplemental income and have to use savings which isn't much, to keep my family afloat. The stimulus check is not even one month's rent for me. I live almost paycheck to paycheck so even with the current eviction moratorium I will be "robbing Peter to pay Paul" just to catch up, if catching up is even possible. The constant worry of where this crisis will leave my housing status is extremely stressful. To think that my family and I can potentially be homeless because paying back rent will be nearly impossible to do makes me sick to my stomach. This health crisis is beyond anyone's control, but struggling families like myself should not have to pay such a huge price to get back on our feet once this is all over with. This is why complete rent suspension is essential!

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Meeting Date

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Comments

I am a member of the Pasadena Tenants Union and the Democratic Socialists of America and have spoken before city council twice before. Each time I have spoken, it's been to stress the necessity of tenant protections like rent control and just cause eviction laws. Now we are faced with a crisis where it is impossible to escape the actual life and death consequences of treating housing as a commodity rather than a human right. There are tenants in this city who are unable to work right now because of quarantine, something absolutely beyond their control. Yet somehow they are still expected to pay rent while they are bound by this city's order to stay at home instead of go out and make money. There is no way this situation doesn't become an automatic death sentence for many. It's time to stop talking about homelessness with pity and bleeding-heart platitudes and speak frankly: people die of homelessness. More people are going to die if we don't take radical measures to keep them in their homes. Thousands of lives are in your hands right now, and you'll need to live with the consequences if you don't act.

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Meeting Date

March 30, 2020

Agenda Item Number

24

Comments

Good afternoon, my name is Ryan Bell. I'm a Pasadena tenant in district 6. I submit this statement on behalf of the Pasadena Tenants Union which represents hundreds of tenants around the city. First, I want to thank the council for taking the step of an eviction moratorium during this crisis. However, I want to share two components that are still desperately needed, without which the protections are fatally limited.

First, the moratorium needs to cover all evictions. Section 5 of the current ordinance requires documentation which will be impossible to provide for many workers and others without employment and will enable landlords to evict vulnerable people during the pandemic. We desperately need a total ban on all evictions!

Second, tenants who are unable to pay their rent during this crisis need their debt forgiven. Most tenants will not be able to repay back rent within 6 months. Without debt forgiveness, evictions will not be prevented, only delayed.

In the name of public health and the prevention of unprecedented levels of homelessness and needless suffering, please protect tenants by providing a full eviction moratorium and a suspension of rent during this crisis.

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Meeting Date

March 30, 2020

Agenda Item Number

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Comments

I am a tenant in Pasadena and I support a rent suspension. I work at City of Hope Medical Center, providing an essential service of treating cancer patients. But even healthcare workers, who expected their jobs to be stable during a health crisis, are being sent home without pay because we are postponing cancer treatments to keep our patients safer at home. Now many of my co-workers here are worrying about rent. This crisis is broader than many people imagine. It is hitting everyone. The only way to keep Pasadena on its feet and stop a complete collapse is to enact rent suspension.

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Kayla Ephros

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Meeting Date

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Comments

I am tenant here in Pasadena, sharing with you my fear and concern. I can't imagine how I, along with so many others, will make rent in the coming months. I teach art and writing to youth all over LA County, working several jobs in order to collage together an income. I don't have insurance through work, and depend on benefits like EBT and Medical. Paying rent and all the other bills is already a challenge. Upon the declaration of this pandemic, I was laid off all of my jobs. But my hardship is not personal. And so along with the Pasadena Tenants Union, this is my plea for you to re-access the program in place. If there is no money being moved to us tenants (workers) then why to the landlords? For most of us, the Safer at Home order is in grave contradiction to the ability to work. I hope this unprecedented moment can be an opportunity for us all to face some stubborn truths. And so with no alternative in sight. I beg that you implement a complete rent suspension in order to protect the health and frankly, the lives, of your constituents.

