

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Deborah Lutz < >
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 3:25 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: end Eviction Moratorium

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Deborah Lutz

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From: S. A. Gibson
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Subject: Written comment for City Council meeting Item #10

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From Steve Gibson, Altadena Resident

I ask that the city extend the Pasadena moratorium through 12/31/22 (similar to the action taken by the County of Los Angeles). I have spoken to many renters in Pasadena. This is vital to their health and welfare.

Thank You

Steve Gibson

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From: Francisco Vargas
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To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Rent moratorium

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Good afternoon, my name is Francisco Vargas and I am a pasadena resident. I have lived all of my life in pasadena and I'm currently living in a one bedroom apartment on the east side of the city. I am a single father of four and unfortunately going through some struggles due to the pandemic. This past January all of my children and I got infected with the corona virus, specially my 6 old daughter whom has asthma. Due to this, i had to stop working for almost the entire month of January, at the time I had two jobs and was able to pay for my rent and utilities, unfortunately due to the virus I end it up losing one of my jobs and got behind on my rent. As of now I am 4 months behind my rent and only working one job, I am in the process of being hired for a second job so that I can catch up with my obligations. My only request to the council members is to please not take away the moratorium since at this time is helping me have a roof over my family. This is my first time been behind on rent throughout my 8 years of renting to the same landlord. My plan is to pay what I can as soon as possible and work on a payment plan. But I can't do that if the moratorium is taken away and .y children and I are kick out on the street . Like i mentioned before, I am a single father of 4 and have never being behind my rent the way I'm at the moment. Nor have I had only one job. The pandemic really affected my life and that of my children. I do hope that our council members can understand my situation as well as that of many tenants around the city. I understand what many landlords are going through but it doesn't seem fair to out people on the street, when a payment plan can be work on between tenants and landlords. I urge the council members to please keep the moratorium for a few months longer while many of us pasadena residents are able to get back on our feet and get back on track like we were before the pandemic affected our lives. Thank you council members for your time and service.

Sincerely: Francisco Vargas

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From: René
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 3:07 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: 4/11/2022 Meeting Agenda Item 10

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I support the PTU. Do what they say. They are Pasadena focused and I check in on who is actively doing right by Pasadena and take their information to heart when voting.

I want the council members to vote to leave the Covid-19 eviction moratorium for residential tenants in place until the city can demonstrate that our residents have recovered economically from the past 2 devastating years of disease and death.

1. The pandemic is not over!
2. Our residents have not all recovered economically. Many have lost family members and income earners to Covid-19 and employment has not returned to pre-pandemic levels.
3. Landlords are being paid in full by the state. They're fine!
4. Pasadena will lose local control over future protections if they repeal our local ordinance.
5. The majority of Pasadena households are renters whereas most of owners of residential property in Pasadena don't live in Pasadena. **When the city does right by renters we do right by our city.**

René Arriaza

Show you care: If you are sick stay home. If you've been around someone who has been sick please properly wear your mask. It's a life saver. <3 R

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From: Marta Palley Gmail
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 3:10 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Ending the Eviction Moratorium

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Hello,

I'm submitting this comment in support of ending the eviction moratorium based on the experience that my close friends have been going through for the better part of two years.

I am a huge proponent of social services and programs to protect people from potential financial distress, and I commend our state and the city of Pasadena for trying to do the right thing in the face of Covid-19. But the fact that small landlords who depend on rental income to pay their mortgage are expected to continue to not collect rent after the program has stopped reimbursing them is clearly outrageous.

My friends bought their dream house after extensive financial planning which hinged on their having a tenant. They have experienced increasing stress and anxiety over the way the government has handled their side of things as landlords. While it's true that they would not suffer in the same way as a tenant who is facing eviction, I think as human beings they deserve some level of empathy too. No one should have to worry about losing their home, even landlords, and my friends will have to consider that potentiality if this moratorium continues.

Thank you!

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From: -
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 4:05 PM
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Subject: END THE PASADENA EVICTION MORATORIUM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Brenda Galloway

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April 11, 2022

Mayor and City Councilmembers
City of Pasadena
Delivered Via Email
RE: Agenda Item 10

Dear Members of the City Council:

The Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors STRONGLY SUPPORT the staff recommendation to end the current eviction moratorium. We thank City Council and staff for looking at the totality of the circumstances as they review the proposed sunset to the eviction moratorium.

Over the last two years, housing providers have been met with more government restrictions than any other industry. As small business owners, many members of your community have had to face crippling debt due to this moratorium. Our mom-and-pop housing providers have reached into their safety nets to make repairs and maintain their properties, they have reached into their savings, taken on loans and stretched their own home budgets to ensure that a rental unit is habitable. A continuation of the eviction moratorium without means for those owners to recoup rent would only cause additional financial harm in the form of lost time and income.

