

Alice Evenson

From: Joseph Siino
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:26 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Item #5

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I am a rental property owner within the City of Pittsburg and I'm also a long term resident. I am in agreement with the moratorium on evictions and understand tenants may not be able to pay rent. I support the 6-month term to pay rent that is not paid during the emergency period however; a 30-day time period to notify landlords of the inability to pay rent is **not acceptable**. Most landlords in the city only own one or two units and we are struggling as well due to the shelter-in-place order. We still have mortgages to pay, insurance, real estate taxes, utilities, etc. The shelter-in-place order has been in place for more than two-weeks and tenants should already know whether or not they will be able to make rent payments. A 14-day period at the beginning of each month is more than sufficient considering the shelter-in-place order has been in effect for at least the past two-weeks. As landlords we need a quicker response so we can find ways to meet our obligations.

Concerned resident,

Joe Siino

Alice Evenson

From: Daniel Caruso
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:53 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: For Public Comment Item #5

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City Council,

We understand the emergency situation we are all in. Tenants, Landlord's, City employees, and City budgets, we are all in this together; however, please try to find a balance in your approach to mitigate the financial and subsequent fall-out effects. The Federal Government is sending \$1,200 to every adult and \$500 per child to help with their expenses, like rent. Also, many tenants will be collecting unemployment income.

Tenants need food and shelter and are not at fault for this situation. Property owners have mortgages, taxes, insurance, maintenance and repairs. Often the rent does not, or barely covers these expenses. For many of us older and retired owners this is our only source of income which we depend on for our food and shelter. I'm sure you wouldn't ask Wal-mart or Safeway to have free shopping days.

So please consider how and what you implement so that it is not a one size fits all. Allow some room for owners to be creative and flexible with our tenants.

Sincerely,

Daniel Caruso, Property Owner City of Pittsburg

Alice Evenson

From: Annie Ho
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:54 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Special Meeting, For Public Comment Item #5

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City of Pittsburg, City Council

Due to the virus I understand the City will be changing my ability to collect rents. I am a single woman and mother and rely on my rental income to support me. I have mortgages to pay and many other bills. Please consider this when making the rules which will have unintended consequences.

I read that the government is giving the tenants \$1,200 each, plus an unemployment check, some tenants may have more than their regular monthly income. Some people will take this moratorium as an opportunity to take advantage of and I'm sure some absolutely need help. Allow us owners to work with the tenants on a case by case basis. We don't want a vacant house but are not in the business to provide free housing at our expense.

Thank You, Annie Ho

Alice Evenson

From:
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:59 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Please read at Special Meeting Item #5

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i believe it is a great idea to take care of everyone that is out of work and help them in their time of need by postponing their rent & by giving them time to collect unemployment or get things in order , however I also have obligations..... like paying my mortgage. insurance , and taxes, I also have to keep the home in good shape!!!,,,,, the money I collect when rent is on time, after paying all my expenses leaves me very little to live on in my retirement years. I hope you can also forgive all my costs so I do not go under while supplying a place to live for a family in our community

John Caruso

Alice Evenson

From: Joanne Fanucchi
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:34 PM
To: citycouncil; Alice Evenson
Subject: Fwd: Tell the Pittsburg City Council to Pass a Moratorium on Evictions NOW!

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From: David Sharples <dsharples@calorganize.org>
Date: Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 8:18 PM
Subject: Tell the Pittsburg City Council to Pass a Moratorium on Evictions NOW!
To: David Sharples <dsharples@calorganize.org>

No one should lose their home because of the [#COVID19](#) crisis! Take action to urge the Pittsburg City Council to pass a moratorium on evictions by sending the following city council members and the city clerk emails. You can also call them to leave messages. See below for phone numbers.

citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us; aevenson@ci.pittsburg.ca.us

Put "*Public Comment*" in the Subject line

Here are comments that our coalition suggests you make

I am urging the city of Pittsburg to enact a temporary moratorium on evictions for renters and small businesses during the Coronavirus crisis. I support this proposal because many Pittsburg families do not have access to sick leave or other benefits to help pay rents, mortgages and other expenses. In addition to the severe harm posed by the existing housing insecurity for working and vulnerable families, we are concerned for the health and safety of the broader Pittsburg community. No family should be concerned with losing their home because of their inability to pay rent at this time.

You can also call and leave messages for the city council by calling this number: 925-252-4850

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Joanne Fanucchi, MS.TCM, L.Ac.

Alice Evenson

From: Carlos Deleon
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:25 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public comment

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Carlos

Alice Evenson

From: Alice Evenson
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Alice Evenson
Subject: FW: Public Comment

Alice E. Evenson, MMC

City Clerk/Director of Records and Council Services

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From: Carmella Houston
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:09 AM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us>; Alice Evenson <AEvenson@ci.pittsburg.ca.us>
Subject: Public Comment

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Alice Evenson

From: Alex Werth
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:33 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: EBHO Urges You to Pass a Strong Eviction Moratorium

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Dear Mayor Killings,

My name is Alex Werth, and I'm a member of the Policy Team at [East Bay Housing Organizations](#). EBHO is a non-profit organization with over 500 organizational and individual members. For 35 years, we have worked to preserve, protect, and create affordable housing opportunities for low-income communities in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties by educating, advocating, organizing, and building coalitions.

I'd like to thank you, first of all, for taking seriously the needs of renters during this perilous time by considering this emergency ordinance. As of 2015, over 85% of extremely low-income households in Contra Costa County were "rent burdened" (meaning they paid more than 30% of their income in housing costs), and almost all of those were "severely rent burdened" (meaning they paid more than 50%). This means that too many residents of Pittsburg and surrounding communities were one missed paycheck or unexpected life event away from losing their home.

The coronavirus has taken a situation that was already dangerous and made it much worse. The staggering rise in unemployment claims over the past two weeks makes it clear that many residents of Pittsburg--and not only the most low-income--are on the verge of missing rent. To evict them in the midst of this crisis would create grave consequences for individual and public health. After all, you can't shelter-in-place or self-isolate without a shelter.

That is why EBHO is calling upon you to pass the strongest possible eviction protections, not only for this state of emergency, but also after it ends.

There are a number of things that this ordinance does right. We applaud the fact that it (a) makes it convenient for tenants to communicate their financial circumstances to landlords via email and text message and (b) includes no-fault evictions, as well as those for non-payment of rent, since *any* eviction is potentially life threatening at this time.

However, we would like you to consider a few amendments that would guarantee that this ordinance realizes its intended impact of protecting renters and the public at large.

1. We encourage you to ease the requirements that tenants provide verification of a loss of income, as this may be impossible for workers who are paid in cash, many of whom are among the most vulnerable to economic hardship right now. Nothing in this ordinance relieves tenants of the responsibility to pay their rent in the long term. Therefore, it is not in the interest of any tenant to skip rent if, in fact, they can pay it. As such, we think that this documentation is unnecessary and will weaken the impact of the measure.
2. We encourage you to include restrictions on rent increases during the state of emergency. No one should be profiting off of this dangerous situation. While the measure, as written, will protect tenants from eviction for the time being, allowing landlords to increase the rent runs the risk of creating a situation where tenants emerge from this crisis with an insurmountable debt, thus kicking a wave of evictions down the road.
3. Along those same lines, we are concerned that the proposed 6-month repayment period for missed rent is insufficient, thus causing a wave of evictions after the worst of the pandemic has passed. What if the crisis lasts for 3 months, or more? That would mean that tenants--many now out of work--could be expected to pay at least 1.5 times their usual rent for each of the 6 months following the state of emergency. For many low-income

renters, that will be impossible, thus setting off a cascade of evictions later this year. Instead, we encourage you to create a repayment plan that extends along with the state of emergency. Specifically, we recommend that you give renters 120 days to repay rent for *each month for which rent was missed*. That way, we prepare for the worst and give tenants a chance to get back on their feet after the emergency has passed.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. Please pass an eviction moratorium that is not only strong, but smart! Anything less could undermine the long-term stability of the Pittsburg community.

Sincerely,
Alex Werth

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Alex Werth | Policy Associate
East Bay Housing Organizations

Alice Evenson

From: Ali Uscilka
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 7:39 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20

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PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING APRIL 6th MEETING

Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff.

My name is Ali Uscilka and I am the director of Healthy & Active Before 5, a countywide collaborative that advances health equity for children ages 0-5. We want to thank you for your quick action to propose a moratorium on evictions and rent increases during the COVID-19 crisis.

