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**State** CA

**Zip Code** 91109

**Meeting Date** May 4, 2020

**Agenda Item Number** 17

**Comments**

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Mayor, Council Members:

Please do not make it any more difficult for Pasadena's housing providers than it already is. There is a faction who are preying on this vulnerable time who's agenda is to promote chaos and the destruction of the free enterprise system as we know it for housing.

I ask that you:

Maintain the current 6 month repayment period for past due rent.

Require an Means Test, to minimize Fraud, for tenants who convey they cannot pay rent due to circumstances related to Covid-19.

Establish an emergency rental assistance fund to provide essential financial support to all impacted residents struggling during these uncertain times.

Thank you for your consideration of my proposals.

Sincerely,

Paul DeJoseph

Resident of the City of Pasadena

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

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**Meeting Date** May 4, 2020

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**Comments** Good Afternoon. Mayor Tornek and Council Members:

As a renter in East Pasadena for well over twenty years. I am VERY concerned for myself and the many others who are struggling to pay their rent. I paid very little rent in April and have yet to pay May's rent. I am appreciative that this city is extending the 12 month period to pay the back rent to landlords. but that implementation is still stressful and NOT a viable option. In all honesty. how do you expect tenants to pay back all that rent when they also have expenses that are going unpaid?

If you truly care about protecting tenants. why not consider a Rent Forgiveness Program? I am URGING this Council to implement a plan that will help tenants from becoming homeless as soon as possible!

Thank you!  
Deana Villegas

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**Comments** Realtors say location, location, location. I say Local, local, local. Please convene the local banks, landlords, tenants, and businesses to figure out how to stop all evictions with a compassionate pay-back time so it's a win-win for all. These times call for more. Please build upon the emerging local sharing economy, integrating that into every part of our city: make the 20-20-20 rule apply not only to affordable housing, but all housing, and all restaurants—20% (or more) of the food grown local, 20% of contracts and 20% of labor. I love Newsome's idea of using local restaurants for food distribution centers getting folks back to work, with the physical distancing. Let's incentivize yards on each block to grow food.... partnering with those who love to grow. Let's incentivize backyards to end homelessness. Let's incentivize those with sewing machines to make PPE. Let's make all energy local using government, PUSD, business and home roofs, putting people to work. With weekly City Council meetings and all commissions at full speed, we can figure this out. PUSD got chrome books and online teaching for every student. We have the technology now we need a vision for local and real change.

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**Comments** Dear Mayor and City Council members,

As a person of faith and member of Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group, I want to thank you for listening to the concerns of tenants and urge you to revise Eviction Moratorium so there is a one-year instead of six-month pay back period. This will help more tenants to avoid eviction, which a significant cause of homelessness. I recommend adopting the language of the LA County's amended Moratorium which includes a temporary rent freeze and allow tenants to "self-certify their inability to pay rent, and landlords must accept this as sufficient notice." Further strengthening of this moratorium may be necessary in the future if the economy worsens significantly, but for now the amended moratorium is a much needed improvement that will help tenants stay in their homes.

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**Comments** I am commenting today to both thank you for taking additional steps to protect Pasadena tenants and to point out an urgent flaw in the new ordinance.

Allowing tenants to self-certify their inability to pay is something the Pasadena Tenants Union has been advocating since before the emergency declaration and we are happy to see it. Additional protections against harassment by landlords is also helpful. However, relative to the repayment of back rent debt, the existing ordinances says, "nor may a landlord seek rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this ordinance through the eviction process." The proposed replacement ordinance does not include this provision and if it is left out we will experience a massive eviction and homelessness crisis 12 months after the end of the emergency, on top of what we currently have. Eviction must NOT be a remedy to collect back rent that accrued during this pandemic. The solution is rent forgiveness. This would render the entire issue of tenant debt moot. Pasadena needs to cancel rent and mortgages and call upon the state and federal government to do the same.

