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Public Comment from **Kim Nguyen**

Please take this into consideration, as I am out of work, I work for a small non-essential business in San Jose, I will not be able to pay my rent, and I will not be able to pay back at least 2 months rent after shelter in place is over. When I go back to work is it most likely gonna be slow for a few months and having to pay back rent is going to put me in a hole and possibly homeless.

Public Comment from **Melissa Flores**

Hello,

I live here in San José and am asking for you to please suspend the rent.

Public Comment from **Jeena Alvarez**

Emailing to help suspend San Jose rent.

Public Comment from **Bernie Munoz**

Hi there! We really need you guys to suspend the rent, Covic 19 is literally destroying our community. Its bad enough we lost our jobs we can't afford to loose our homes... Please help us.

Public Comment from **Damaris Gonzalez**

Hello, my name is Damaris Gonzalez, I live with my dad who is in their 60's and I am begging you to help suspend rent, my father's job has not given him any work due to the Covid 19, and I work for the city of San Jose and I have received no hours due to the virus. We live in low income apartments and we are in desperate need to save our money for bills and food but rent cuts deeply into that. We have both applied for Unemployment but it isn't happening as quickly as we hoped.

Please help us to suspend rent

Public Comment From **Charley Zhang**

I strongly **OPPOSE** a proposed rent suspension resolution by Councilmembers Magdalena Carrasco and Raul Peralez. The proposed rent suspension ordinance violates the Constitution of the United States, namely the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause and Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process Clauses. Unless the City Council is willing to financially subsidize the cost of the renters burdened by the virus, the proposed ordinance is an illegal-theft of private property, and if passed, I have no doubt a class action lawsuit will surely follow.

The Councilmembers' "background" section of the memorandum drafted on April 3rd, 2020 states that "the federal CARES act includes significant mortgage payment relief and that servicers of federally-backed loans must grant mortgage forbearance of 180 days if asked", and "200 state-chartered banks have agreed to do the same." They are therefore implying property owners' burdens are mitigated. This conclusion is very irresponsible and cannot be further from the truth. So many property owners including us do not have mortgage that is "guaranteed by one of the five federal agencies", and therefore we cannot get the so called "mortgage forbearance"

even after contacting our lenders. As property owners, so far we have received nothing in assistance.

We are very concerned that this ordinance will force housing providers out of business and will accomplish the opposite of what you are trying to achieve. The city should provide direct financial assistance to tenants instead. The country's founders understood clearly that private property is the foundation not only of prosperity but of freedom itself.

Regards,

Public Comment from Concerned Citizen

San Jose is one of, if not THE most unaffordable cities to rent in America. It is clear that a \$1200 check, and or several months of debt to be repaid of rent San Jose residents already can't afford will only put more and more people at risk in this city.

We must act NOW and put into place a rent and mortgage freeze in San Jose today. The banks are already being bailed out, again, but if not for you, who will come to protect the most vulnerable of all in this, the renters?

Public Comment from **Medina Salvador**

We need you to pass a rent suspension immediately. Many people in San Jose have not received the stimulus check and unemployment benefits yet but have been without a job for a month now. My apartment has been reviewing my "request" and the best they can do is set a payment plan for us. We NEED rent suspension now.

Thank you,

Public Comment from **Shakila Zangeneh**

The people of California and especially the Bay area will not be able to exist without a rent suspension. The only way to ensure the Commonwealth of Californians and Bay area and San Jose residents is by ensuring a rent suspension with no expectation to pay it back.

Public Comment from **Carolyn Soroka**

Dear San Jose City Council,

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Thank you,

Public Comment from **Daisy Cisneros**

Please suspend the rent of those who have been affected by COVID-19. Some of us have been laid off or gotten our hours reduced making it extremely difficult to pay our bills. In the midst of everything going on, worrying about paying rent should be the least of our worries.

Thank you.

Public Comment from **Byron Yue**

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Public Comment from **Sam Goldstein**

Hi

My name is Sam Goldstein, and I'm a resident of San Jose. While I personally am financially stable at this point in time, I believe that you all should support rent suspension in San Jose during this crisis. There is absolutely no reason that poorer people should be losing money on housing while they are practically required to stay at home!