We support this proposal because we know that many of the families we serve are experiencing financial difficulties due to the Shelter in Place order and lost wages. No family should have to worry about losing their home in the midst of this health crisis, especially when we have all been ordered to stop non-essential work for the foreseeable future. We are also concerned for the broader public's health, if workers without access to sick leave feel they must choose between defying the Shelter in Place order to continue working, and keeping a roof over their family's heads.

While we commend Governor Newsom's recent order, local action is needed to provide clarity and address some of the specific needs that Pittsburg families have. We respectfully request that you pass your own ordinance that:

1. Ensure NO evictions, for any reason, will be filed or carried out during the Shelter in Place order
2. Institutes a 120-day grace period for paying back rent (for each month of missed rent)
3. Includes a freeze on rent increases during this crisis
4. Loosen documentation requirements so that all families in need of this temporary aid will be eligible

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep our communities safe and healthy at this time. Please pass a strong and comprehensive ordinance today, so that no Pittsburg family has to worry about moving or becoming homeless while we are all enduring this crisis together.

Ali Uscilka

Program Director | Healthy & Active Before 5

Healthy & Active Before 5 is a Contra Costa collaborative that advances health equity for children ages 0-5 and their families.

Alice Evenson

From: gokugamer 31
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:11 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public comment

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I am urging the city of Pittsburg to enact a temporary moratorium on evictions for renters and small businesses during the Coronavirus crisis. I support this proposal because many Pittsburg families do not have access to sick leave or other benefits to help pay rents, mortgages and other expenses. In addition to the severe harm posed by the existing housing insecurity for working and vulnerable families, we are concerned for the health and safety of the broader Pittsburg community. No family should be concerned with losing their home because of their inability to pay rent at this time.

Alice Evenson

From: Diane Weible
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 7:29 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comments to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.2020

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Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Rev. Dr. Diane Weible and I am the Conference Minister for the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ. I am also a Pittsburg resident.

First, thank you for your leadership in proposing a citywide **temporary moratorium on evictions**. We appreciate your swift and thoughtful action to draft this ordinance. It reinforces for me what it means to be community at this time and, as a leader who supports 116 churches in Northern California and Northern Nevada, this action is an important witness for all our communities. Thank you.

I support this proposal because COVID-19 has created financial hardship for the most vulnerable in a way that none of us have ever seen. There is no precedent for us to look back to so we are counting on brave and courageous efforts from all of us to make sure that those who were living paycheck to paycheck before this pandemic are supported in whatever way possible. While everyone works hard to care for their loved ones who are sheltering in place and/or who are ill or who have tested positive, losing their home because of an inability to pay rent should not be an added worry for them.

There are several elements of this ordinance that we support. We also hope this ordinance is a bit stronger to offer more comprehensive protections for Pittsburg families during this public health crisis.

Some elements we request you include are:

1. Ensure **NO evictions—regardless of the reason**--will be issued or carried out during the Shelter in Place order. *This is essential for the public's health and protection of all renters.*
2. Provide a **120-day grace period in arrears per month of the Shelter in Place** for payment of back rent. *This crisis is an unknown and moving target. We need a grace period formula that adequately responds to a variety of unknown scenarios.*
3. Place a **freeze on rent increases** during the Shelter in Place order. *If residents cannot pay rent now, rent increases will only exacerbate the financial crisis across the city*
4. **Loosen documentation requirements.** *Thousands of Pittsburg workers are part of the gig economy or do not receive pay stubs. Ease the burden of proof on tenants during this crisis.*

We ask you to please pass this moratorium **today** with these important additions. No family should face moving, relocating or being unsheltered at this time.

Thank you again Council for your leadership to keep Pittsburg families safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.

Diane

*Rev. Dr. Diane Weible
Conference Minister
Northern California Nevada Conference UCC*

Alice Evenson

From: Jim Vaughan
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 1:00 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comment to be read during City Council meeting on Monday, April 6th, 2020

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As you consider the situation for citizens who are no longer able to pay rent and still be able to feed themselves, please remember that throwing them out on the street only puts more pressure on our medical system at a time that we cannot afford it, and will put children on the streets without the necessities of life. If a parent did that to a child, they'd be arrested for child abuse. Do NOT let landlords and this City Council be accessories to this crime against innocent children. In addition, please consider the following:

- Ensure **NO evictions—regardless of the reason--**will be issued or carried out during the Shelter in Place order. *This is essential for the public's health and protection of all renters.*
- Provide a **120-day grace period in arrears per month of the Shelter in Place** for payment of back rent. *This crisis is an unknown and moving target. We need a grace period formula that adequately responds to a variety of unknown scenarios.*
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Thank you for your leadership and your compassion for the citizens of this city.

James L Vaughan
Pittsburg, CA

Alice Evenson

From: Heliodoro Moreno
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:31 AM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: For Public Comment Agenda #5 during Council Meeting on 4.6.20

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Greetings Mayor Killings, Council Members and staff,

My name is Heliodoro Moreno, Jr., and I am a Pittsburg resident.

Thank you for proposing a citywide temporary moratorium on evictions. I am wholeheartedly in favor of such a moratorium because the most vulnerable of our residents are at risk of losing their homes during this unprecedented crisis. COVID-19 has caused millions of Americans to lose their jobs, the vast majority in the service industry, who are also the least likely to have sufficient employment protections. This has led to families, including several residents within our city, to struggle to provide for basic necessities. These struggles will only become more dire as the shelter-in-place has been extended with no end in sight. This council can fulfill its vital role in supporting its residents by making sure that families do not have to worry about losing their home during this crisis.

Any moratorium that you approve will not be effective unless it includes: a prohibition on evictions during the shelter-in-place and at least a 120-day grace period to pay back any accrued arrears for each month the shelter-in-place is in effect. It is also very important to include a moratorium on rent increases during the shelter-in-place because if residents cannot pay their current rent, increases will only exacerbate the financial crisis throughout the city. Further, since many residents do not receive pay stubs, we need to make sure to make documentation requirements as loose as possible to not exclude the most vulnerable in the city from receiving the relief they most desperately need from the moratorium.

I ask the counsel to approve a moratorium, with the above additions, immediately, and I thank the council for doing what is right to keep Pittsburg families safe during this health crisis.

In solidarity,

Heliodoro Moreno, Jr.

Alice Evenson

From: Quentisha Davis
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:05 PM
To: merlforpittsburg@yahoo.com; holland4pittsburg@gmail.com; Juan Banales; citycouncil; shanellescalespreston@gmail.com
Subject: Request Your Vote for a Rent Increase/Eviction moratorium

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Hello Pittsburg City Council,

I hope and pray all is well with you. My name is Pastor Quentisha Davis Wiles and I am a resident and faith leader here in Pittsburg. As you know, our community is experiencing an unprecedented amount of challenges, and changes which is causing anxiety, uncertainty and excessive stressors. Many people are facing difficulty planning their next few days and without employment, income and insight it is unlikely people can or will know their next steps. With life as we know it stalled, we need our public officials to make some immediate provisions to stabilize housing, ensure residents with minimal resources are considered for social economic resources, and provide support within your ability. For this reason, we are asking you, our elected officials to step in and implement some protections for community members, please see the recommendations for Pittsburg's ordinance below:

1. Ensure NO evictions will be issued or carried out during the Shelter in Place order. This is essential for the public's health and protection of all renters.
2. Provide a 120-day grace period ('in arrears' or per month of the Shelter in Place) for payment of back rent. Please help Council understand the difference between "in arrears" and their recommendation of 180 days
3. Place a freeze on rent increases during the Shelter in Place order
4. Loosen documentation requirements: remove burden of proof of income from all workers, especially those in the gig economy, those who don't receive paystubs or have bank accounts.

I hope we can count on your support for this ordinance. Thanks in advance for your time, consideration and attention to this matter. Blessings~

Quentisha Davis Wiles, MSW, ASW, MDIV, Senior Pastor
Pittsburg United Methodist Church

Alice Evenson

From: Cynthia Wallace
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 11:44 AM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Eviction during pandemic

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Hello,
My name is Cynthia and I'm a special education teacher here in Pittsburg. The owners of the house I live in has asked me and my family to move 2 months ago. Thankfully they are working with me and I'm able to stay another month as long as I paid rent. I have been paying rent and I can continue but because of this pandemic I am not getting much calls back to move to a new place.