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<b>Meeting Date</b>	May 4, 2020
<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	17
<b>Comments</b>	<p>My comment card: #17 Thank You council Members for meeting and speaking to the behemoth that is in the room Rent payment. In a time where it is impossible to make money to pay rent. allowing payment to be kicked down the road is a good place to start the conversation. Also allowing a real conversation to be guided and shaped by not kicking people when they are down by harassing them to pay rent from money that is suppose to appear faster than it did pre-Covid is also a start in this conversation about rent repayment. Eviction can not and has never been a motivator to pay rent nor is homelessness. I am grateful this council sees the need to put in action not just have substantive conversation on how to handle this issue that these United States collectively are having. Please consider this conversation is being had and affecting a majority rental community of your constituents. What we really need is rent forgiveness Nationally and we should push for that.</p>
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**Comments** I am a Pasadena resident living in the Park Grove apartments on Orange Grove Blvd, a member of the Pasadena Tenants Union and the Democratic Socialists of America. I would like to speak in favor of the ordinance extending and strengthening the eviction moratorium during the COVID-19 crisis. It is unconscionable to me that anyone, renter or landlord, would be opposed to such protections during a crisis when everyone's income has been affected, regardless of class or profession. To demand rent from people who have been laid off, furloughed, and specifically forbidden to leave their homes to go to work is to try and squeeze blood from a stone and then shame the stone. If landlords are so concerned about their own incomes, the moral thing to do is to challenge the banks to suspend mortgage payments and actually challenge those who hold power over them and not those over whom they hold power. Punch up, you dinguses.

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**Comments** The current ordinance reads that landlords cannot evict tenants after the 6 month period for unpaid rent related to Covid-19.

It reads: "nor may a landlord seek rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this ordinance through the eviction process." This will allow tenants to stay in their homes, but landlords can still seek recourse through small claims court.

The proposed changes does not include this language, which will expose tenants whose income has been affected by Covid-19 to eviction in 12 months. Many of those who have lost their income may not be able to recover once the shelter-at-home order ends. These tenants will lose their housing due to the changes that are being considered.

Why is Pasadena repealing one of its strongest protections? While I appreciate the decision to strengthen the current ordinance, we should not have to lose protections in that process, especially when the consequences will be particularly dire.

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**Comments** Mayor Tornek and City Council:  
As a Pasadena resident for 49 years I support the modifications to the Eviction Moratorium which include a 12 month payback period and self-certification of inability to pay. I urge you to add prohibition of rent increases during the moratorium period. This should be stated clearly in the ordinance.  
The Council is to be applauded for continuing to assess the needs of tenants as the fragile economic situation unfolds.  
I am surprised however that measures to assist the homeless and discussion of rent assistance is not on today's agenda. I urge the Council to give homelessness and the affordable housing crisis the urgent attention it deserves. We cannot put off finding answers.

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**Meeting Date** May 4, 2020

**Agenda Item Number** Eviction Moratorium

**Comments** I offer my unwavering support for the Rapid Response: support a strong eviction moratorium in Pasadena. As a supporter of the eviction moratorium I have other concerns that probably hasn't been considered yet. For example, is it logical to think renter/tenants will regain income to pay back rent after job destruction of no fault of their own and/or loss of wages due to the pandemic. In addition, to the eviction moratorium I propose rent be handled with the same swift stimulus strategies as the commercial and private sector were able to benefit. A stimulus for landlords that will cover all outstanding rental payments.

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**Comments** While the new ordinance provides some further protection for tenants, it removes one critical protection. The current ordinance reads, "nor may a landlord seek rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this ordinance through the eviction process." Landlords must not be able to collect back rent through the eviction process. What leads anyone to believe that renters will suddenly be making more money than they were before this crisis? When this crisis becomes yesterday's news for the rich and well-off, the rest of the citizens of Pasadena, the tenants, will not suddenly experience an influx of cash. Allowing landlords to seek back rent through the eviction process will lead to people losing their homes. There is no logic and no humanity in relying on the people hardest hit by the crisis to bail out everyone else. Cancelling rent is the humane option.