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91107

Meeting Date

March 30, 2020

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Comments

PLEASE READ OUT LOUD. My name is Sonja Berndt and I am a longtime resident of Northeast Pasadena. I am an advocate for supportive and affordable housing. I have seen first-hand the suffering our homeless neighbors endure and the growing numbers of those who need assistance in getting even food since the pandemic started. The Council is committed to ending homelessness and knows it is critical to prevent more residents from becoming homeless. Pasadena's Eviction Moratorium Ordinance fails to provide a sufficient period of time for the payment of back rent and needs to be increased to at least one year. Further, I encourage the City to task its counsel with researching whether it would be legally permissible to excuse those renters who cannot repay their back rent from having to do so. Finally, the phrase "and provides documentation to support the claim" needs to be stricken from Section 5. Notification to a landlord that the renter cannot pay full rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, is sufficient. Renters will have many other expenses to pay while receiving no/decreased income and should not be required to open up his/her personal financial status to scrutiny. Thank you.

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Meeting Date

March 30, 2020

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Comments

I am a resident of Pasadena and I am here today because I have lost almost all of my work and income due to Covid-19. I am an arts educator and freelancer. I work for various non-profit organizations that provide free after-school arts programming to local children and youth. I love my job! I miss my job! Due to Covid-19 classes have all been suspended. My freelance work which includes animation, design, video and film has also ceased during this time - as events, exhibitions, and productions screech to a halt. I am not on salary for any of these jobs. I juggle many jobs to make ends meet - when things are normal it makes for a very diversified and therefore reliable situation. Losing one or two of these is not an issue, but when they all stop all at once, it becomes a huge problem very quickly. I know I am not alone and that many people and residents of Pasadena are experiencing the same financial struggles as unemployment skyrockets. This is why total stop to evictions and a complete rent suspension is essential. Please hear our request. We need your support right now! Thank you.

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City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91106
Meeting Date	March 30, 2020
Agenda Item Number	24
Comments	My eviction date is April 9th. I need immediate protection against this eviction because

I cannot move anyplace right now due to Covid-19!

No one is showing any properties right now.

I cannot hire movers right now.

I cannot relocate to another state because of outbreaks where I would have to move.

This eviction will make me homeless!

I do not foresee being able to relocate until at least the end of May.

I am going to have to leave California because there are no protections for someone like me.

This state only cares about well off people who own their housing.

No strict rent control, no concrete laws preventing landlords from evicting just so they can double the rent!

No legal recourse for me when I've been a good tenant for over 20 years! If you're not an owner and you don't have a 'white collar' job, you don't matter! I want to know who's going to fix all the wealthy people's cars, plumbing, cut their hair, ring up their groceries, serve their coffee or meals in restaurants, etcetera??!! If none of us 'blue collar' workers deserve to live in the communities where we work, then you're really telling us that we don't matter because we're not as wealthy as others!

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City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91101
Meeting Date	March 30, 2020
Agenda Item Number	24
Comments	Please remove document requirement declaration in the eviction moratorium ordinance. A tenant's claim of inability to pay rent due the impact of COVID-19 should be presumed. If a causal connection requirement is to be included, there should be a presumption that all nonpayment of rent is due to COVID-19 and the burden should be placed on the landlord seeking to evict a tenant to produce evidence to the contrary. Also, I urge the City to utilize all resources available to communicate with tenants and landlords about this emergency ordinance. With nearly 60% of Pasadena residents being renters, it is critical that the City immediately begin informing renters of their rights and landlords of their need to follow the law. Finally, I ask that you consider creating infrastructure that supports renters with concerns and complaints. Ordinances, are only as strong as their enforcement mechanism. Without any accountability structure, landlords may move forward with harassing notices and burden tenants with unnecessary fear and concern over eviction. At this time, the Housing Rights Center, that has a partnership with the City, can't serve our community from the JRC, and their phone number is not accepting messages. Where can renters turn for support?
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91101

Meeting Date

March 30, 2020

Agenda Item Number

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Comments

My name is Mary Clark, and I am a tenant in Pasadena. Like so many other Pasadena residents, I have lost my job due to the COVID-19 crisis. I am still able to afford groceries and other essentials at this time, but I know so many of my neighbors are not. A so-called eviction moratorium is not enough. Tenants should not be accruing debt they will inevitably be unable to pay after months of lost work when this crisis somehow comes to an end. We will see an increase in evictions as soon as the moratorium is lifted. People will lose their homes, and, frankly, people will die because of that. I hope that as legislators, you understand your duty is to prioritize human life over profit. You have an incredible opportunity right now to use your power for compassion, and the situation demands nothing less.