Recently I found out my husband was having an affair and he now is moving out to an area with very few cases of COVID 19. This will leave me with less income but I can still make it if I don't have to pay for a hotel until this pandemic is over and the shelter in place is lifted. I beg our local representatives to please help me and my three children. I cannot go to court for child support right now or even start the divorce paperwork. If I can't get into a rental my children and I will be forced to live in hotels IF they are available at this time. The 120 day grace period will be a huge help at this time. I feel very fortunate that I have a roof over my head for now but that can change VERY quickly. If something is not done we will have a lot more homeless people in the area. Please help those of us who are not only struggling but also contribute to our community.

Thank you,
Cynthia Wallace

Sent from my iPhone

Alice Evenson

From: Jess Jollett
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Holland White; Jelani Killings; Merl Craft; Shanelle Scales; sscases@ci.pittsburg.ca.us; Juan Banales
Cc: meetingcomments
Subject: Eviction Moratorium in Pittsburg
Attachments: Pittsburg City Council.pdf

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Dear Mayor Killings, Vice Mayor Craft and Councilmembers Banales, Scales-Preston, & White,

Thank you so much for your leadership on agendizing an eviction moratorium ordinance for the city of Pittsburg. Your leadership is imperative during these uncertain times.

Attached you will find a letter signed by 39 organizations and labor unions requesting the following four additions to the ordinance. We implore you to create a thorough moratorium that will protect the families and residents of Pittsburg.

I have cc'd the city clerk to admit this letter as public comment.

Thank you for your time,

- Jess

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Jess Jollett
Lift Up Contra Costa

Executive Director

Lift Up Contra Costa members include Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE), Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN), Communities for a Better Environment, The Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council, East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy, SEIU Local 1021, SEIU Local 2015, Safe Return Project, and the Richmond Progressive Alliance

April 6, 2020

Pittsburg City Council
City Administration Offices

RE: Urgent Action to Preserve Housing Stability and Protect Tenants and Small Businesses Affected by COVID-19

Dear Mayor Killings, Vice Mayor Craft and Councilmembers Banales, Scales-Preston, & White,

As COVID-19 accelerates around the Country and in Contra Costa County, so do the impacts for those already affected and for members of vulnerable populations. We know that our families and neighborhoods are stronger, safer and healthier when we join together and demand proven solutions to enable us all to weather a crisis and ensure our wellbeing. Maintaining stable housing during this crisis will be critical to fighting COVID-19, especially in light of the County's shelter in place order.

Getting ill reminds us that at our core we are all human and vulnerable. This is a moment that we must stand with and for each other across our differences. **We pull through by pulling together.**

As the crisis disrupts our daily lives, including our ability to work, pay rent and send our kids to school, we need to ensure working people can make ends meet and don't lose their homes or businesses. A broad alliance of labor and community groups are calling on you to take the following actions to support Pittsburg workers and families:

- Enact a **city-wide emergency moratorium on all evictions for renters and small businesses** for the duration of this crisis (to apply to all renters regardless of the type of home or business, type of work, or immigration status).
- Enact an **immediate moratorium on all rent increases** across the city for renters and small businesses for the duration of this crisis.
- Establish an **emergency fund to provide up to three months of rental assistance** for individuals who are experiencing economic distress.

The Governor's recent Executive Order (N-37-20) created the false and dangerous impression that he has already enacted a statewide eviction moratorium, and that therefore no action at the local level is needed. This is not correct. His Executive Order did not create a moratorium on evictions. The Order still permits landlords to file and serve evictions -- even today -- and does little to nothing to protect tenants. It simply kicks the can down the road by eight weeks. The stay at home order is expected to remain in place for all or most of that period, which means that many tenants' economic situation will become much *worse*, not better, by the end of May. Thus all the Governor's Order does is delay the inevitable, which is that **thousands of people in Pittsburg remain at serious risk of losing their homes during the worst public health crisis our nation has ever seen.**

This is why we also find the Contra Costa Sheriff's pledge to "stay all evictions countywide through May 31" to be a wholly inadequate response in this crisis. While we appreciate the intent, this stay does nothing to put protections into place for renters who are unable to pay their rent during this crisis and who can then be served with an eviction notice as soon as the courts reopen or the Sheriff changes his mind. It is worth noting that the Sheriff's pledge has not been codified into an ordinance or other official policy, which goes against good practice and common sense in creating transparent public policy.

It is for this reason that the organizations and individuals listed below call on your leadership, during this time of unprecedented public crisis, to **enact an emergency eviction and rent moratorium ordinance for Pittsburg residents and small businesses**. A well-designed ordinance will help residents, families and business struggling to pay rent by offering:

- Clear instructions to landlords not to ISSUE or carry out any evictions
- A prohibition on late fees
- A freeze on rent increases during the crisis
- A minimum grace period of at least 120 days per month missed to pay back rent owed after the crisis ends

In this unprecedented time, we need bold policy responses and leadership at the local level. Many cities have already taken swift action to help vulnerable residents by passing eviction moratoriums, i.e. Oakland, San Jose, San Francisco, Sacramento. Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-28-20, issued on March 16, actually encouraged local jurisdictions to take swift action for eviction prevention and removed several barriers to doing so. We praise the leadership of three cities in Contra Costa -- Richmond, Concord, and Antioch -- that have also stepped up to enact eviction moratoria in this time

But residents of every city deserve protections. They deserve the sense of relief and well-being that will arise from no longer fearing that they may lose their homes if they fall behind on rent due to job loss, reduced hours, or becoming infected with the virus. And we are all better off if small business owners do not lose their commercial space, and cost their employees their livelihoods, during the growing economic crisis created by this public health emergency.

Unless each city steps up to do their part to stabilize people's housing and keep residents from being displaced or becoming homeless, the potential for this virus further spreading and this health crisis being protracted is all but guaranteed. Every municipality needs to play their own role in mitigating the harm of this public health and economic crisis.

Thank you for your leadership in these difficult times.

Sincerely,

1. The Contra Costa Central Labor Council
2. The Contra Costa Building Trades Council

3. The Contra Costa Immigrant Rights Alliance
4. The Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment - Contra Costa Chapter
5. Antioch Education Association
6. Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative
7. Boilermakers Local 549
8. East County Regional Group
9. East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO)
10. East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy
11. Ensuring Opportunity
12. Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy
13. Family Economic Security Partnership
14. First 5 Contra Costa
15. Healthy & Active Before 5
16. IBEW 1245
17. IBEW 302
18. IFPTE 21
19. IFPTE ESC 20
20. Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay
21. Lift Up Contra Costa
22. Local Planning Council
23. Monument Impact
24. Mt. Diablo Education Association
25. Opportunity Junction
26. Parent Voices - Contra Costa Chapter
27. Public Advocates
28. Safe Return Project
29. SEIU 1021
30. SEIU UHW
31. Sprinkler Fitters Local 483
32. Teamsters 856

33. Tenants Together
34. UA 159
35. UFCW 5
36. Urban Habitat
37. Uplift Family Services (formerly EMQ FamiliesFirst)
38. Village Community Resource Center
39. We Care Services for Children

Alice Evenson

From: Jess Jollett
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:21 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: public comment for 4/3 city council meeting

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My name is Jess Jollett and I am the executive director for Lift Up Contra Costa, a countywide coalition of 9 labor and advocacy organizations.

My thanks to the Pittsburg city council, clerk, and staff for crafting an eviction moratorium. It is a crucial step in this uncertain and scary time. Today, you received a letter with 39 signatories requesting four additions to the ordinance including a 120 day per month pay back period.

As an example, let's assume the local emergency will last all of April, May, and June. 3 months in total. If I am a non-essential, non-unionized worker in Pittsburg there is a high probability I now have no income and therefore unable to pay rent for these three months.

If my rent is \$1,200 a month, I will accumulate back rent of \$3,600. Therefore, I would have 120 days per month of missed rent, which in this example is 360 days, to pay back this cumulative \$3,600. On July 1st, I would begin paying rent back per usual (\$1,200 on the 1st of the month) but would have up to a year to pay down the three months of missed rent.

We believe this time table will allow local residents to stay in their homes after this pandemic is mitigated. As a municipality you do not want to be facing a mass exodus of folks in 6 months because they could not pay down rent owed while they were sheltered in place. That would not be good for the tenant, the landlord, or the city's economy.

In times of uncertainty, it is natural to desire a quick and easy fix, yet being myopic will only hurt the city as a whole. Take the time now to ensure Pittsburg is safe through this pandemic and economically stable on the other side.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

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Jess Jollett
Lift Up Contra Costa
Executive Director
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Alice Evenson

From: Anna Belle Powell
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:18 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20"

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Please protect out cities families that are effected by this pandemic by stopping evictions and raising rents durning these times.