Landlord is a job just like any other, and like many other jobs in this economy, they will be losing money. Housing is a human right, and rent suspension helps keep predatory landlords from taking advantage of people in crisis.

Thanks,

Sam Goldstein

Public Comment from **Peter Van Der Pas**

Dear Council Members,

You have the opportunity today to be leaders in the fight to protect the economy from collapse due to COVID-19. By protecting renters and small businesses at this unprecedented time, with a suspension on the collection of rent and back rent and protection from eviction due to the

pandemic crisis, YOU can stop the next overwhelming wave of unemployment and homelessness in California. Right here, right now is the moment where you can affect history by being the first council to take this step.

Renters in the bay area are the most vulnerable in the country due to the high cost of living and the comparably low wages available to working-class people (both essential and non-essential). Some of the people you may have encountered today doing 'essential work' at this time may have their income reduced and a level of extra anxiety that not only could they get the virus while working but they might run out of money too. Give everyone on the front lines working through this crisis, and the most vulnerable under-employed population in San Jose the protection they desperately need right now.

Please, Vote yes on Rent Suspension!

Public Comment from **Valentina Carillo**

Dear San Jose City Council,

My name is Valentina, I am a resident of San Jose.

I am reaching out to urge the council to vote yes on 8.3 Rent Suspension.

I am a family of 3 and due to COVID 19 we are facing troublesome times with two incomes now reduced to none. Like us many families are experiencing this similar situation.

Please make a vote for the working class of San Jose who live paycheck to paycheck to survive in the city of San Jose.

Best regards,

Public Comment from **Derrick Liu**

Dear San Jose City Council,

As someone who has friends who rent in San Jose, I'm asking you to vote YES to suspend and waive rent as noted on today's agenda with item 8.3.

Many of my friends, even in supposedly "safe" industries like software development, are furloughed or laid off, and others cannot work from home. It's not fair to expect people who no longer have a source of income to have to decide between paying rent and buying food or essential items for themselves and their families.

I would encourage you to take the step to protect all renters without prejudice, and waive rent for all, not just people who were both recently affected and able to navigate policies imposed by their landlord. Those who are disabled, or have financial difficulties from before the pandemic, or who might not be documented residents; they are all people who contribute to their community. They are vulnerable to the disease; they should not be forgotten.

Everyone is vulnerable to this pandemic. It is in the interest of everybody in San Jose to provide housing to all who need it as a health necessity. Please show compassion for your fellow residents who are all affected by this global catastrophe.

I hope you take the opportunity for leadership. Please show the rest of the San Francisco Bay Area that guaranteed housing for all is in *all of our interest* during this time of vulnerability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Public Comment from **Kyle Perrera**

Dear San Jose City Council,

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Personally, I have been saving for a rainy day while working as a food service worker. Despite that I am already facing economic hardship, and I can't imagine how much others with less than me are suffering.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this, and hope you will make decisions in the interest of local renters.

Best,

Public Comment from **Ron Sorisho**, resident for almost 40 years

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

We appreciate your commitment to ensuring the City of San Jose is best responding to the recent COVID-19 crisis. Unfortunately, this virus does not discriminate between property owners and renters. Property owners just like renters are equally affected by job losses and economic hardships that we are all living through right now. Shifting the burden from renters to property owners is not a solution. Many people choose to rent because they don't want to deal with the responsibilities of property ownership. There's no status gap between owners and renters. By inequitably shifting the burden to property owners to provide free housing, you will set in motion another financial crisis similar to 2008 when property owners were not able to meet their obligation to their financial institution. Simply put, most property owners are still paying heavy mortgage payments on their rental properties and if there is no rental income coming in, they will start to default on their loans. Needless to say, rental income also goes towards payment of

property taxes which most likely will mean you will also start a series of people defaulting on their property taxes. This will have a devastating and long lasting impact on our city which will lead to much lower property values and loss of future property taxes that goes towards paying for many essential needs of our community including schools, law enforcement, roads, etc. This proposal has potential for serious negative ramifications that will have lasting negative impact on our city.

Public Comment from **David Valient**

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Public Comment from **Mark Rokovich**, San José Native and property owner

Giving away rent to tenants is not a business plan that works.

