

**CITY OF PITTSBURG
CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY CONCURRENT MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: April 6, 2020

LOCATION: Council Chamber, City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565

CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY MEMBERS

Jelani Killings, Mayor/Chair
Marilyn Craft, Vice-Mayor/Chair
Holland Barrett White, Council/Agency Member
Shanelle Scales-Preston, Council/Agency Member
Juan Antonio Banales, Council/Agency Member
S.L. Floyd, Agency Member
Annie Hill Herring, Agency Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Garrett Evans, City Manager/Executive Director
Donna Mooney, City Attorney/Legal Counsel
Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk/Agency Secretary (elected)
Nancy Parent, City Treasurer (elected)

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the regular meeting of the City Council for April 6, 2020 was conducted telephonically for Closed Session and through Zoom with broadcasting live through Granicus on the City's website. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, the Council Chamber was not open for the meeting. Council Members participated telephonically or through Zoom and were not physically present in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Killings called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA after convening in Closed Session at 5:35 P.M. for the following items:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Pursuant to Section 54956.8):**

Property: Harbor Drive (APNs 073-111-034, 073-111-035, 073-111-036); Successor Agency Negotiator: Garrett Evans and Maria Aliotti; Negotiating Parties: Yellow Roof Foundation; Under Negotiation: Both price and terms of payment

Property: 2101 Railroad Avenue (APN 088-171-035); City Negotiator: Garrett Evans and Maria Aliotti; Negotiating Parties: Rose Winter Clarke Trust; Under Negotiation: Both price and terms of payment

Property: 325-333 E. 10th Street (085-182-010); Successor Agency Negotiator: Garrett Evans and Maria Aliotti; Negotiating Parties: Pierre Cheung; Under Negotiation: Both price and terms of payment

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(2):

One (1) case

3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Section 54957.6:

City designated representatives: Garrett Evans, Stacy Shell, Fritz McKinley, Brad Farmer

Employee organizations: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 512 Management/Professional/Confidential Unit and Miscellaneous A Unit; Pittsburg Police Officers' Association; Pittsburg Police Managers Group; Teamsters Local 856

Unrepresented employees: Management Group; Senior Executive Team

There was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

ROLL CALL

All Members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Emails were received from the following and read aloud:

Joanne Fanucchi, Pittsburg, concerned about climate change.

Durie Foster, Pittsburg, concerned with revitalization of the local economy when the shelter in place is over.

Lisa Maule, Pittsburg, asked for posting of restaurants and businesses that are open and provided a site for donations of supplies for hospital use.

Quentisha Davis, Pittsburg, concerns for homeless during this shelter in place order.

PRESENTATION

4. Status of the "Envision Pittsburg" General Plan Update

Hector Rojas, Senior Planner, presented the General Plan update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Adoption of 1) an Urgency Ordinance Establishing Emergency Regulations Related to Residential Evictions, and 2) an Urgency Ordinance Establishing Emergency Regulations Related to Commercial Evictions

Mayor Killings opened the Public Hearing.

The City received 47 emails which were read aloud to the audience. There were 39 emails in favor of the ordinances and 8 emails against the ordinances.

There being no one to speak further to the item, Mayor Killings closed the Public Hearing.

On Motion by Vice-Mayor Craft, seconded by Member White to adopt the Urgency Ordinance Establishing Emergency Regulations Related to Residential Evictions, with the stated revisions, and carried unanimously.

On Motion by Vice-Mayor Craft, seconded by Member Scales-Preston to adopt the Urgency Ordinance Establishing Emergency Regulations Related to Commercial Evictions, with the stated revisions, and carried unanimously.

COMBINED CITY COUNCIL, PITTSBURG POWER COMPANY AND SOUTHWEST GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT II CONSIDERATION

6. Adoption of City Council, Pittsburg Power Company and Southwest Pittsburg GHAD II Resolutions to Authorize Necessary Budget Adjustments based on Year-End Projections

On Motion by Member Banales, seconded by Vice-Mayor/Chair Craft to adopt and carried unanimously.

COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY MANAGER REPORT)

City Manager Evans gave a comprehensive report on the City's response to the COVID-19 shelter in place activities, along with the County Health Department recommendations and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders.

CONSIDERATION

7. Adoption of a City Council Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Funds from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response for Oil Spill Response Equipment

On Motion by Member Scales-Preston, seconded by Vice-Mayor Craft to adopt and carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

There were no conflict of interest statements.