PLEASE READ ALOUD

Good evening Mayor, Council members and staff. My name is Susana Sanchez, a Pittsburg resident for more than 20 years and a member of the East County Regional Group.

We are a group of parent advocates working towards healthier, safer, and more equitable communities for children and families in East County.

Tonight, I would like to speak in support for the Eviction moratorium ordinance with some important changes.

I am experiencing first-hand the terrible effects COVID-19 has had on families. My very own sister is struggling due to this crisis. She is a single mother of a girl and was working two jobs in order to survive. Due to the Covid-19 crisis she had to stop working one of her jobs. Her second job is for only 2-days week and she takes care of an elderly person. Her income is only enough to buy food for her family. Unfortunately, it will be impossible to pay her monthly rent of \$2000. Due to the Covid-19 crisis, she is an essential worker, exposing her life to help others, unable to stay home not only because she can't stay home but also because she can't afford not to go to work.

I look to you as our elected leaders not only to help my sister but to help all Pittsburg families unable to make ends meet.

We thank Council for proposing this eviction moratorium. Pittsburg residents need this ordinance however, we need it to be stronger. First, we need a longer grace period. We don't know how long this crisis will continue. What if it's 6 months? Your proposal of 6 months time to re-pay rent is not enough. Our group proposes a grace period of 120-days per EACH month in arrears to pay back owed rent.

Second, we need a moratorium on rent increases. If my sister can't pay her current rent, how will she be able to pay any increase?

We also ask for a ban on ALL evictions during this time. No family should be forced to leave their home under any circumstances during this public health crisis.

Lastly, please make documentation easy for tenants to prove their inability to pay rent. It should be enough for a tenant to let the landlord know that they are unable to pay, no further proof necessary. Many of us do not have paystubs or ways to prove that we are not working. We hope that you pass the ordinance tonight with these additional items. Thank you

PLEASE READ ALOUD

Good evening mayor, councilmembers, and city staff. My name is Silvia Angeles, member of the East County Regional Group.

Thank you for proposing a Moratorium on Evictions for all Pittsburg families during this critical time of the COVID-19 crisis. We thank you for your leadership and quick response.

Personally, I am self-employed and depend financially on my small cleaning business. COVID-19 has created an economic hardship for myself and my family. As a renter, I find myself stressing out daily about my upcoming bills and monthly rent.

As our shelter in place continues, it increases my fear and panic that we might end up on the streets with our children.

The governor has given you the power to help residents in this time of crisis. We are now looking to you, as our elected leaders, to use your power to enact this moratorium on evictions for renters like myself.

We ask you to make some important changes:

1. Extend this moratorium to ALL evictions. How can we expect someone to shelter in place if they do not have shelter? It is imperative that all families remain in their homes, so we do not continue to spread illness. We don't need more homelessness or people moving during a public health crisis.
2. Further protect families by including a moratorium on rent increases immediately.
3. Please give a 120-day grace period in arrears per each month of lost rent to pay back rent following the conclusion of the Shelter in Place.
4. Broaden the documentation requirements. Allow families to prove their hardship to the landlords in whichever way it is easiest for their employment circumstances. In my case who cleans houses, how am I supposed to show I have fewer clients? What if I get sick? Would I have to find a way to prove my finances or share private medical documents to my landlord? Please reconsider this part.

We need relief now! There is no family in this city not being affected by COVID-19. Thank you in advanced for taking action tonight with a truly comprehensive moratorium to protect us in these difficult times.

PLEASE READ ALOUD

Good evening Mayor and Council members. My name is Deborah Polk, a landlord and a proud member of the East County Regional Group, sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa.

Thank you for your leadership in this time of crisis for Pittsburg residents.

We have seen time and time again that during times of crisis, low-income families are the ones most negatively impacted. As a result of this Shelter in Place Order and a shutdown of jobs in the service industry, many families who earn minimum wage have been especially impacted. Families were already living from payday to payday but the Covid-19 crisis has exacerbated families' vulnerabilities.

As a landlord, I understand the need to collect rents to pay existing obligations but we also all have a moral obligation to folks unable to work at the moment. This temporary moratorium would allow Pittsburg families to stay in their homes. This is an unprecedented time and we need to do all we can to ensure that residents are not forced out into the streets.

I ask you to pass a strong moratorium on ALL evictions, not just on renters unable to pay rent. No family should find themselves without shelter during this public health crisis for any reason.

Similarly, a moratorium on rent increases is imperative during this time to further protect our most vulnerable families. How do we expect families to pay more rent when they are unable to pay their rent at all?

Help to further protect tenants from this crisis by providing them a grace period of 120 days in arrears, for every month the Shelter in Place is ordered. For example, if this lasts 3 months, my tenant would owe me \$6000 total for the 3 months. This means that I would allow my tenant 120 days for every month, giving them a total of 480 days to pay the back-rent due.

In addition, please loosen the documentation requirements. Not everyone has paystubs, bank accounts or medical care to prove their hardship.

We need you as our local leaders to go beyond Governor Newsom's order and actually provide the protection our community needs during this crisis. Please institute a moratorium on evictions and rent increases immediately. We must all step up to do what we can to help others. Thank you

Alice Evenson

From: E. Clark
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:09 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Item 5 - Commercial Evictions

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Dear City Council Members,

I am a commercial property owner in Pittsburg that has contributed quite a bit to the local economy through site improvements and property taxes, and I look forward to continuing a strong partnership with the city. I have just a few comments about item number 5, specifically the draft ordinance addressing commercial evictions.

First, as it currently stands, it would affect small mom-and-pop businesses in the same way it would affect multi-national corporations. This is important because the current language would require a tenant to submit financial documentation to show financial distress and pay a pro-rated amount of rent if the tenant suffers only a partial loss of income. That language makes sense for a small shop. But a large corporation will have hundreds of pages of financial data and pro-rating a shop making \$100,000/year revenue versus a business making \$2,000,000/year revenue is not taking into account the actual ability for the large business to pay rent.

Suggested change: Apply the commercial eviction ordinance to companies that make less than \$2,000,000 in revenue per year.

Second, the phrase "rent" is defined differently in commercial leases than residential leases. It appears that the intent is to help commercial tenants on their "base rent." There are other aspects of payments from commercial tenants, but the most important to landlords is "Common Area Maintenance," also called CAM. This typically includes things like property tax, insurance, maintenance of sidewalks, etc. If the Council is hoping to ensure that local businesses and property owners stay solvent, then local property owners cannot bear 100% of the CAM costs.

Suggested change: Apply the word "base" in front of every reference to "rent," so that the financial difficulties are shared.

Third, the courts are closed and unlawful detainer actions cannot be processed at all. So the effective date of this ordinance should start when the evictions can be processed by the courts rather than immediately.

Suggested change: Change the effective date to the re-opening of the courts for processing unlawful detainer actions.

Finally, as currently written, tenants need to provide documentation within 30 days of the rent being due. This length means that a tenant doesn't need to provide documentation for one rent payment until the next rent payment is due, which restarts the process. Plus, a tenant could withhold its pro-rated amounts significantly longer than necessary. There is no reason a tenant can't put together its financials within 10 days of rent being due.

Suggested change: Change the financials being due to 10 days rather than 30 days after rent is due.

Thank you,
Erin Clark

Alice Evenson

From: Joe Summers
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:09 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: citycouncil; Joshua Anijar
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20

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April 6, 2020

Dear Mayor Killings & Councilmembers,

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise in this Country, we must remain vigilant to protect those most affected. The shelter in place order from Contra Costa County has already been shown to have saved lives. We have been encouraged by local responses to this crisis as localities across this country are showing just how to properly defend against COVID-19. Workers are standing on the front lines of this crisis from the hospital rooms to the grocery stores. Without these workers, our community would completely fail to function. We must also recognize that the vast majority of workers are doing their part by staying home to prevent the spread of this virus. Every member of this community who has answered the public call to shelter in place and foregone their wages to protect their community members deserves our help.

Maintaining stable housing during this crisis is critical to fighting COVID-19. Enacting a moratorium on all evictions and rent increases in the City of Pittsburg is a common sense measure that can be taken to protect residents and local businesses. We were disappointed that Governor Newsom's tenant protection ordinance does not do nearly enough to protect our community from being put in harm's way. A landlord may still issue a three-day notice, even if the tenant has told them they can't pay the rent because of a COVID-19 related income loss. Landlords may still file an eviction for non-payment of rent or other reasons. The tenant may still have to file an answer within the regular five days specified within CCP 1167 in order to avoid default judgment. A tenant may still have to appear in court to defend the eviction. Many tenants will be misled into thinking they have 60 days to respond, but the court will likely enter a default judgment against them if they don't respond during the first five days.

The Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO, representing 85 local unions with 85,000 working families across this county, join the broad alliance of labor and community groups calling on the City of Pittsburg to take swift action to protect Pittsburg's working families and their housing security. We join in the coalition's recommendations and hope this council will join us in support of a 120-day grace period for every month of delayed rent; a moratorium on rent increases; documentation requirements that are not cumbersome for tenants; and a ban on "no-fault evictions.

The City of Pittsburg can do much to reassure those residents and local businesses hit hardest by the COVID-19 response that they will be protected from evictions. We must stop any and all loopholes that could put families on the streets as part of this crisis. A \$1,200 Federal check will do little to solve the problems of residents that have already been struggling in the Bay Area. Housing uncertainty jeopardizes the COVID-19 response. One thing is certain, Pittsburg residents must remain in their homes to save lives. With so much uncertainty due the havoc caused by COVID-19, housing shouldn't be one and it won't be thanks to your leadership.

Sincerely,

Steve Older
Joshua Anijar
President
Executive Director

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Joseph J. Summers
Political & Campaign Director
Contra Costa Labor Council

Good Evening Mayor, Council & Staff. My name is Christine Clark, I am the Co-Chair of the East County Regional Group.

We are committed to creating a healthier, safer, and more equitable East County for young children and families. We commend you for your quick action in prioritizing the protection of Pittsburg families during this unprecedented time and putting forward this Moratorium on Evictions.

There are thousands of Pittsburg families who are unsure of where their next paycheck will be coming from, including many of our ECRG members who have been laid off indefinitely. Personally, I have also encountered income loss due to the COVID -19 crisis and fear that it will only get worse. We also know that not everyone qualifies for unemployment insurance or other benefits which makes many families more vulnerable to evictions. What are families supposed to do to pay their rent and guarantee shelter for their children? No family should have to worry about losing their home during this public health crisis.

We are counting on you, as our Pittsburg representatives, to pass an ordinance that truly reflects our needs as residents. We are grateful for the ordinance you have drafted however, we request that you include the following specific elements to provide further protections to Pittsburg families.

- 1.) Be sure NO evictions are issued or carried out during the Shelter in Place order. We ask that you place a ban on ALL Evictions.
- 2.) Extend the grace period to pay back rent to 120-days for every month of lost rent during this Shelter in Place. Families will need time to recuperate and truthfully, **6 months is not enough**.
- 3.) Place a freeze on rent increases during the Shelter in Place order. Families cannot afford to pay more during this time, many of them are experiencing a decreased income, like myself, and others have lost all income.
- 4.) Require minimal documentation for families to prove hardship. No one is having it easy during this time. Please do not create more barriers.

We ask that you pass this moratorium tonight with these additions. This will not only ease the anxieties and financial hardship of Pittsburg families, but it will help prevent the spread of disease across the City.

Thank you again Council for your leadership on behalf of all of us to keep Pittsburg children and families safe and healthy during this public health emergency.

Alice Evenson

From: Taylor Sims
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:26 PM
To: meetingcomments; merlforpittsburg@yahoo.com; holland4pittsburg@gmail.com; Juan Banales; shanellescalespreston@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20
Attachments: Pittsburg Eviction Moratorium Slides 4.6.20(1).pdf

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Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Taylor Sims and I am the Special Projects Coordinator at Lift Up Contra Costa. I am also a Pittsburg resident.

Thank you for your leadership in proposing a citywide *temporary moratorium on evictions*. We appreciate your swift and thoughtful action to draft this ordinance.

I support this proposal because *thousands of Pittsburg residents face severe financial burden during this Shelter in Place that threaten their health and that of the larger community. No family should be concerned with losing their home because of their inability to pay rent at this time.*

There are several elements of this ordinance that we support. We also hope this ordinance is a bit stronger to offer more comprehensive protections for Pittsburg families during this public health crisis.

Some elements we request you include are:

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7. *Thousands of Pittsburg workers are part of the gig economy or do not receive pay stubs. Ease the burden*

8. *of proof on tenants during this crisis.*

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We ask you to please pass this moratorium **today** with these important additions. No family should face moving, relocating or being unsheltered at this time.

Attached is also a powerpoint created by community groups that helps you all and the community understand the moratorium we as a community are asking for.

Thank you again Council for your leadership to keep Pittsburg families safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.

Taylor Sims
Special Projects Coordinator



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PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING 4.6.20 MEETING

Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Stephanie Recinos and I Am a teacher at East County First Five in Pittsburg.

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I support this proposal because *thousands of Pittsburg residents face severe financial burden during this Shelter in Place that threaten their health and that of the larger community. No family should be concerned with losing their home because of their inability to pay rent at this time. This is already such a tough point in time, this would only be an extra stressor to the communities of Pittsburg.*

There are several elements of this ordinance that we support. We also hope this ordinance is a bit stronger to offer more comprehensive protections for Pittsburg families during this public health crisis.

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Alice Evenson

From: David Sharples
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:33 PM
To: merlforpittsburg@yahoo.com; holland4pittsburg@gmail.com; Juan Banales; citycouncil;
shanellescalespreston@gmail.com; Alice Evenson
Subject: Public Comment regarding Moratorium on Evictions

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My name is David Sharples and I am the Director of Contra Costa Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment. Thank you for your leadership to protect Pittsburg tenants. No one should lose their housing during this horrible pandemic. I urge you to pass a strong moratorium on evictions that includes the following:

1. Ensure NO evictions will be issued or carried out during the Shelter in Place order. This is essential for the public's health and protection of all renters.
2. Provide a 120-day grace period, per month of the Shelter in Place order, for payment of back rent.
3. Place a freeze on rent increases during the Shelter in Place order
4. Remove burden of proof of income for all workers.

Thank you!

PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING 4.6.20 MEETING

Good evening Mayor, Council members and staff. My name is Laura Vaquerano and I am a child care worker for East County First 5. I am also a Pittsburg resident

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I support this proposal because thousands of Pittsburg residents face severe financial burden during this Shelter in Place that threaten their health and that of the larger community. No family should be concerned with losing their home because of their inability to pay rent at this time

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Thank you again Council for your leadership to keep Pittsburg families safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.

PLEASE READ ALOUD

Good evening Mayor, Council members and staff. My name is Myriam Saenz and I'm a member of the East County Regional Group. We are a group of parent advocates that work to improve the conditions of our community for children and families.

Tonight, I would like to express my support for a Moratorium on Evictions and rent increases. As a parent, I am very concerned about the Covid-19 crisis and its impact on so many Pittsburg children and families.

This pandemic is adversely affecting people close to me that I truly care for. Unfortunately, my longtime next-door neighbor has been negatively impacted by this crisis. He was working 40 hours a week to support his family but due to the Shelter in Place Order, he got laid off. He has had to make difficult decisions with his limited income between feeding his children or paying bills like rent. It's hard for me to personally see this is happening to someone so close to me, especially because as a parent, no one should have to make these tough decisions. As much as our community is coming together to provide emergency food supplies like school lunches, we all know that this is not enough. This crisis is causing a tremendous hardship in our families and so we look to you for some relief.

As elected officials you have the power to ease the burden of Pittsburg families by passing an eviction and rent increase moratorium that protects all families. No family should be moving or relocating in this unprecedented time.

Please take action tonight by passing a moratorium on All evictions, include a moratorium in rent increases, allow families 120- days grace period in arrears for each month of owed rent, and be lenient with the proof of documentation. This is not a time to create unnecessary barrier to families. Thank you for being there for your community!

Alice Evenson

From: Croskey, Wolfgang
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:54 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Re: Public Comment- Item #5

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Good evening Council, We are currently living in a time that no one has fully planned for or thought was possible. We stand at the gate of a global economic depression. I am fully aware of the need to help tenants at this time, but we can not forget the landlords as well. I have no problem working out agreeable payment solutions to help tenants stay in their homes. NO ONE wants a vacancy right now, but we must be careful in what we are offering tenants. By creating a blanket statement that evictions are on hold and you have an extended period of time to pay is interpreted by many that they do not need to pay their rent regardless if they can or can not. What policy can be put in place to help landlords out? The county just posted today that taxes are still due on the 10th, but they will not charge a late fee. It is easy for the government to tell one group to eat it while still demanding their money that is owed. Landlords still have mortgages, taxes, insurance, utilities to pay regardless of rent coming in. Why must the city act now? There are already federal eviction moratoriums and state moratoriums in place. Why not wait to see what the state is going to do. I leave with this question.. what will the impact be to our city as a whole in 6, 12, 18 months from now with this moratorium passed? How will we deal with increased foreclosures? Does this set a precedent that whenever there is an emergency is the expectation going to be that I don't have to pay rent? We are facing once in 200 year type problems right now. I don't know what the right solution is, but I ask that we look at all parties impacted first and the long term impact to each party involved before passing a moratorium.
Thank you



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wrote:

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Alice Evenson

From: Eduardo Torres
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:37 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: Merl Craft; Holland White; Juan Banales; Jelani Killings; shanellescalespreston@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20
Importance: High

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Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff.