Public Comment from **Gary Baily**

I think rent suspension should be postponed for now.

Renters have the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security(CARE) Act ,available to them.

The highlights of the new law include:

- cash payments of up to \$1,200 (plus \$500 for each child age 16 or under) for each qualifying adult
 - an additional \$600 per week on top of any state-provided unemployment benefits through July 31
 - up to 13 weeks of unemployment benefits in addition to what your state provides, up to 39 weeks; and
 - unemployment benefits for self-employed and gig workers.
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Public Comment from **Dat Vu**

Hello,

I would like to voice my opposition to Agenda item 8.3, rent suspension. Landlords are already cooperating with assisting renters who demonstrate an adverse affect by COVID-19. To continue to attack landlords and require suspension of rents is an over reach of government authority on the City's part. If the City of San Jose is looking to kill investments and the housing market in San Jose, this is the way to do it. The City should leave it up to the landlords to work with their tenants on an individual basis with existing directives related to COVID-19. Adding on additional requirements increases unnecessary burdens on landlords. Landlords still have to pay their mortgage and the bank does not forgive or forego those amounts. I hope you will consider and allow landlords to work out rents with their tenants with a hands off approach from government instead of forcing policy's down our throats.

San Jose Resident

Public Comment from **Donald and July Healy**

We are a couple in our 70s and have a four unit building in San Jose. We live on the profits from the rent received from this building. If you suspend the rent, how will we be able to pay the expenses on the building: taxes, water, gas, electric and repairs? Also, how will we be all to buy food and our living expenses if we have no money? Are you going to allow a compensation to us to pay our bills and our expenses?

Please address this letter in your meeting and consider the retirement population in your decision making process. We plan to join zoom today for the meeting and hope you will read this letter.

Public Comment from **Tracy Healy**

I bought a 1961 built building in San Jose in 2014. I do my best to provide for the tenants while following city ordinance. I have made updates and plan to make more. The inspector commented to 'keep up the good work' when my unit was tier inspected. I am proud of taking care of my tenants.

There is a constant flow of required repairs. My basic monthly expenses are \$1050.00, mortgage is \$4474, total monthly expense of \$5524. This does not include city rent control permits and fees, business taxes, property taxes and repairs. After these unwaiverable expenses, any profit I make is turned into upgrades. With a 90 day rent suspension, I will be faced with a very large debt. Once these tough times are over, repairs and any future upgrades will be delayed due to the financial hardship from the lack of income from the property.

The City of San Jose moratorium already provides a path for tenants to seek relief needed due to direct financial hardship from the pandemic. I have never evicted a tenant. With patience and luck, I have found tenants who are happy in the building. I fully intend to act with compassion during these difficult times. A suspension of rent will not help the tenants in the long run. As is the case with everybody in this situation, every little bit helps. Please don't place the landlords in a situation where they have to foreclose because of this pandemic.

Public Comment from **Alex Lee**

Dear Mayor Liccardo & City Council,

The COVID19 pandemic is hitting working class families the hardest. Many are renters. Big banks have already agreed to waive mortgage payments for COVID-19-affected

homeowners for 90 days. More than 200 state-chartered banks have agreed to do the same.

The Moratorium on Evictions a decent first step but is far from enough. Families will be left with thousands of dollars in rent due when the shelter in place is lifted that they cannot recover from and will simply be evicted a few months down the road.

As a resident of San Jose, I urge you to stand with renters and vote YES to suspend rent as proposed in item 8.3. Most workers cannot earn an income from home. It is not fair to expect us to pay rent during shelter-in-place, or to burden us with debt afterwards.

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Thank you for your leadership

Public Comment from **Aldo Infante**

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Public Comment from **Julie H.**

I am a landlord, property manager, as well as President of a company employing 50+ individuals in property management in San Jose. We agree there is a need to work with anyone affected financially by COVID-19, but complete forgiveness of rent will have catastrophic consequences for my elderly owners, my employees I might have to lay off, & on my tenants, as I personally will no longer be able to afford being a landlord after using my reserves this month to pay mortgage, HOA & property taxes. If we do not collect rent, as you are proposing it is forgiven, we will not be able to manage the properties as there will be no management fees. Who will manage the properties & take care of the tenants? Our owners do not have relationships with the vendors, they do not know which ones are open during this time & they will not have the income to pay for repairs. Our owners do not know the laws to protect the tenants. What about my owner who has one property she has put money into for decades to take care of the tenants, has not raised the rent & depends on the income to pay her nursing home bill. Have you called the

nursing homes to forgive all monthly dues there? Please keep in mind, not all property owners are wealthy. You did not forgive or even delay property taxes.