**COMBINED CITY COUNCIL, PITTSBURG ARTS AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION,
PITTSBURG POWER COMPANY AND SOUTHWEST PITTSBURG GHAD II AND
SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR**

On Motion by Member White, seconded by Vice-Mayor/Chair Craft to adopt and carried unanimously.

8. Minutes of March 2, 2020 and March 16, 2020 Special Meeting
9. Adoption of a City Council Resolution to Approve Amendment Four to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Seecon for Local Transportation Mitigation Fees
10. Adoption of a City Council Resolution to Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement for Site Reuse Assessment and Revitalization Planning Services
11. Adoption of a City Council Resolution to Amend the City's Personnel Rules
12. Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend the Pittsburg Municipal Code, Title 15, Buildings and Construction, to Adopt by Reference the 2019 California Building Code, Residential Code, Electrical Code, Fire Code, Mechanical Code, Plumbing Code, Historical Building Code, Green Building Standards Code, Existing Building Code and Energy Code with State of California and Local Amendments
13. Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving Speed Humps on Heatherwood Drive
14. Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving an Interagency Agreement with the City of San Pablo for an Interim Police Captain

COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Killings asked for plans to restore economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic is resolved. Vice Mayor Craft agreed to a Citywide plan.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND REMARKS

Vice Mayor Craft thanked the Mayor and City Manager for their leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 12:21 P.M. April 20, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk

meetingcomments

From: Maria Guzman <mguzmanvera99@gmail.com>
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.

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 *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.*

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.

meetingcomments

From: Danny Espinoza <despinoza@liftupcoco.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:01 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is (name) and I am (position/organization if applicable). I am also a Pittsburg resident (if applicable). Thank you for your leadership in proposing a citywide temporary moratorium on evictions. We ...

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Good evening Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Danny Espinoza and I am Campaign Coordinator at Lift Up 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 Thousand of Contra Costa residents face severe financial burden during this Shelter in Place that threaten their health. No family should be concerned with losing their home because of their inability to pay rent

While we are pleased that the Governor took action last week towards eviction protections, unfortunately, there are still important gaps in the Executive Order.

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Danny Espinoza
Lift Up Contra Costa
Campaign Coordinator
707.398.5298
(He/Him/His)

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

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From: Wanda Davis <wandadavis521@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:28 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20"

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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!

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

Wanda Davis
First 5 Program Officer

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Joanne Fanucchi <jfanucchi9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:11 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: terrible feedback

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Joanne Fanucchi, MS.TCM, L.Ac.

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From: Francisco Herrera <franciscoherrera001@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:59 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comment to be read during 4/6/20 Council Meeting

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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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Francisco Herrera
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Pittsburg, CA 94565

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From: Brendon O'Laskey <bjo3662@gmail.com>
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

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From: Christopher Moreno <chris.moreno.89@outlook.com>
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

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From: Kareninahdz <kareninahdz@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:13 PM
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 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.*

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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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 with one less burden to carry.

-Annette Ramirez

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From: Rhea Laughlin <rlaughlin@first5coco.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:01 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comment for Item #5 Eviction Moratorium: Please read aloud
Attachments: Pittsburg City Council Rhea 4.6.20.docx

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Thank you!

--rhea elina

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From: Mariana Moore <MMoore@richmondcf.org>
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

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From: Kristi Laughlin <Kristi@workingeastbay.org>
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

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Preferred pronouns: She/her or They/them

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From: Lisa Morrell <lisamorrell@yahoo.com>
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

meetingcomments

From: Joanne Fanucchi <jfanucchi9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:58 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: all the emails i sent were for public comment - non agenda

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thank you.

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Joanne Fanucchi, MS.TCM, L.Ac.

meetingcomments

From: JRP Fernandez <fernandezjrp@gmail.com>
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.

Analysts estimate that public agencies towed nearly one million cars in 2016³. The most minor reasons for tow are some of the most common: over one fourth of all tows in 2016 were for unpaid parking tickets, unpaid registration, or a car being legally parked in one place for more than 72 hours. Because the average cost to retrieve a vehicle after it has been towed is \$1,100, many Californians lose their vehicle completely after a tow because they cannot afford to pay; more Californians will be unable to pay as their hours and jobs are cut during the pandemic.