We've met with and heard numerous stories of owners who are now struggling financially because they are owed thousands in past due rent, they realize they may never receive full compensation. Some of those providers have contemplated leaving the rental business altogether and many more will be forced to sell their properties if a moratorium continues.

We firmly believe that there is adequate protection for renters affected by COVID-19. Los Angeles County's eviction moratorium already supersedes the protections Pasadena currently has. Renters had until March 31st to apply for state resources under AB 1771. Those protections provide ample safeguards to any tenant that was legitimately impacted by COVID.

We can't afford to lose small housing providers in this city. If a housing provider is forced to sell or walk away from the business because they are unable to continue shouldering a mortgage, everyone loses in this scenario. By ending this moratorium, we keep a small business, a tie to the community, and most importantly an available, affordable housing unit for the city.

As the staff report suggests, cities throughout the state are moving towards removing eviction moratoriums. Ending the eviction moratorium would have minimal effect on the city. **We commend the staff report in recognizing the need to end the current eviction moratorium.**

Thank you for your honest consideration of this matter.

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April 11, 2022

The Honorable Mayor
Members of the Pasadena City Council
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

Subject: April 11, 2022 Agenda Item 10: Sunset of Eviction Moratorium

Honorable Mayor and Members of Pasadena City Council,

I write on behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles (BOMA/GLA), which represents over 135 million square feet of commercial office space throughout Los Angeles County, including office space in Pasadena, and whose members contribute \$3.5 billion annually to California's economy.

We appreciate that the city is considering lifting the eviction moratorium for commercial properties. We encourage you to move forward with this proposal as staff has recommended and lift the commercial eviction moratorium as soon as the ordinance is in effect. From the start of the pandemic, our members have worked with all types of business tenants to help them stay in their spaces and meet their rent obligations. Our members recognized the devastating impact COVID had across the board and worked to be flexible during the crisis to keep business tenants in place. Conditions have evolved and improved now, however. Businesses are open in the city. Many COVID-related restrictions and guidelines have been lifted or relaxed. It is past time that this moratorium be lifted on commercial properties.

For these reasons, we support Pasadena sunsetting its eviction moratorium.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Blake Perez
Government Affairs Manager
BOMA Greater Los Angeles
Ph: 213-629-2662 ext. 111
Email: bperez@bomagla.org

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From: Jane Panangaden
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 4:13 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: comments on Item 10: Sunsetting the local eviction moratorium

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Dear councilmembers,

I am writing to urge you not to sunset the local moratorium on residential evictions for non-payment of rent and for no-fault evictions, as has been proposed in the staff report.

The Covid-19 pandemic and its economic effects on the most vulnerable in our community are far from over. If the council truly believed the pandemic was nearing a close, it would end the local state of emergency entirely, and return to in-person council meetings at once. On the contrary however, the council is likely to extend virtual council meetings for another month later tonight, and has made no moves to end the local state of emergency.

This is quite sensible, because all evidence suggests that, unfortunately, the pandemic we are living in is still wrecking havoc across the world. Many European countries experienced a surge that is peaking right now, or only one or two weeks ago. This morning, Philadelphia reinstated its indoor mask mandate after experiencing an increase in cases. There is no scientific reason to think that the wave we just experienced here in January will be the last. There is a general feeling in the media, and in public discourse that the pandemic is basically over. But it is not, and no amount of wishful thinking will make it so.

Aside from the biological reality of the pandemic, any working person knows that the cost of living has also been skyrocketing over the last several months. In particular, rents are higher than they have ever been in Pasadena, now exceeding pre-pandemic levels when looking at new listings. In fact, the average rent for a new listing on Apartment List last month in Pasadena was \$2332, as compared to \$2079 in March 2020. That's a 12% increase over only 2 years. Tenants who are evicted in this economic climate will not be able to find new housing in Pasadena. The council must come to terms with the reality that if they sunset the moratorium now, we are going to lose community members and we may never get them back, as they are priced out of the city they call home.

I also notice that the staff report refers to various statistics related to eviction filings in neighboring cities who have removed their eviction moratoria as evidence that a large wave of evictions is not likely to occur if we follow suit in Pasadena. I need to point out that the vast majority of "evictions" never result in an eviction filing. Almost always, a tenant on a month-to-month lease (which is most tenants in the city as fixed term leases in California default to month to month at the end of the term) will receive a 60-day notice to quit, and not having any legal basis to fight the notice, or not having the legal knowledge, will simply comply and leave voluntarily without any case every being filed with the court. We simply do not know how many residents have been pushed out in our neighboring cities, and we will likely never know the true repercussions in Pasadena either. This data is simply not being tracked by any entity.