Public Comment from **Jenna Perez**

Hello,

I am writing in support of rent suspension for tenants during this time of immense crisis and housing insecurity. I would like to identify areas where the current memorandum regarding rent suspension falls short, and does not protect all tenants. There are many tenants working in informal sectors who are unable to provide an employer letter or formal paystub. Lack of formal documentation should not be a reason for tenants to not be protected at this time. I would also like to draw attention to tenants who do not have a formal contract with a landlord, like individuals who rent rooms, living rooms, and/or garages in a house. Additionally, I want to advocate for clear, and unequivocal language that will not force tenants to pay back rent for months that they were unable to pay during shelter in place.

To force low-income folks to pay for housing during this time when millions are out of work is a human rights violation, and is essentially forcing people to make sacrifices such as choosing rent over food. Now is a time to enact radical change and forward-thinking policy that protects everyday people and saves lives.

Thank you,

Public Comment from **Daniela Gallego**

To the Mayor:

The people you serve not only involve those able to work remotely from home. You also serve a community that you've neglected: the undocumented community. This community is being hit the hardest due to the pandemic. No trump check, no unemployment insurance, no relief in any way, shape, or form. Many lost their jobs, got their hours cut, and others are risking their lives to keep people fed. The least you could do is freeze our rent and prevent the hardest working community from getting into debt due to greed. **We help you stay alive, please help us stay alive in return.**

Public Comment from **Zoe**

Hello, my name is Zoe, and I am a De Anza College student. This proposal is a necessary, life-saving act that needs to be passed to protect our most vulnerable residents. Comments on this proposal online have stated that it will hurt landlords who depend on their tenant's rent to survive. Some argue that this is robbing one group to give to another. I would like to point out that not all tenants will opt to prove to their landlords financial inability to pay rent. Not all people will be drowning in debt at the end of 90 days, but many will. Failure to pass this legislation will not result in landlords falling into poverty, but it *will* result in those already on the brink of homelessness to end up on the streets, amplifying our already dire housing crisis.

In my eyes, this is not pitting people against each other, this is saving our students, immigrant families, low income communities, and young people from falling even more in debt. I know

students that have been homeless, I know students living 4 or 5 to a room, who are already barely surviving, paying more than half of their income to rent. Students who will not be able to pay back their rent will have to make the decision between having a roof over their head and their education, and no one should have to make that decision.

Please vote in favor of this legislation in order to preemptively save renters, thank you.

Public Comment from **Bryan Jesus Peraza**

Hello,

As a concerned San Jose resident I urge you to enact a retroactive rent suspension. The virus breakout has led thousands of people to lose their jobs, hours at work, and generally be unable to pay rent during and following the shelter at home. An evictions moratorium, is incredibly helpful for mitigating the ramifications of the outbreak, but it is not enough. What we need is rent suspension; otherwise, the number of families facing eviction *after* the moratorium will be a crisis on its own.

This is a humanitarian crisis and we need to respond to the needs of our fellow humans. Please enact rent suspension in San Jose.

Regards,

Public Comment from **Kathryn Hedges.**

Please outreach to tenants in affordable housing. Our management has provided substandard communication that "checks the box" that they did a thing but isn't convincing people to change behavior.

All materials are in English, but we need Spanish, Chinese, and Russian.

Thank you for your hard work!

Stay safe,

Public Comment from **Ciana Moreno**

Hello,

And thank you for the work you all are doing to make the Silicon Valley a safer place to live and work during the Covid-19 crisis.

I am writing you in solidarity with many San Jose tenants calling for rent suspension as an emergency resolution for 90 days, starting from April 1, if tenants can demonstrate financial impact as a result of the pandemic. Thousands are left with cut hours or no job at all, and live paycheck to paycheck in the Silicon Valley, making it nearly impossible for them to have enough saved for rent without a steady income.