My name is Eduardo Torres and I'm the Northern California Regional Coordinator with Together. Tenants Together is a statewide coalition of local tenant organizations dedicated to defending and advancing the rights of California tenants to safe, decent, and affordable housing. I am a renter and I'm also a life-long resident of your neighboring community, West Pittsburg.

I support the proposal for a moratorium on evictions because I personally know it will help many impacted Pittsburg families and friends of mine who are experiencing financial hardships during this COVID-19 crisis. I support most elements the council is proposing, however, I feel that the city council can go further in helping Pittsburg families amid this COVID-19 pandemic.

This is why I'm asking that the council include the following elements in a moratorium:

1. Ensure **NO evictions—regardless of the reason--**will be issued or carried out during the Shelter in Place order.
2. Provide a **120-day grace period in arrears per month of the Shelter in Place** for payment of back rent.
3. Place a **freeze on rent increases** during the Shelter in Place order.
4. **Loosen documentation requirements.**

Lastly, I want the city council to know that even before this COVID-10 pandemic happened, people in your city - friends, family acquaintances and so forth - have been asking me if the city council would ever protect them from unjust evictions and rent gouging. The reason why I bring this is up now is because even though I appreciate the council moving on a moratorium, I want the city council to understand that there will still be a severe need to addresses the housing crisis in Pittsburg even after the pandemic is over. Pittsburg renters deserve permanent solutions that permanently protect them from being displaced in the future. One that thing that I have always personally admired about Pittsburg is the pride that people in your city carry about their community. Everyone loves being a Pittsburg Pirate. So please consider adopting a Pittsburg **STRONG** moratorium that will make residents proud of their council for protecting them when they so desperately need it.

Thank you for your time.

Eduardo Torres (*He / Him / El*)
Northern California Regional Coordinator

Tenants Together, *California's Statewide Organization for Renters' Rights*
www.tenantstogether.org
Tenant Rights Hotline
888-495-8020

Alice Evenson

From: Durie Foster Jr.
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:55 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: Durie Foster Jr.
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT #5

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While I sympathize with those individuals who have been furloughed during this pandemic SIP, I believe it is an overreach by the city council and the state to impose restrictions on landowners in terms of their rental agreements with tenants. Clearly this matter will be litigated in court and it is in the best interest of Pittsburg residents and landlords for us to stay out of the fray.

The state has already passed a law addressing this matter, why does the city of Pittsburg need a separate ordinance?

Why would the city council put the citizens of Pittsburg in financial jeopardy from lawsuits by imposing their own separate rule that most definitely will be challenged in court?

I am certain there are far more pressing issues for the city council to be considering at this time than meddling in other peoples business.

I do not support this ordinance and encourage you to reject it outright.

Durie Foster, Jr.

Sent from my iPhone

Alice Evenson

From: JRP Fernandez
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:56 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: jkillings@oaklandca.gov
Subject: Towing Moratorium Request
Attachments: Comment Letter_April 6, 2020.pdf

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April 6, 2020

Jelani Killings

Mayor, City of Pittsburg
65 Civic Avenue
Pittsburg CA 94565

Dear Mayor Killings:

After reading today's news by Times Herald¹ where it was reported that the City of Pittsburg already has 28 known cases of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID19) and following a movement initially posted by groups² who have studied towing in California extensively — see [Towed into Debt: How Towing in California Punishes Poor People](#) — who serve and represent hundreds of thousands of Californians, and who work on economic justice issues across the state, I am forwarding this message to the city council through your office.

To help prevent the spread of the Novel Coronavirus and the rate of infection of COVID19 in California, we request that you issue an executive order placing a moratorium on all vehicle tows, other than those necessary for public safety or criminal enforcement. For many unhoused Californians, vehicles are the only shelter option for quarantine, and for many health care workers in the city, a car is their only mean of transportation for work. The City of San Francisco has announced its own towing moratorium, and this is urgently needed in many other areas.

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April 6, 2020

Jelani Killings

Mayor, City of Pittsburg
65 Civic Avenue
Pittsburg CA 94565

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Alice Evenson

From: Janet Rivera
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:27 AM
To: meetingcomments@ci.pittsburg.ca.u
Subject: PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING 4.6.20 MEETING

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Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff,

My name is Janet Rivera and I am the Center Director for the East County First 5 Center. I am also a Pittsburg resident.

Thank you for your leadership in proposing a citywide **temporary moratorium on evictions**. We appreciate your swift and thoughtful action to draft this ordinance.

I support this proposal because *thousands of Pittsburg residents face severe financial burden during this Shelter in Place that threaten their health and that of the larger community. No family should be concerned with losing their home because of their inability to pay rent at this time.*

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Thank you again Council for your leadership to keep Pittsburg families safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.

PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING 4.6.20 MEETING

Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Gianna Baldazo and I am a Community Resource Specialist at the East County First 5 Center located in Pittsburg.

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 - Holland White holland4pittsburg@gmail.com
 - Juan Banales jbanales@ci.pittsburg.ca.us
 - Jalani Killings citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us
 - Shanelle Scales Preston shanellescalespreston@gmail.com

Alice Evenson

From: Marika Hinds
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:19 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING 4.6.20 MEETING

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Good evening Mayor, Council members and staff.

My name is Marika Hinds and I am a community resource specialist for the East County First 5 Center in Pittsburg. Thank you for your leadership in proposing a citywide temporary moratorium on evictions. We appreciate your swift and thoughtful action to draft this ordinance.

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Marika Hinds
Community Resource Specialist
Core Program Supervisor I



East County First 5 Center

Alice Evenson

From: Fran Biderman
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:40 AM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20

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Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Fran Biderman and I work for First 5 Contra Costa. I coordinate the family Economic Security Partnership, a county-wide coalition of community based organizations that provide a wide range of services to help families gain financial security.

Thank you for your leadership in proposing a citywide **temporary moratorium on evictions**. I appreciate your swift and thoughtful action to draft this ordinance.

I support this proposal because safe, secure and affordable housing is the single most important issue facing Contra Costa families today and the further threat of eviction at this time for any reason is unfathomable! No family should be worried about losing their home because of their inability to pay rent at this time.

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- 4) Loosening the requirements for documentation in order to ease the burden of proof on tenants who work in the gig economy or other sectors.

Time is of the essence so please I urge you to pass this moratorium today!!!

Thank you again Council for your leadership to keep Pittsburg families safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.

Fran Biderman
Special Projects Coordinator
First 5 Contra Costa
Coordinator, Family Economic Security Partnership

PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING 4.6.20 MEETING

Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Daryn Nabeta and I am the Early Intervention Program Assistant II for First 5 Contra Costa.

Thank you for your leadership in proposing a citywide ***temporary moratorium on evictions***. We appreciate your swift and thoughtful action to draft this ordinance.

I support this proposal because this Shelter in Place is causing financial hardship for thousands of Pittsburg residents. As an advocate for families and children, it is paramount that we ensure that no one loses their housing because of their inability to pay rent during this extraordinary time.

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We ask you to please pass this moratorium **today** with these important additions. No family should face moving, relocating or being unsheltered at this time.

Thank you again Council for your leadership in order to keep Pittsburg families safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.



Daryn Nabeta
Early Intervention Program Assistant II

First 5 Contra Costa

Alice Evenson

From: Mariana Moore
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:51 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: merlforpittsburg@yahoo.com; holland4pittsburg@gmail.com; Juan Banales; citycouncil; shanellescalespreston@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20

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Dear Pittsburg Council members and staff,

I am writing on behalf of the Ensuring Opportunity Campaign to End Poverty in Contra Costa to ask that you adopt a strong eviction moratorium measure this evening to protect thousands of Pittsburg residents who are facing both serious health risks and economic catastrophe as a result of the COVID crisis. As you know, unemployment claims are going through the roof. Families that were getting by economically a month ago, have been laid off and ordered to shelter in place. They are now wondering how to pay their rent and keep their families housed.