Finally, I wish to make a few comments about the other correspondence on this issue. I see that many "housing providers" have written in, using a form letter that I assume is prepared by the CAA, AAGLA, or some other landlord lobbying group. Of course landlords want the eviction moratorium to be sunset. It is likely reducing

their profits. But the city council must ask itself what is more important: the profits of landlords, or the ability of Pasadena residents to stay in their homes during a time of crisis? I notice some so-called "mom and pop" landlords complaining that they cannot afford their mortgage payment due to unpaid rent by their tenants. To that I say, you decided to acquire more housing units than you actually need to live in, taking out a loan to pay for it, and now you are asking another family to pay that loan for you. At the end of the day you will have an asset: two houses, and the other family will have no financial asset that they can sell if needed. Your rental housing purchase was an investment, on which you took a risk. If the investment isn't as profitable as you wanted, which happens sometimes when you take a risk in an unpredictable world, sell it and buy other stocks. Your ability to pay off a mortgage on multiple properties doesn't trump a tenant family's need to have a roof over their head, especially during a natural disaster.

Sincerely,
Jane Panangaden

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Allison Henry <beowulfscot@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 4:18 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Kennedy, John J.; Gordo, Victor; Hampton, Tyron; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Wilson, Andy; Madison, Steve; Williams, Felicia; sgvtentants@gmail.com
Subject: Agenda Item 10 Eviction Moratorium Apr 11, 2022 Comment
Attachments: 4-11-22 Pasadena Eviction Moratorium Letter.pdf

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April 11, 2022

Re Agenda Item #10 Sunset of Pasadena Eviction Moratorium

Dear Pasadena City Council and Mayor Gordo;

This letter is in strong opposition to sunsetting the Pasadena Eviction Moratorium at the end of June. Extend the Pasadena moratorium through 12/31/22--similar to the action taken by the County of Los Angeles). Data from the staff report shows people on the verge of homelessness. We know that tenants are still awaiting housing is key funds. There are also people behind on rent that did not apply for housing is key because they did not know or did not qualify. Many people are struggling to pay rent.

According to the staff report:

--23% increase in demand for Housing Rights Center from 2020 to 2021 and during the period January 2020 through December 2021, Housing Rights Center responded to 1,614 Pasadena requests for assistance.

--1422 Pasadena households received state Housing is Key funds so far.

--275 Pasadena renter households with past due rent relief received the City's Emergency Rental Assistance Program("ERAP"). This program was completed in December 2020.

--356 Pasadena renter households received rental assistance from the County of Los Angeles. The County's COVID-19 Rent Relief program was completed in June 2021.

These numbers far exceed any numbers we encountered doing the homeless count this past February. Why are we even considering this? Ending the eviction moratorium now will result in homelessness.

Council, the Mayor, and staff should identify additional funding for a city-based rental assistance program for tenants; and ask for help from the city's Housing Department and real estate lobby to identify small landlords who need assistance. Otherwise, we are contributing to already staggering homeless numbers.

Please use the data to ensure that people stay in their homes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Allison Henry

District 3 resident and Housing Task Force Member

Co-Founder, San Gabriel Valley Tenants' Alliance

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From: Bill
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 4:06 PM
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William J Galloway

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From: Yani Saltos
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 4:50 PM
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Cc: Greg Anderson
Subject: Pasadena Eviction Moratorium

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Honorable Mayor, City Council and Department of Housing,

We are submitting our opinion/vote to see an end to the Pasadena Moratorium and request to Direct the City Attorney to prepare and return within 30 days with an ordinance that sunsets the COVID-19 eviction moratorium, Ordinance No. 7359: (a) for commercial properties at the time of adoption (anticipated to be in or around the middle of May, 2022); and (b) for residential properties on June 30, 2022.

Sincerely,

Windrose Place LLC

Pasadena, CA. 91101

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From: Michael Hannaway
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2022 5:20 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: End the eviction moratorium

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Please end the eviction moratorium in Pasadena.
Thank you

Michael Hannaway

Pasadena CA 91104

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From: julie martinez
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 4:54 PM
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Subject: Fw: Item 10

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Subject: Item 10

ITEM NO on 10: Do Not Vote to end COVID relief. Continue the moratorium on evictions in Pasadena.

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Julie Ann Martinez
Pasadena Resident

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From: Jessica
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Best, Jessica Galloway

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Dear Pasadena Lawmakers,

It came to my attention that you may soon be considering whether or not to end the eviction moratorium. Life under Covid has been stressful, and I know this first hand as a longtime renter. However the hardships are not solely borne by renters like me. I know of regular folks living in Pasadena who have been victimized by people living rent-free on their property for years now. This is doubly maddening for a renter like myself who has sacrificed to make good on my commitment to my landlord. To think that hard working, non-professional landlords would be sacrificed so that squatters can live off of others' labor is a travesty of justice.

In light of this, I ask you to please end the eviction moratorium. It's time to give people a chance to have legal recourse to reclaim their rights. The suffering of small landlords is real and should not be permitted to continue.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ryan