I hope you take my words and hundreds others into consideration to expand on the moratorium on evictions and vote for rent suspension for the families of San Jose.

Thank you,

Ciana

Public Comment from **Alex Markovits**

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Public Comment from **Mimi Ma**

Dear Council,

Please enforce this rent suspension, not to mention the already-high rent in this area, but I am also facing a 5% increase in monthly rent ahead.

This COVID-19 gives me stressful time in every way, financially of course. I am not qualified for the city financial help, so this suspension will help me alot, i am sure to others too.

I will still do my share of work to help the community and pay my bills.

Thank you.

Please vote YES.

Public Comment from **Nhada Ahmed**

Good afternoon!

I wanted to submit a public comment for today's city council meeting so that it may be read into the record.

I strongly urge you, mayor and city council members, to act as soon as possible to enact a rent pause. Since this pandemic has hit us in the United States, unemployment has skyrocketed. This phenomenon has not spared us in San Jose - as non-essential businesses are closing, individuals and families are hugely financially impacted. While we have a moratorium on evictions, no family or person should have to live in fear of eviction in the future should they be unable to back pay rent. As you know, we have one of the highest if not the highest median rents in the nation, and our community members are already struggling every day to make ends meet. I urge you, again, to keep our humanity as well as our health in mind and pause rent for families financially impacted by the pandemic, so that we can all focus on our health and our safety without the real fear or eviction or hunger.

Thank you.

Public Comment from **Sunny Sing**

Hello Mayor , Council members

i am a property owner in san jose, always caring for the tennant , paying my obligations on time regardless of the situation. I know that the Covid-19 is a situation unlike any and we all have to work together as One community and get through these tough times.

having said that i feel it is unfair for the landlord to have all the burden of maintenance expenses, utilities(water , electricity, garbage) to be paid while others get a free ride.

we should have better solution to this issue of hardship , like the city stepping in and giving loans to people who genuinely are in a position not to afford rent. should also look at other sources of grants for the ones that need it the most. the city has no right to impose these types of rules for landlords and put us in a hard ship. we do also have responsebilities to our creditors , vendors, and above all to our families.

Public Comment from **John Qin**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are aware that a proposed rent suspension will be discussed tomorrow. We, as small landlords in San Jose, strongly oppose this proposal.

Let us be fair. We know many tenants have been impacted by COVID-19. However, the situation is the same for property owners. We have same impact too. ! We have mortgage, property tax, insurance and HOA fees to pay as well. We are losing working hours and jobs, too. The problem had been addressed by the California state government and federal government with very generous benefits. People who lost their jobs can get 40% of their salary, plus \$600 per week from Fed. If the city would like to help, please pay tenants from the city's reserve. Using property owner's money instead of the city's reserves is obvious robbery and unconstitutional. Prohibiting owners to collect rent is purely irresponsible, unreasonable and an absurd idea. It is communism.

Further, if any government agency tries to use private property for the purpose of public use or public benefit, the action itself will be treated as "eminent domain", pursuant to which, a reasonable compensation equal to the fair market value of the lost rent should be rewarded by the government agency, and the eminent domain itself must follow certain procedures according to Government Code 7267(2) and Civil Code Section 1230-1273. So before making any decision, please consider the landlords' position to see both sides of the situation and evaluate whether it is legal to go forward.

As a landlord in San Jose, we are entitled to participate in the discussion and express our opposition to the proposal. Please let us know the dial in code or a way to participate in tomorrow's meeting.

Thank you.

As a San Jose resident, I oppose this proposal.

Public Comment from **Jagdeep Saggi**

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members, I am a multi family property owner please consider city offering loans to tenants. I have a lot of operating costs on my buildings. How am I suppose to pay the water bill for the 40 unit apartment building, what about the outside electricity? I might have to cut down on a lot of operating costs for the buildings. If the banks are willing to work with us on our mortgages, they are not saying to us don't pay us back. If we are able to get SBA loans to survive our businesses, then tenants should be offered the same from city of san jose. Nothing should be totally free. I have a 26,000 mortgage on the building, not considering my operating costs then in three months that will amount to over 100k is loss and no recover what so ever. Please consider offering loans from the city of san jose.