The loss of a family's key economic asset, transport to work or medical care, or shelter, is devastating in the best of times. In a time of required social distancing and self-quarantine, it presents a significant public health problem. Specifically:

- Over 75% of Californians drive to work. Without vehicles, many health care workers will not be able to get to their shifts, or will be more exposed to catching or spreading COVID-19 on public transportation.
- Vehicles are a primary form of transport to health care for many Californians. If public agencies continue to tow hundreds of thousands of cars, people with severe COVID-19 symptoms who need to get to the hospital will similarly not have a safe means of transport. Family members who need their car to care for a sick relative will also be left vulnerable, as will their relative. They will also lose access to transport needed for essential household activities such as obtaining groceries and regular medicine.
- Many of the current tow laws require people to go into public sphere.
 - Towing laws require towing companies to send their workers into the community to physically remove people's cars from the streets.

- To comply with the 72-hour rule, people must leave their homes to move their cars. In a time of self-quarantine, this is simply an unnecessary and potentially dangerous act.
- To retrieve a towed car, the owner must go in person to a tow yard (either on public transportation or having another person drive them in their car), then interact in person with representatives of the tow yard to process payment for the tow and retrieve physical custody, and drive home.

State law governs the circumstances when local governments can tow vehicles. The United States and state of California state of emergencies gives you the authority to limit tows. We humbly request that you issue an order, as the City of San Francisco did, suspending all tows that are unnecessary for public safety, wherein following conditions are met:

1. Suspension of the authority of local agencies to tow cars for reasons other than public safety or criminal enforcement, including homeowners associations;
2. Specifications that when agencies tow vehicles to clear roadways, driveways, or disabled parking spots, they will move the vehicles to the nearest legal parking place – not a tow lot – and give owners notice about where to find the car;
3. Requiring of agencies to release, without charging a fee, any vehicle currently impounded for non-public safety reasons upon a showing that the owner is homeless, indigent, or a health care worker;
4. The draft order leaves in place all laws related to towing vehicles as part of a criminal enforcement action.

We humbly request this moratorium remain in place at least until May 31, 2020, and for so long the duration of either the National or State emergency, whichever is longer.

We appreciate your leadership in this difficult time. We thank you for your consideration of this public health measure.

Yours,

Julius Romel Fernandez
Pittsburg resident

1. <https://www.timesheraldonline.com/2020/04/05/coronavirus-contra-costa-now-lists-infections-by-cities/>

2. The groups who have studied the towing are as follows:

ABD Productions
American Civil Liberties Union of California
Bay Area Legal Aid
Berkeley Free Clinic
Coalition on Homelessness
Code Tenderloin
Community Forward S.F.
Community Housing Partnership
Compass Family Services
Do No Harm Coalition at UCSF
Dolores Street Community Services
Drug Overdose Prevention & Education Project
East Bay Community Law Center
Elder Law and Disability Rights Center
Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
Eviction Defense Collaborative
GLIDE Memorial
Hamilton Families
Hospitality House
Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco
LavaMaeX

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Legal Services of Northern California
Mission Neighborhood Resources Center
POOR Magazine – Prensa Pobre – Homefulness
Public Counsel
Safe Parking L.A.
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
San Francisco Safe House
San Francisco Supportive Housing Provider Network
Senior and Disability Action
St. Anthony's
Street Sheet
Swords to Plowshares
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation
Tenderloin Walking Tours
The Gubbio Project
United Council of Human Services
Venice Community Housing
Western Center on Law and Poverty
Western Regional Advocacy Project

3. See Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area et al., *Paying More for Being Poor: Bias and Disparity in California's Traffic Court System*, 8 (2017), available at <https://www.lccr.com/wpcontent/uploads/LCCR-Report-Paying-More-for-Being-Poor-May-2017.pdf>.

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From: Joanne Fanucchi <jfanucchi9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:56 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Fwd: Mask up

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Say it loud and often and provide role models. Give me masks and i'll hand them out at Winco.

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From: Joanne Fanucchi <jfanucchi9@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 1:26 PM
Subject: Mask up
To: <citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us>, Alice Evenson <aevenson@ci.pittsburg.ca.us>

Pittsburg is 3rd in the county with 28 recorded cases of covid-19, behind Richmond and Orinda.

MASK UP - SAY IT LOUD.

contracostaherald.com/countys-coronavirus-covid-19-dashboard-now-shows-number-of-cases-by-city-or-community/

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Joanne Fanucchi, MS.TCM, L.Ac.

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From: Durie Foster Jr. <durie.jr@gmail.com>
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 then 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

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From: Joanne Fanucchi <jfanucchi9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:54 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Fwd: public comment - moratorium

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From: Joanne Fanucchi <jfanucchi9@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 11:10 AM
Subject: public comment - moratorium
To: <citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us>

During this time, it is essential for us to remain as safe as possible.