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**Comments** Greetings council, my name is Charles Xu and I'm a resident of Pasadena council district 7, a grad student at Caltech and an organizer with the Pasadena Tenants Union. I urge you to adopt in full the Housing Department's recommendations for strengthening the local covid-19 eviction moratorium. I especially want to highlight the ability for tenants to self-certify their inability to pay rent, which goes a long way toward the universal eviction moratorium for which PTU has been organizing. Extension of the back rent payment period to 12 months and increased penalties for landlord harassment and intimidation are also welcome.

However, it's deeply concerning to us that one provision of the existing moratorium, that landlords may NOT "seek rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this ordinance through the eviction process." has been stripped out. and I strongly urge you to restore it. Indeed, the city must go still further: we must stop ALL evictions to keep people housed during this public health crisis. And rent payments should be cancelled outright, to prevent thousands from going into ruinous debt. It is no exaggeration to say that absent such action, our city will see homelessness, displacement, and death at unimaginable scales.

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**Comments** Good after, mayor and city officials. Tenants in Pasadena are in desperate need of strong protections. The original ordinance is very good in that it protects tenants from eviction as a means of collecting back rent for COVID-19 a related reason. We must retain this important and very strong protection as we further improve tenant protections. Thank you for your work on this important issue.

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**Comments**

I support the staff recommendations to strengthen the moratorium on evictions. These recommendations strengthen an ordinance that addresses a situation in which tenants ALREADY are unable to pay rent. It does not absolve them of the responsibility to pay eventually. Landlords who have such tenants will ALREADY NOT be receiving rent, so preventing them from evicting such tenants does not place a hardship on the landlords in most cases, as many of the landlords and their advocates are claiming. It merely keeps tenants in their homes and provides them with a situation in which they can pay the money eventually. If they do not pay, their credit score will be affected, making it difficult for them to rent another apartment. No tenant wants that. This ordinance will prevent many from losing their homes and becoming homeless.

The burden of proof of not being able to pay rent should be lifted because there are many cases in which that may not be possible.

Thank you for considering these changes. Since most of you are landlords yourselves, I know that you are able to see it from that side and would not consider anything unreasonable for landlords.

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**Comments**

My name is Teresa Eilers and I am the West San Gabriel Valley organizer with the United Way's Everyone In campaign. Thank you for listening to the public and strengthening Pasadena's eviction moratorium ordinance. Your original eviction ordinance was good. But, the County's ordinance is better. Thanks for listening to tenants and housing experts and taking the leadership to improve Pasadena's ordinance. I urge you to support this item.

We do not know how long COVID-19 will last. And, we do not know if, or when a second or third or fourth wave of COVID-19 will hit Pasadena. Strengthening Pasadena's eviction moratorium ordinance is a proven tool to prevent additional homelessness. It is vastly cheaper to keep people in their homes and prevent homelessness compared to providing the services and housing needed to someone after someone they have fallen into homelessness.

I ask the Council to also consider adding a provision prohibiting rent increases for residential units until the proposed ordinance ends. And, I also encourage the Council to create a rental assistance program to help renters and landlords alike.

Thank you for your time.

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<b>Meeting Date</b>	May 4, 2020
<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	17
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I write in support of item 17, extending the county’s protections to Pasadena tenants. The additional changes for extending repayment for up to 12 months and self certification sends the right message to the most vulnerable community members who have had their jobs impacted by this pandemic. This a great step to ensure that this pandemic does not further break up historic renters, shrink the PUSD student population, or further increase gentrification.</p> <p>I would like to highly encourage the council ensure that both renters and owners of housing and commercial property receive this new information in as many ways as possible. There are stories throughout California of intimidation by owners which is reprehensible in these times.</p> <p>Finally I want to encourage the Council to find ways to discuss in future meeting and champion rent/mortgage forgiveness. This city should not close the door on renter assistance today but continue to find creative and long-term solutions to aid the Pasadena Community.</p>
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