Regards,

Public Comment from **Ashley Martine**, Frontier Financial Services

Dear Council Members,

I am a property manager here, in San Jose. I would like to encourage you to consider not only our tenants but also, our owners when considering a "rent pause". The majority of our owners are elderly individuals that rely on these rents for their living income. Some of them have mortgages as well. Many banks are offering deferment programs, but many are not. We are actively working with our tenants to wade through these uncharted waters but, please consider the owners and property managers that need to pay their bills and employees.

Respectfully,

Public Comment from **Joginder Saggi**, Multi family Landlord

Dear Mayor and City Council Members, I strongly suggest offering loans to tenants during this crisis. If I have to house the tenant for free and no recover I will have a hard time keeping up with the property expenses. Please consider offering loans to tenants from city of San Jose. Our lenders are not saying don't pay us back or you can have it free for this month and on. Property tax revenue is not saying don't pay us back or we forgive 50 percent of tax. Please come up with low interest loans that tenants can use to pay their obligations. Not that tenant can stay for free and we have to pay all our obligations. Sooner or later our properties are going to look like a mess. Recovery of money should be paid back or please offer loans to tenants.

Public Comment from **Luke S**, K & S Property Management

Dear Mayor Liccardo I am a multi family landlord for more than 10 plus years. I know we are all going thru tough times during this Coronavirus situation. It came to my attention that city of san jose will let the tenants to live in the properties for free during this Covaid Situation. My concern

is how am I going to recover the operating costs on my buildings. If I do not see that any rent from tenant is going to be coming back, then I will be empty in two months from my reserves. All the apartment buildings that are 3 units or more the landlord has to pay the water bill, outside electricity, landscaping etc. I strongly suggest offering loans from city of san jose to tenants so they can pay their bills etc. All mortgages that I have, have not said that you do not have to pay the mortgage. Instead of giving tenants 4 months to pay back as the Governor of California has said, I am okay in giving my tenants another month or two more. Please my request is to offer loans to tenants. I will not be able to make water/garbage/exterior electricity bills if I know that I am not going to recover these costs. A lot of landlords will not be making repairs to the properties and city of san jose multifamily properties will be looking very ugly. This is not a time to let tenants to live for free, it is about postponing payments, or telling tenants to make the rent as much as they can or paying back to the landlord in payments. If tenants need money, city of san jose should offer low interest loans to tenants directly. Just how we get SBA loans. If the whole situation lands on the landlords then instead of helping with the problem it will create more problems after the other.

Public Comment from **Carolina Benitez**

i am concern for all the community of SJCa specially marginalized communities.

I am a immigrant with no SS number,

i am a independent part time Kid care provider and also provide alternative/Holistic healthcare as a Reiki Healer, Energy Reader and Meditation Facilitator.

during this Covid19 crisis my regular income has been reduced to probably 25%

Paying RENT and cover all of my other bills is being really challenging.

also for many of my loved ones and community.

The crisis is stressful and impactful at so many levels not just financial and i think it is responsibility of the government to assist/support the People always but specially during times to release some of the stress, anxiety and conflict at least in the financial aspect. there is much more to this so im wishing y'all do your part.

Gracias for the space and time.

Take good Care.

sending healing energy to all

Public Comment from **Johannes Muenzel**

Dear San Jose City Council,

I urge you to stand with renters and vote YES to suspend rent as proposed in item 8.3. Most workers cannot earn an income from home. It is not fair to expect people to pay rent during shelter-in-place, or to burden us with debt ("back rent") afterwards.

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Public comment from **ALMA CEBALLOS**

My name is Alma Ceballos, I am a McDonald's worker here in San Jose, organizing with the Fight for \$15. I'm very worried. I want to tell you what the rent proposal means to me and to ask you to support it. McDonald's cut my hours because of the Corona Virus. When I told my building manager I could not pay my full rent, my manager said I did not have to pay the full amount now. But after everything is past I have to pay them everything I owe them right away. When that time comes, I will not have any way to pay. My husband already lost his job because of the Corona Virus and my hours have been cut. We are very worried, I don't see how we will have that money in three months and if we don't have it we will be on the streets. Please, support the measure.