I support a moratorium on utility shut offs and payments until unemployment or other assistance kicks in.

I support mandating masks for everyone.

I support a moratorium on evictions, rent increases and foreclosures.

I support a moratorium (actually I support and end to) permits involving polluters.

No one's "making their day" in \$\$\$. except those who are working at home and therefore not affected by the shelter in place financially. Those of us who were self employed are sunk for awhile.

Thank you.

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Joanne Fanucchi, MS.TCM, L.Ac.

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From: Joanne Fanucchi <jfanucchi9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:53 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Fwd: correction to public comment

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From: Joanne Fanucchi <jfanucchi9@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 11:03 AM
Subject: correction to public comment
To: <citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us>

It's Montana not Wyoming that KXL is being pushed through. The Tar Sands come from Alberta Canada, being taken by the same company that's pushing through British Columbia. Two Branches - One to the coast of Canada down to SF by pipeline and ship and one through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas by pipeline.

It's 24 not hundreds of fracking permits approved by Ca. but that's still 24 too many. It's not supposed to be happening this way if you believed Governor Newsom. He lied.

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Joanne Fanucchi, MS.TCM, L.Ac.

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From: Lisa Maule <grigosmom@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:52 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Two Questions and a Request for supplies
Attachments: Behind the Mask Donation Drive.pdf

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Greetings and Thanks for this virtual Meeting

1) Could you post all the restaurant s that are Open and taking Pickup orders? The Chamber has posted a list but it may have grown.

2) Could you Post all the businesses that are Open? For example - Ace Hardware is Open and this has been very helpful.

3) **The Hospitals need supplies** and there is a pickup site for donations at 4545 Delta Fair Blvd Pittsburg (Near Employment and Human Services Offices)

Contra Costa County Health is accepting donations of protective equipment and supplies for use by healthcare providers throughout the county. The East County Donation Center is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 4545 Delta Fair Blvd., Antioch. We would like to see our East County cities respond and increase donations of these items. Please share or contact OakleyKiwanis@gmail.com if you need help making your donations! #BehindTheMask

See attached FLYER

Thanks again and BE Healthy
Lisa Maule'

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From: Durie Foster Jr. <durie.jr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:37 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: Durie Foster Jr.
Subject: Public Comment - Non Agenda Item

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To The City Council,

While the council is having a non-urgent meeting, totally unnecessary during this time of shut down, I hope the council and the city management team are working on plans to to revitalize the local economy when this SIP is over. That should be your only focus.

Secondly, what's the purpose of a SIP when businesses are allowed to ignore it even after the police department has visited them. Numerous nonessential businesses are opened in violation of the SIP. One is the vap shop on Railroad Avenue which continues to remain open and is also in violation of its permit by selling CBD products. What is the city Council going to do about that?

I've stated from the start, I am not in favor of the government telling individuals to shelter in place but since it is the rule of the day, everyone should be required to abide by it within reason. It is reasonable that all businesses that are nonessential be closed. therefore, the city council and the county Board of Supervisors must pass ordinances with teeth that give our LEO officers the ability to address businesses that fail to abide by standing emergency orders, otherwise emergency orders aren't worth the paper they're printed on.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Eduardo Torres <eduardo@tenantstogether.org>
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
(415) 495-8100 ext. 1011

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

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From: Jess Jollett <jjollett@liftupcoco.org>
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
619.203.0959

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

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From: Anna Belle Powell <abelle.powell@gmail.com>
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.

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From: Quentisha Davis <pastorq@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:17 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: For Public Comment-Non Agenda Item

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For Public Comment-Non-Agenda Item

Reverend Quentisha Davis Wiles of Pittsburg United Methodist Church (PUMC)

I am concerned about our homeless residents and the lack of City planning for this population. Who in the City of Pittsburg, not the County Supervisors is responsible for ensuring they receive care, is there a plan? If so, where is it? We need a centralized plan which identifies localized services, a gathering place to ensure they have access to proper hygiene to reduce sickness, isolation and ensure they have access to needed resources and a resting place? Additionally, who is responsible for our community resources for low income families. We need to create a partner program network/ one stop shop here in Pittsburg for our community. It's imperative elected representatives make an effort above and beyond the county response to care or its citizens.

I am reaching out to you for direction, instructions, planning and hopefully implementation of a plan of action to do this work. While the rest of us our sheltered in, they are sheltered out, who will care for them?