Ensuring Opportunity, working in partnership with a broad coalition of labor, faith and community organizations, is supporting elected officials and staff in cities throughout Contra Costa to enact strong public policies to assist tenants in this time of crisis.

Our research has shown that strong model ordinances share the following four characteristics:

- an immediate moratorium on ALL evictions
- a moratorium on all rent increases, retroactive to the beginning of the shelter in place order
- a sufficiently long grace period to repay any rent that tenants are unable to pay during the crisis (allowing 120 days per month of unpaid rent)
- reasonable documentation requirements for tenants who are unable to pay their rent. This is important in that many low-income tenants are gig workers, self-employed, undocumented, or otherwise unable to meet rigid documentation requirements.

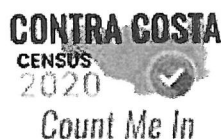
It has been observed that this public health crisis is bringing out either the best and the worst in humanity right now. I applaud the city council for demonstrating your care for the community by considering adopting this tenant protection policy. I offer these guidelines and best practices in the spirit of supporting your wise and caring action on behalf of your constituents who are struggling and who are turning to you for timely support.

Many thanks for your leadership.

Sincerely,
Mariana Moore

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Mariana Moore, Senior Director
Ensuring Opportunity Campaign to End Poverty in Contra Costa



Alice Evenson

From: Kristi Laughlin
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:27 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: shanellescalespreston@gmail.com; Merl Craft; Holland White; Juan Banales; Jelani Killings
Subject: Read Aloud - public comment or 040620

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READ ALOUD

Dear Council Members,

I am Kristi Laughlin with EBASE, the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy. We support the struggles for dignity and justice of low-income workers and tenants in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In our organizing work in Concord over the last 4 years, and through our monthly tenant clinics, we have engaged many Pittsburg residents who struggle to make ends meet and to keep a roof over their head---even before this crisis hit.

But now, so many residents are in a complete tail-spin because they have lost their jobs and incomes. They are panic-stricken about not having enough money to pay the rent, and fear being evicted by their landlords.

This is why your swift and bold leadership means so much tonight. You have the power to stop people from getting kicked out of their homes, and to alleviate the profound distress of so many.

First, I urge you to pass a moratorium on rent increases during this time (as the City of Concord did on March 25th). I also urge you to enact a moratorium for **ALL evictions with no exceptions** (except for those needed to protect health and safety). This is a health and humanitarian imperative during an emergency shelter-in-place order geared at keeping not just every resident safe, but the broader community safe. How does it make sense to displace anybody at this time?

It is also important to give tenants and small businesses a reasonable grace period to pay back any missing rent. This is key if we want to truly stabilize families and businesses in Pittsburg, and not have them all evicted the day the courts reopen, or the day after the emergency order is lifted. Please grant 120 days grace period for each month of rent that might be missed.

Remember, residents and families did not have a choice about whether they could work or not during this time. That was a government intervention, a public policy decision that created this situation. Similarly, it needs to be policies and local governments like this one that help mitigate the harm, and help people get back on their feet.

We need you, the city council to be the advocates of every-day working families and renters, and small businesses. Remember, the Feds and banks are already discussing relief for homeowners and big businesses by offering relief on mortgages. Isn't it only fair that renters and small businesses also get some relief? That is a matter of fairness and equity.

Please enact a meaningful eviction and rent moratorium. Thank you.

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Kristi Laughlin
Senior Campaign Director
East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy

Preferred pronouns: She/her or They/them

Alice Evenson

From: Lisa Morrell
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:16 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: Rhea Laughlin
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20

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I hope this evening finds you well, Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. I am writing to support your leadership and action you will take tonight with an ordinance for a temporary moratorium on evictions.

My name is Lisa Morrell, I have lived in Contra Costa County for most of my life, have worked extensively with Pittsburg families served by the First 5 Centers and other non-profits, and resided in Pittsburg for 13 of the past 15 years. I know first-hand how renters in Pittsburg both above and below Highway 4 are equally at risk of eviction without a comprehensive ordinance to protect them. The decision your Council makes tonight is important to me because all Pittsburg residents deserve to be treated fairly and given the opportunity to stay in their home.

I do not need to tell you how COVID-19 has impacted the housing and financial stability of our most vulnerable, working, "essential" families, many of whom have small children to care for. You have the fortunate opportunity to ensure that families maintain some sense of stability during this most unstable time in our world's history.

To ensure that no family will lose their home during the Shelter in Place order, please DO have your ordinance:

1. **Strictly prohibit evictions in the City of Pittsburg!**
2. **Outline a 120-day grace period in arrears per month of the Shelter in Place** for payment of back rent or a forgiveness plan that allows families the opportunity to regain a functional level of financial stability.
3. **Prohibit rent increases.** Any person or family who is currently paying rent, regardless of the terms of any lease or agreement made prior to the Shelter in Place order, should not be subject to paying more for rent. This is a time for compassion and gratitude, tenants who are paying rent are undoubtedly incurring unanticipated expenses during this Shelter in Place. Our health care and essential workforce may be those who are continuing to pay rent, or those who have prioritized rent over other financial obligations. This is not the time to promote profit over sustainable income.

On behalf of my family, friends, neighbors and the Pittsburg families that I have had the honor of serving, I thank you in advance for passing this ordinance tonight with the additions listed above.

With your help, Pittsburg residents will have a home to Shelter in Place, to keep us all safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

Respectfully,

Lisa Morrell

Alice Evenson

From: Francisco Torres
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:00 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public Comment

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Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Francisco Torres and lifelong resident of Pittsburg. I am urging the city of Pittsburg to enact a temporary moratorium on evictions for renters and small businesses during the time off the Coronavirus. I support this proposal because many Pittsburg families do not have the means to pay rents, mortgages and other payments. These families have lost jobs due to Coronavirus and shelter in place enacted ordinance. Through no fault of their own, families would lose their homes, and shelter with friends and families, or worse become homeless; these would be a recipe for the Coronavirus. Remember that the Stimulus Package will provide loans and resources for landlords. Please, take leadership like Richmond, Antioch, Concord and other California jurisdictions to ensure the health and well being of all of Pittsburg!

Good evening Mayor, Council and Staff.

My name is Rhea Elina Laughlin with First 5 Contra Costa, the proud sponsors of the East County Regional Group. Our organization serves thousands of Pittsburg families with young children annually.

Thank you for your leadership in bringing forward this eviction moratorium. We are all gravely concerned about the impact of this public health crisis on Pittsburg children and families. This ordinance is important to ensuring public safety and protecting vulnerable residents during this devastating time.

We wholeheartedly support the 4 amendments proposed by numerous residents and would like to underscore two in particular.

1. Provide a grace period of 120 days per each month of the Shelter in Place.

An adequate grace period to pay back rent protects the public's health, curbs a financial catastrophe, and prevents homelessness. It does not waive rents or relieve renters from their financial responsibilities. It does not mean tenants will not pay rent for a year. It does however, help working families stay in their homes while they are re-paying rent once the Shelter in Place is lifted. This proposed grace period embodies what this ordinance is intended to do—to protect hard working and vulnerable families.

2. Looser documentation.

Similarly, Pittsburg families need an ordinance that does not place undue burden of financial proof while managing their own health and financial hardship. Providing notice in writing to the landlord indicating an inability to pay the rent during this pandemic is sufficient proof without placing undue burden or forcing tenants to share personal and confidential medical and financial information with their landlords.

Your action on these items tonight becomes even more important in light of the Judicial Council's emergency court rule today. Thousands of Pittsburg renters, families and working people look to this Council to provide protections needed *locally*. We know that this disease has a disproportionate impact on low-income families and families of color. Your action tonight will mitigate this impact while preventing an exacerbation of this health crisis.

Please approve this ordinance with the recommended amendments.
Thank you for your hard work and leadership.

Alice Evenson

From: Kareninahdz
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:13 PM
To: meetingcomments
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Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Annette Ramirez and I am community advocate & I am also a Pittsburg resident.

Thank you for your leadership in proposing a citywide *temporary moratorium on evictions*. We appreciate your swift and thoughtful action to draft this ordinance.

I support this proposal because *thousands of Pittsburg residents many of which are my neighbors, clients, family & friends which face severe financial burden during this Shelter in Place that threaten their health and that of the larger community. No family should be concerned with losing their home because of their inability to pay rent at this time and many of my clients that I serve thru the WIC program have to choose in using the savings they have left to buy food for their children or pay their rent.*

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Thank you again Council for your leadership to keep Pittsburg families safe and healthy during this unprecedented time with one less burden to carry.