Public comment from **JORGE TELLEZ**

My name is Jorge Tellez and I am a McDonald's worker organizing with the Fight for \$15. I work at McDonald's at 2040 N First Street and I am on strike for the second day today, because McDonald's has failed to provide workers like me with the gloves, masks and sanitizer necessary to keep ourselves and the public safe amid the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been classified as essential workers, but our health, the public's health and the economic security of our families is essential too. I am calling today to thank you for passing the sick days law, and to ask you to support the rent suspension resolution. I am the sole breadwinner for my family, which includes my wife and two daughters. If workers like us lose our jobs because of the virus, there is no way that we will be able to pay off a debt for months of back rent. Please support the measure.

Public comment from **MICAELA GARZA**

My name is Micaela Garza and I am a McDonald's worker organizing with the Fight for \$15. I also work at McDonald's at 2040 N First Street, and on strike with Jorge and our coworkers for the second day, because McDonald's has failed to provide workers like me with the gloves, masks and sanitizer necessary to keep ourselves and the public safe amid the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been classified as essential workers, but our health, the public's health and the economic security of our families is essential too. I am calling today to thank you for passing the sick days law, and to ask you to support the rent suspension resolution. I was recently sick and took the three sick days a year I have from McDonald's.

It has been two weeks and I still have not been paid for the sick days I took. For families like

mine that live paycheck to paycheck, this has been devastating. If workers get too sick to work or worse, lose our jobs because of the virus, we fall behind on rent and risk ending up on the street. Please support the measure

Public Comment from **Rupal Kaur**, RK Property Management

Dear Mayor Liccardo & All Council Members, my name is Rupal and I manage and own multi properties. Please offer tenants a loan from city of san jose, instead of giving a free months to live. This will jeopardize the rental business. If the city of san jose does not have the funds to give loans to tenants, then as the governor says 4 months tenant has to pay back, I am okay in giving tenants more time to pay or will forgive some of the rent on case by case. This is unfair giving tenants to stay for free and no recovery for landlords. What do we get from this? This will damage the rental properties and more problems will rise. Nothing should be given free to no one. Postpone is fine or parital payments etc is fine.

Public Comment from **Kulvir**

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

As a single property owner, I urge you to please consider allowing the city to offer loans to tenants.

I constantly face multiple operating costs and am dependent on rental income. How am I supposed to pay for maintenance, property tax, insurance bills, etc? Banks may offer some relief on loans, but I am totally exempt from other obligations. A simple way to deal with this issue is to give tenants loans from the city. I am not saying things should be totally free. But as an owner, we have considerable operating costs. Who is going to compensate? What relief do you offer to owners of rental properties?

Why don't you delay collecting properly tax if you really care?

Please consider offering loans to tenants to keep money in circulation.

Regards,

Public Comment from **Mahima Bhella**

Hello Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

As my family and I are single property owners, we ask you to please consider allowing the city to offer loans to tenants. We are already supporting our tenants by accepting a voluntarily decreased rent.

We constantly face multiple operating costs and are dependent on rental income from our tenants. How are we expected to pay for maintenance, property tax, insurance bills, etc without this payment? Even with banks offering some relief on loans, it still does not make us exempt from other obligations. These properties are our main source of income, our living. We need just as much support as our tenants to survive in these times. A simple way to deal with this issue would be to give tenants loans from the city. This doesn't mean that everything would be totally

free. But as owners, we face considerable operating costs. Who is going to compensate? What relief do you offer to owners of rental properties?

If you really care, please consider delaying the collecting of property taxes or reimburse those who have already paid.

Please offer loans to tenants to keep money in circulation. We need you help, do not let us down.

Thank you,

Public Comment from **Margasianny Sadikun**, Sadikun family rental LLC.

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council members,

No to san jose City Council action to prohibit me from collecting rent.

I understand your proposal, i don't agree with this because collecting rent is the only way for me to sustain my family's expense.

Public Comment from **Eric Yih**

Dear San Jose councilmen,

I will support the rent suspension agenda if the tenant will pay back this 3 month rental after the suspension. if not, I am totally against it. Otherwise San Jose city government or USA government should compensate 100% of the rental lost to the landlord due to this suspension including interest. Government has no right to take away any income belongs to the people.