Quentisha Davis Wiles, MSW, ASW, MDIV, Senior Pastor
Pittsburg United Methodist Church
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Pittsburg, CA 94565
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From: nancy pili <mz.nancy.hernandez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:55 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: meetingcomments
Subject: Public comment for April 6th meeting re: Rent assistance during shut down

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Im emailing this for the April 6th meeting public comment.

My family and I are at our kitchen table and I'm reading to them about the fear some of our neighbors are experiencing. On top of the fear of the virus, the fear of missing work, not having enough to pay rent, and the fear of eviction are looming of the heads of Pittsburg families.

We are asking for the City Council to take action at tonight's meeting in defense of tenants in Pittsburg.

We need an immediate message from our city leadership that communicates protection for renters during and in the months after the shelter in place order.

Please pass a resolution that will:

1. Prevent evictions
2. Prevent rent increases
3. Provide accessible support for families who can't pay rent due to the shut down.
4. Sends a clear message to landlords that No one should be displaced during this crisis.

Thank you,
~Nancy Hernandez and family

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From: Croskey, Wolfgang <wolf@croskeyrealestate.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:54 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Re: Public Comment- Item #5

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I apologize, I clicked send before I was ready. Here is my official comment and ask that it replace my previous email

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

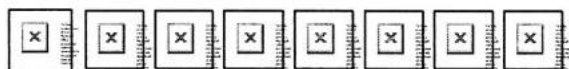


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On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 3:50 PM Croskey, Wolfgang <wolf@croskeyrealestate.com> wrote:

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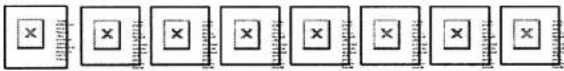


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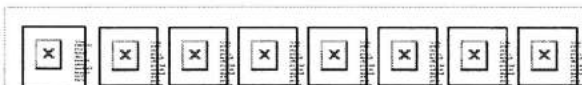
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From: Christine Clark <chrisliz43@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:56 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20
Attachments: Christine Clark Pittsburg Public Comment FINAL.docx

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From: Gianna Baldazo <gbaldazo@aspiranet.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:26 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: Janet Rivera
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20
Attachments: Pittsburg Eviction Moratorium 4.3.20.docx

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Good afternoon Mayor, Council members and staff,

Please see attachment. Thank you.

Stay safe and well!

Gianna Baldazo

Community Resource Specialist



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From: Marika Hinds <mhinds@aspiranet.org>
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.

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:

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.

Marika Hinds
Community Resource Specialist
Core Program Supervisor I



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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:47 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: Janet Rivera
Subject: Pittsburg Eviction Moratorium
Attachments: Pittsburg Eviction Moratorium .pdf

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From: Stephanie Recinos <srecinos@aspiranet.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:38 PM
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Cc: Janet Rivera
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4.6.20
Attachments: Talking Points Pittsburg Eviction Moratorium 4.3.20 (Stephanie Recinos).docx

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From: Taylor Sims <tsims@liftupcoco.org>
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:

- 1.
2. Ensure
3. **NO evictions—regardless of the reason--will**
4. be issued or carried out during the Shelter in Place order. *This is essential for the public's health*
5. *and protection of all renters.*
- 6.
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3. Provide a
4. **120-day**
5. **grace period in arrears**
6. **per month**
7. **of the Shelter in Place** for payment of back rent.
8. *This*
9. *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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5. **freeze on rent increases**

6. during the Shelter in Place order. *If residents cannot pay rent now, rent increases*
7. *will only exacerbate the financial crisis across the city*
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5. Loosen

6. documentation requirements.

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.*
- 9.

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
(925) 478-9465
(She/Her/Hers)



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

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From: Joe Summers <joe@cclabor.net>
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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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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Holland White; Jelani Killings; Merl Craft; Shanelle Scales; sscales@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

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.*
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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.*

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Jess Jollett
Lift Up Contra Costa

Executive Director
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Subject: Public Comment to be read during Pittsburg Council Meeting on 4.6.20
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To Whom it May Concern;

Please see attached, my Public Comment to be read during Pittsburg Council Meeting on 4.6.20.

Thank you,

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PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING 4.6.20 MEETING

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.

I support the inclusion of several elements into the ordinance that will ensure comprehensive protections for Pittsburg families. These would include:

- 1) No evictions period during the Shelter in Place order in order to protect public health and safety for everyone;
- 2) Providing a 120-day grace period in arrears per month of the Shelter in Place for payment of back rent since we do not know how long this will last;
- 3) Freezing all rent increases during this time; and
- 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
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No one march, no single action, will change political culture overnight. It is the decision to participate, to step up to a pernicious problem in society that will sow the seeds of change.