-Annette Ramirez

Amanda McVey

From: Christopher Moreno
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:32 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: For Public Comment Item #5

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Hello Council Members, Staff, and Fellow Members of the Community,

My name is Chris Moreno a life long resident of Pittsburg. Thank you all for taking the time and taking into consideration the health and well-being of the community during this pandemic and doing so swiftly.

Speaking to you in the capacity of a citizen today and as you consider this item today I would appreciate if you take into account all possible outcomes for tenants & landlords. The decision that has to be made today may provide relief now but will have ripple effects down the road and that decision should be balanced enough for both parties to minimize those effects down the line.

How could that be done you ask. Look at the perspective of both parties and consider the worst case scenario for both if your decision goes into effect. Then consider can it be altered to balance the scale.

We all know that for our City to prosper and come out with the ability to hit the road running towards prospering again that the financial well-being of ALL of Pittsburg has to be considered.

Thank you,
Chris Moreno

Amanda McVey

From: Brendon O'Laskey
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:45 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comment to be read on 4/6/2020

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Hello Mayor, City Council and staff, my name is Brendon O'Laskey. I am a member of the East County Regional Group.

We are a group of parent advocates striving for a healthy, safe and equitable East County for young children and families.

I come to you today to strongly encourage you to pass an eviction moratorium tonight. The Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted basically every aspect of society.

Many Pittsburg residents have lost much or all of their income. It is unacceptable that everyone who is following the Shelter in Place order could be threatened with eviction for failure to pay rent. In a state with a severe housing crisis where many pay half of their income on rent already, this is a recipe for disaster.

Passing an eviction moratorium is a critical step to protect Pittsburg families in this unprecedented time. We ask you to please include the following elements in the eviction moratorium to strengthen the protections for families:

1. Ban on all evictions. No family should be moving or relocating in this difficult time.
2. Include a clause for a rent increase freeze. People need stability in this very uncertain time if we are to abide by the stay at home order. We shouldn't also worry about being crushed with a rent increase when we are unable to make an income.
3. A grace period of 120-days for each month the shelter in place order is in effect. This is a more reasonable amount of time for families to pay back their rent. A timeline for repayment gives both renters and landlords the structure to plan for the year ahead when this is over.
4. Limit the amount of Documentation needed for families to prove this is a hardship. This is pandemic; everyone in one way or another is being affected by COVID-19.

People must have the security of knowing they will not be evicted from their homes. Landlords must be prevented from serving eviction notices at this time. We urge you to

pass an eviction moratorium tonight that is very much needed to preserve shelter for renting families and to ensure social distancing and shelter-in-place. Thank you

Public Comment to be read during 4/6/20 Council Meeting

Francisco Herrera

Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 6:58 PM

To: meetingcomments

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Please read aloud during 4/6/20

Greetings Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. Thank you for your continued effort in support of our community's well-being. My name is Francisco Herrera. I am a Pittsburg resident.

I appreciate and support your leadership in proposing a citywide temporary moratorium on evictions, during this public health crisis.

My household has been deeply affected by this situation as two of three income earners in our house have lost jobs and contracts. We are truly facing economic hardship now, not to mention the effect on morale at home. However, we have our head held high knowing we will be able to pull through as a family and as community.

Your quick and thoughtful action of drafting an ordinance to support renters like ourselves is part of what gives us hope. This is the time when civic responsibility becomes real and palpable. There are several elements that will make for a reasonable and supportive ordinance.

Apart from a pardon for mortgages for homeowners and rents for tenants during this time, the next best thing would be a long enough grace period to be able to bounce back once the crisis is over. 120 days grace period per month of the shelter in place of back rent will help us deal with the accumulated rent that needs to be covered. At this point for example, we were able to cover half our rent. What will we do as our rent accumulates?

I know there are support services developing for homeowners as well. Unfortunately, however, there are still some landlords, especially corporate ones who will still try to take advantage of this time by increasing rents. A freeze on such activities will help the most vulnerable from becoming victims, and give us protective measures, with which to defend ourselves.

Many people in our community have already had much to deal with. Loosening documentation requirements will also assist in our process as many in Pittsburg have informal jobs (gig economy) or produce events - like my spouse - and do not get check stubs.

Please pass this moratorium today and help our families be able to maintain during this shelter in place. This is no time for people to be put on the street. In addition to being the moral thing to do a responsible eviction protection with these measures is the healthy thing to do.

Thank you again for your responsible ordinance.
Sincerely

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Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20"

Wanda Davis

Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 7:28 PM

To: meetingcomments

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Dear City Council:

These are extraordinarily times and your constituents need your help. We are hearing from many families that they are suffering, losing jobs and potential their housing due to no fault of their own. Families are worried about the health and well being of their children. You can step up and provide them some comfort and relief by putting in place temporary safeguards so no more individuals or families becomes homeless when they are being mandated to shelter in place. This is a public health emergency you have the power take the following action . I am urging you to please do so!

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Wanda Davis

First 5 Program Officer

Sent from my iPhone

Alice Evenson

From: Danny Espinoza
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:01 PM
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Danny Espinoza
Lift Up Contra Costa
Campaign Coordinator

(He/Him/His)

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PLEASE READ ALOUD

April 6, 2020

Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Debra Ballinger and I'm Executive Director of Monument Impact, based in Concord. We serve predominantly low-income Latinx immigrants and other refugees in our programs.

We have many clients who live in Pittsburg and we also partner with Pittsburg Unified School District to offer our Spanish-language mental health program to parents at Willow Cove Elementary School. In the past several weeks, we are getting so many calls about clients who have received eviction notices or fear getting evicted because they have lost their jobs. With no income they don't even have enough food for their children.

For this reason, we thank you for your leadership in proposing a citywide **temporary moratorium on evictions**. We appreciate your rapid response to draft this ordinance and there are several elements that we support. We also hope this ordinance can be strengthened to offer more comprehensive protections for Pittsburg families during this public health crisis.

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3. Place a **freeze on rent increases** during the Shelter in Place order. If residents cannot pay rent now, rent increases will only exacerbate the financial crisis across the city and make it impossible for tenants to recover.
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We ask you to please pass this moratorium **today** with these important additions. No family should face moving, relocating or being unsheltered at this time.

Sincerely,

Debra Ballinger, Executive Director

Alice Evenson

From: Ladasha Wheeler
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Alice Evenson
Subject: Crisis re: Covid-19

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My name is Ladasha Wheeler. No one should lose their housing because of the CoVid-19 pandemic. This tragedy has effected the world and in a time like this, we should all Come together to help each other, not make matters worse. I would hope the council does what's right and allow tenants, business owners and home owners to forgo paying their rent and mortgages for the time being until people can go back to work. Thank you!

Warm regards,

Ladasha Wheeler

Alice Evenson

From: Maria Guzman
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:01 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: "Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20"

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PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING 4.6.20 MEETING

Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Maria Guzman and I am a stay at home mom which means the only income that comes home is from my husband, due to the shelter in place my husband has not been working for almost one month and we had to sell my husband work truck in order to have money for food and pay at least a small fraction of our rent. We have two kids one of 4 months and another of 3 years old. I am also a Pittsburg resident.

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I support this proposal because *I know there is many people that are living similar or even worse situations than. I beg to give all renters especially those with children.*

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Alice Evenson

From: Me
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:55 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Commercial Rent Freeze

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Good evening Council Members,

While you are on break, please apply the rent freeze only to residential units and not commercial. One of the public comments read by the Clerk described the various ways that rent is calculated in commercial leases. There is base rent that is often negotiated over a 1-10 year horizon. Then there is common area maintenance, which includes things like property taxes (that increase and are due soon), insurance (also increasing), and other items. Issuing a rent freeze on commercial leases would create havoc on negotiated leases between sophisticated parties.

I also agree with the other points made in that public comment. Don't subsidize big corporations who rent from our property owners, put a revenue maximum (\$2mm might be low). Put the word "base" in front of rent for commercial. And financials should be due within 5 days of rent, not 30.

Thank you!

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Alice Evenson

From: Carlos Deleon
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:14 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Public comment

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I am urging the city of Pittsburg to enact a temporary moratorium on evictions for renters and small businesses during the Coronavirus crisis. I support this proposal because many Pittsburg families do not have access to sick leave or other benefits to help pay rents, mortgages and other expenses. In addition to the severe harm posed by the existing housing insecurity for working and vulnerable families, we are concerned for the health and safety of the broader Pittsburg community. No family should be concerned with losing their home because of their inability to pay rent at this time

Carlos