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

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Benjamin Draper

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March 30, 2020

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Comments

My name is Benjamin Draper and I'm a resident of Pasadena's 6th district. I. like over half of Pasedenans, am a renter. Like many residents I have also watched all of my income sources disappear over the past month, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am urging, in this most desperate moment, for city council to move swiftly to suspend rental payments within the city. The so called "eviction moratoriums" coming from this council and Sacramento are toothless by design for actually mitigating the new and greater housing crisis that will emerge from this pandemic. We need a solution that will not result in tenant debt. We need a solution that puts all tenants on equal footing and doesn't force everyone to enter into dangerously lopsided negotiations with their landlords. Our leaders seem to accept that the economy is at a standstill, but are making an exception for money that flows from renters to landlords.

I am worried not only for myself, but for others who entered this moment on a more precarious footing than I did. Like it or not, this council must recognize where people are at: food or rent.

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March 30, 2020

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Comments

To the Mayor and City Council members; I'm appealingly to your Civic consciousness, to the Oath that you made when you took office to serve our Country, our country is in crisis, and it is in moments like this when human show their true character, our country needs you, the people of Pasadena need you, you are their representatives and they are asking you at this moment of anguish for them to forgive this month rent and all the moths that Congress is forgiving the Mortgages to owners, Congress is forgiving their Mortgages to aliviate suffering, to contain the Virus, and to save THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE, yes Landlord's are brave citizens that are going to raise to the occasion and at this moment our nation need all of us; the City Council (because they will be responsible) can not send people to the street at the very moment the Government is calling to be on Quarentine in order to save all of our lives, at this moment, you can truly be THE HANDS OF GOD ON EARTH

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Meeting Date

March 30, 2020

Agenda Item Number

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Comments

The Vice Mayor earlier brought up the issue of mental heath during this COVID-19 crisis. I would like to bring that angle back to the attention of the Council as you consider Item 24, the issue of the eviction moratorium. A mental health crisis hotline is a great resource, and should be promoted as much as possible. However, what would really ease the anxieties and pressures felt by Pasadena residents during this time is not having to worry about how to pay their rents. The L.A. City Council failed on Friday to show positive leadership on this issue. I would urge the Council to alleviate the fears that most working people have about their biggest monthly expenditure: their rent. People need to be reassured that the City has their backs and will not allow them to be thrown out into the streets. Please take bold leadership on this action by extending the insufficient eviction protections implemented by the Governor, and guaranteeing Pasadena tenants will not be evicted from their homes during this crisis. This is THE most impactful issue at hand, and the Council must act to secure the health & wellness on residents.

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Meeting Date	March 30, 2020
Agenda Item Number	24
Comments	I am a member of the Pasadena Tenants Union. Alongside many tenants in Pasadena, Governor Newsome's SAFER AT HOME order prevents me, a freelancer in production, from earning any income. I have informed my landlord that I will not be able to pay rent during this crisis. The federal stimulus money I will receive will go directly to food and supplies, and then what? I am thankful for the legal action preventing evictions at this moment, but I am urging city council today to hear our plea as tenants and to protect us against eventual debt slavery and evictions that would occur as a direct result of the law as it stands now due to accrued back-pay of rent while we were forced not to earn from the months of this crisis. There is no magical place for this money to come from. I, like many, have no savings. Once I am back to work, I will be earning just enough to meet the new bills, as I have done for years. We need a rent moratorium so that we aren't just kicking the can down the road and passing the burden to the most vulnerable. Thank you.
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