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From: Susana Anguiano <chicharinsusy@outlook.com>
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From: Debra Ballinger <Debra@monumentimpact.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:21 AM
To: meetingcomments; 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
Attachments: Pittsburg City Council_Public Comment from Monument Impact.pdf
Importance: High

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and Staff,

Attached please find my public comment for this evening's Council meeting. **Please have this read aloud.**

Sincerely,
Debra Ballinger

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From: Joanne Fanucchi <jfanucchi9@gmail.com>
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Subject: public comment to City Council 4/6/2020

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good evening ~ I know this is a very weird time for us all, so i'll be as brief as possible.

The climate won't wait. During covid shelter in place for most places except the extremely stupid, the state of California and the fossil fuel industry have been busy little bees.

Hundreds of new permits have been approved for fracking in southern Ca.

TransCanada Energy Co. is pushing through unceded native land in Canada on one Tar Sands pipeline (TransMountain) and through Wyoming, South Dakota and Nebraska land on a different one (KXL-Keystone). These marauders are making their employees work through shelter in place. They are building more man camps which will lead to more missing and murdered Indigenous women and children. And more covid. Oil drilling is not an essential service. There is enough oil above ground to last everyone a quite awhile. From the Southwest shores of Canada come More Tar Sands to a refinery near you, AFTER they dredge our bay to make way for seriously heavy tankers carrying this disturbingly toxic, unable to clean up if spilled, crude.

We don't think so. The resiliency of the climate justice movement is so amazing and strong - winning battles in the courts, hearts and minds of more and more people. We'd like to add politicians to that list who put people over profits of the few.

All of this is to say that for one of Pittsburg's goals for 20-21, I would strongly support efforts to create a climate justice seat on the planning commission, and create an internal paid position in the planning department to oversee permits, to hold accountable those polluters who continuously violate emissions rules and then pay fines to BAAQMD, who in turn keeps the money rather than distributing it to the communities damaged by their actions, and to recruit renewable energy companies who are not part of the Carbon Trading scheme to make money off of the commodification of carbon, water, air and land such as SFBA. It's time for Pittsburg to take back their power over what does and doesn't pollute our air, water and land. Do I think this will happen with a snap of the fingers? Of course not. But normal isn't working and hasn't worked for decades. We have to do something different and very soon. It's past time to make new kinds of decisions, ones that benefit Pittsburg, not just the pockets of agencies or individuals who profit from the Oil or Chemical Industries.

thank you.

Joanne Fanucchi, MS.TCM, L.Ac.

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From: Myriams Saenz <adrianalexander994@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:44 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: aplascencia@firts5coco.org
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4/6/20
Attachments: Myriam Saenz Pittsburg Public Comment FINAL.docx

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Hi good afternoon,

My name is Myriam Saenz. I'm member of East County Regional Group. I want my comment be read during the Council meeting on Monday 4/6/20.

Thank you!

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From: Cynthia Wallace <cmartak@msn.com>
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

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From: Heliodoro Moreno <h.mor3no@gmail.com>
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.

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From: Diane Weible <dweible@ncncucc.org>
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

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From: Deborah Polk <deborah.polk@att.net>
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To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comment to be read during Council Meeting on 4/6/20
Attachments: Deborah Polk Pittsburg Public Comment FINAL.docx

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Please see attached public comment below. Thanks, Deborah.

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From: Jim Vaughan <jameslvaughan9@gmail.com>
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.*
- **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*
- **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.*

Thank you for your leadership and your compassion for the citizens of this city.

James L Vaughan
Pittsburg, CA

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From: Silvia Angeles <silviaangeles17@yahoo.com>
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From: Jessica Rojas <jessicarojas19801@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:17 AM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: For Public Comment agenda #5

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Pittsburg City Council Members,

Please support our Pittsburg families and stop all evictions and freeze rent increases at this time of crisis! Please reduce the documentation to prove hardship and allow a 120 day grace period for every month we are in SIP.

Thank you,

Jessica Rojas
Pittsburg resident

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Thank you,

Jessica

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From: Ali Uscilka <ali.uscilka@hab45.org>
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

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From: mclick2me@yahoo.com
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

meetingcomments

From: Annie Ho <tiptopdesigner@yahoo.com>
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

meetingcomments

From: Daniel Caruso <realestatedan@yahoo.com>
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

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From: Joseph Siino <jsiino@comcast.net>
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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